



John Persyn

July 20, 2025

Johnny, JP, Blossom or whatever you called him, to us he was Dad. A strong-willed, hard-working man who loved fiercely; John Arthur Persyn left us suddenly on Sunday July 20, 2025 to join his beloved wife and our loving mom; Susan.

Born to Arthur (d.1999) and Annie (d.2010) Persyn, he grew up in a house of love and grit with his three siblings Mike (Donna) Persyn, Rosemary (Graham) Knowles and Ann Marie (Eric) Jeffs-Bone.

His family relocated frequently and at the age of 16, they landed at a home on Murray Street. Beside them lived the Gervais family whose youngest daughter, Susan, would prove to be the love of his life. The families intertwined forevermore and he will always be remembered as a dear brother-in-law to Gerry (Bonnie) Gervais and the late Denise Thielens.

John formed a strong work ethic at a young age, working on farms, fixing bicycles and lawnmowers. He left school at 16 to work full time in the factories, pouring aluminum. Eventually he started driving lift truck and spent his career split between Accurcast and AP Plasman Tilbury where co-workers became family.

John and Sue bought a house at the age of 19 and began their 43-year journey together. They put four additions on their "Christmas" house on Fraser St., creating a castle for their three children Nick (Lisa) Persyn, Ian Persyn and their baby girl Emma (Zac) King. When Emma was 3, new neighbours, Jim and Penny Fleury moved in. This was the beginning of a lasting best

friendship between Jim and John.

John was a proud, goofy and loving Papa to his grandchildren. Starting with Savannah, Jayden and Lily then a few years later, Oliver, Maggie and Archer joined the troop. These children brought love, light and chaos; which was always encouraged by their Papa making sure they had a treat in each hand.

John was an avid craftsman, building many things with his bare hands and always willing to help people. He loved to fish with his brother Mike early in the morning, and took many quiet drives to the lake or the river to be calmed by the serenity of the water.

We would like to invite everyone to gather with us for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) on Friday, July 25, 2025 from 2-4 and 6-8. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider The Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention. Donations may be left at the funeral home or made directly at <https://suicideprevention.ca/ways-to-donate/>
Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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JUL **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Persyn



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 24, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DB

Sending deepest condolences 💖

Deb Brewer - July 24, 2025 at 10:17 PM

JG

“ Jacqueline Gervais sent a virtual gift in memory of John Persyn



Jacqueline Gervais - August 07, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JG

“ The Persyn Families; On behalf of the Gervais family we offer our condolences and hugs and prayers

Jacqueline Gervais - August 07, 2025 at 10:48 PM

LU

“ Nick, Ian, Emma and Families. Sending my Sincere and Deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Dad and Papa. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this very devastating time. Hold on tight to each other and the beautiful memories. May Your Dad Rest Peacefully With Your Mom in Heaven's Bliss ✨🙏💖



Luanne - July 29, 2025 at 01:07 PM

CT

“ Deepest sympathies to family ❤️. Always smiling, full of laughter, stories and energy. The family bond was ever present . You will be missed.



Carla (Scherle) Shelby & Wilson Thompson - July 28, 2025 at 09:53 AM

WL

“ Wenda and Larry lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Wenda and Larry - July 28, 2025 at 08:55 AM

DS

“ John was one of the kindest and funniest guys I've known. It was so sad to hear of his passing. Both him and Susan were gone too soon. Our condolences to Nick, Ian and Emma and their families.
Deb & Clayt Schram 🙏❤️🙏

Deb Schram - July 26, 2025 at 11:42 PM

BC

“ Beth Coopman lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Beth Coopman - July 26, 2025 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ Nick, Ian, Emma and family,
Sending our deepest sympathies to all of you and we are thinking of you during this difficult time
Diane & Stephen Scherle

Diane Scherle - July 26, 2025 at 02:19 PM

GG

“ To the Persyn family....when your Dad passed,the world lost one of the great ones,never to be forgotten. May he live eternally with his life's love,your mom. We hope you are able to heal eventually, until you reunite with them one day..love and light Uncle Gerry and Aunt Bonnie

Gerry and Bonnie Gervais - July 26, 2025 at 01:18 PM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss. Never short on conversation and was one of the nicest guys you could ever meet.



Dan & Helen Almas - July 26, 2025 at 09:59 AM

HS

“ We had many laughs and good times with John and Sue. We knew John by many different names thanks to Hugh lol. So sorry for your loss. In our prayers
Hugh and Julie Simpson

Hugh and Julie Simpson - July 25, 2025 at 05:10 PM

DK

“ Our deepest condolences to all of John's family and friends. John was a full of life kind of guy, always smiling, laughing and joking. We first met John when we moved into our first home on Murray Street beside his mother-in-law Dorothy. After we moved we would see him in the community and he always had a big hello for us. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with Nick, Ian, Emma, Ann Marie, Brent, Kenra and their families.

Sincerely,
Jan, Denise, Curtis and Kevin Kellett



Denise Kellett - July 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Tim Bechard - July 25, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JR

“ *Nick, Ian and Emma and families, We are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I'll always remember him with his jolly laugh and the jokes he'd tell us at Rona when he'd come in. Nick I'll never forget the pride that shone in his eyes as he stood by your side on your wedding day. Cherish those memories and keep him close in your hearts. Joyce and Gord Ritchie*



Joyce Ritchie - July 24, 2025 at 11:09 PM

ML

“ *Monique Ladouceur lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Monique Ladouceur - July 24, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SI

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences regarding the passing of John. I remember him as a joyful young man when the family lived across the street from us in Dresden. He will be greatly missed by many*

Su Innis - July 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM

FJ

“ *Sending our heart felt sympathy and prayers to Nick, Ian, Emma and families. May your memories give you comfort at this sad time.*



Frank, Cathy, David & Aimee Johnston - July 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM

RA

Sending heart felt condolences to Nick, Ian and Emma and family. John always called me bone head lol and he always like to spill a little metal on the floor behind my die cast causing smoke. He would drive away laughing. He was always a joy to work with. He always found a way to make you laugh even when you were having a bad day. He will be missed greatly.

Ruth Andrews - July 24, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DB

“ *Dear papa JP, you will remain forever in our hearts and memories : your big and loud laughs and funny mustache, our conversations about your beautiful family and grandchildren and of course ... your wood craftsmanship . You were a very proud and humble man that put a lot of soul in everything you did for and with us . Thank you for the memories that we build together , thank you for your support and dedication , thank you for your care . From your second family : your PLASMAN FAMILY . May God rest your soul*



DANIELA STEFANIGA BREAZ - July 24, 2025 at 11:22 AM

DB

“ *DANIELA STEFANIGA BREAZ lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



DANIELA STEFANIGA BREAZ - July 24, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss Nick, Ian and Emma. John was a great guy, he will be missed*

Randy Schokkaert - July 24, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TD

“ *Tracy (O'Brien) Van Damme lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Tracy (O'Brien) Van Damme - July 24, 2025 at 10:18 AM

MA

“ *I worked with both John and Sue. Wonderful people. RIP John. Condolences to the family.*



Marion & George Andrews - July 24, 2025 at 09:22 AM



“ John we'll always remember your smile, laugh and jokes you told. Often you would talk about your children and grand babies they were the light in your life.

I pray for every sad felling they have you and Sue will fill their hearts with a good memory.

The neighborhood will never be the same!! Your friends Jack and Denise



Denise Devos - July 24, 2025 at 09:10 AM

RR

“ we are so sorry for the loss oh john. he was an amazing customer who we always enjoyed having a chat with. we are all thinking of you Nick, Ian and Emma and families.

Riverport Restaurant - July 24, 2025 at 09:09 AM

K\

“ Nick, Ian and Emma your dad was truly an amazing guy that always had a huge smile on his face. I'm so sorry for your loss and your families loss.

Karly&Nick \sterlin - July 24, 2025 at 09:07 AM

LH

“ I worked with your Mom and Dad at Accurcast until the doors closed in 2001. My deepest condolences to Nick Ian and Emma during this difficult time 🙏

Lois Hutchcroft - July 24, 2025 at 08:40 AM



MD

“ Our thoughts and prayer are with the families during this difficult time, Rest in Peace John



Mark and Nancy DeWolf - July 24, 2025 at 07:29 AM

JH

“ Joanne Hammond lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Joanne Hammond - July 23, 2025 at 09:57 PM

LW

“ Lisa and Bob Wolsing lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Lisa and Bob Wolsing - July 23, 2025 at 08:21 PM

CD

“ Cari DeKort sent a virtual gift in memory of John Persyn



Cari DeKort - July 23, 2025 at 07:29 PM

DC

“ *Donna Cowden lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Donna Cowden - July 23, 2025 at 05:47 PM

NA

“ *Norma Authier lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Norma Authier - July 23, 2025 at 05:19 PM

JC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. John was our neighbour and friend for many years. He always took the time to stop and have a chat. Loving family man, welcoming his little ones with huge lawn signs. Christmas was always more exciting, after John and Sue put up their magical dazzling decorations. Rest in peace John. The Casier family.*



jean casier - July 23, 2025 at 04:27 PM

TM

“ *Tina & Andy Myers lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Tina & Andy Myers - July 23, 2025 at 04:17 PM

AJ

“ *Amy Jinker lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Amy Jinker - July 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

MD

“ *Mike and Donna and all the family, we are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers*



Mary Van Damme - July 23, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JP

“ *My deepest condolences to John's family and friends at this time. I worked with JP for many years at Plasman, and I know his work family will feel this loss for years to come. I have so many J.P. stories, I wouldn't even know where to start. He was a force of nature that made friends wherever he went. His generosity, compassion, and light-hearted fun-loving nature made him easy to work with. He was always ready to boost someone up when they were down, defend those that needed it, and his easy laughter was unmistakable. Above all, to know J.P. was to know of his love for family and devotion to his wife, Susan. I hope there is some small comfort in the thought that they are together again. He will be greatly missed.*

Julie Packham

Julie Packham - July 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss! He was a very friendly person! Great neighbour!

Theresa Gyuricza - July 23, 2025 at 01:07 PM

BL

“ Brenda Lozon lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Brenda Lozon - July 23, 2025 at 01:05 PM

VD

“ Nick, Ian, and Emma and families so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing we always enjoyed our chats when we ran into John. He always had great stories. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts Mike and Vicky Davis and family

Vicky Davis - July 23, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JD

“ Jan durfy sent a virtual gift in memory of John Persyn



Jan durfy - July 23, 2025 at 12:39 PM

KS

“ Ken Slack lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Ken Slack - July 23, 2025 at 12:11 PM

CC

“ CURRIER CHIROPRACTIC lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



CURRIER CHIROPRACTIC - July 23, 2025 at 11:58 AM

MB

“ Mike and Deb Bradie sent a virtual gift in memory of John Persyn



Mike and Deb Bradie - July 23, 2025 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ Our deepest condolences to Nick, Ian and Emma and families, Rest in Peace John



Deborah & Christopher Hochheimer - July 23, 2025 at 09:44 AM

ET

“ *My sincere condolences to the families*

Etienne Tack - July 23, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RL

“ *sorry for your loss*



Rob Labadie - July 23, 2025 at 09:26 AM

FM

“ *Sorry for your loss*



Frank and Kim Van Mensel - July 23, 2025 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ *I extend my deepest sympathy to the Persyn family. I met Johnny in 1980 when I started on machine 1 at Accurcast punching out IBM typewriter bodies. He was an easy-going knowledgeable man who provided me guidance on how to stay safe in an environment full of dangers. Over the years whenever we crossed paths, he always spoke, and we'd have a brief laugh about my short-lived days at Accurcast. May he rest in peace.*

Doug Babbitt - July 23, 2025 at 08:54 AM

KB

“ *Condolences to all of the family.*



Ken Marg Baxter - July 23, 2025 at 07:10 AM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Sherry VanGeersdaele - July 22, 2025 at 10:18 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Burroughs lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Cheryl Burroughs - July 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RT

“ *To all Johns family sorry for your loss. My condolences to all his family. I worked with John and Sue at Accurcast. Thinking of you all from Roxanne Young*



Roxanne Thomson - July 22, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *Uncle John was always the great big person in the room. When he talked to me when I was a kid especially...I felt so special. It continued into my adult years. His smile, amazing mustache, and huge love of his family were among my favourite things about him, to name a few. And stories! Could he ever tell a story ! We all felt on the edge of our seats waiting for the details. All with that special grin of his. Uncle John I'll miss you so much - I can't believe I'll be going to Wallaceburg and not seeing one of my favourites there - YOU! Im sorry that when Aunt Susan left your light was dimmer. I know you were just so heartbroken and lost without her. I know you're together now, that part is comforting. You, Aunt Susan And Aunt Denise just causing all kinds of trouble.*

I just can't imagine the room without you... Gone way too soon, may you RIP with your sweetheart Xo love always Lisa, Mike, Mackenzie and Michael.

Lisa Doyle - July 22, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JB

“ *joanne(stevenson) bassett lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



joanne(stevenson) bassett - July 22, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ *Rob Authier lit a candle in memory of John Persyn*



Rob Authier - July 22, 2025 at 06:56 PM

MT

“ Nick, Ian, Emma, and Families. I am so sorry for Your Loss. My Heart goes out to each one of You.



Marian Turner - July 22, 2025 at 06:34 PM

JB

“ Thinking of your family.

Judy Bachus - July 22, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to Nick Ian and Emma for the loss of your father

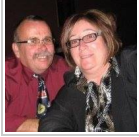


janice Benoit - July 22, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ John & your mom are now joined up above with the love they shared throughout their life together. Keep your memories close to your heart.

Sherry Crowe - July 22, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ Sherry Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of John Persyn



Sherry Crowe - July 22, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ John was such a great guy. I remember many years at Accurcast when he and Sue both worked there. He always had a story to tell and a lot of jokes to share. May he rest in peace with his love of his life Sue. My deepest sympathies to Nick, Emma and Ian and his grandchildren and family. Hold on to your many family memories together . Sending you all love and strength in this difficult time 🙏❤️😊

Cheryl Charbonneau - July 22, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Lorne Brock lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Lorne Brock - July 22, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ He was such a great guy and I just wish I could find a man like him he loved his wife so much . He admired his kids and grandchildren my heart is broken for you guys if you need anything call please door is always open

Vicky carter - July 22, 2025 at 04:00 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



Gerry Flynn - July 22, 2025 at 03:45 PM

WC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of John. John and Wayne spend a lot of time growing up together on Trerice St. Dresden. A lot of memories were made in those days. Our thoughts and prayers go to all the families.



Wayne and Karen Crosby - July 22, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LP

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to yous Emma Nick and Ian and your families RIP John



Lola and Matt Pamer - July 22, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JH

“ John & Julie Hereygers lit a candle in memory of John Persyn



John & Julie Hereygers - July 22, 2025 at 03:30 PM

K(

“ Your Dad will always be remembered for that iconic mustache and his great love for your Mom, his kids and grandkids. He was the real deal, a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all but no one more than his family. Praying for each of you. ❤️

Kathy L Brown (Richardson) - July 22, 2025 at 03:17 PM

KQ

JP was a hardworking man and also quite the jokster at work, RIP JP, you will be missed

Karen Quinlan - July 22, 2025 at 03:41 PM

LB

Deepest condolences to Nick and family. Prayers for abiding comfort.

Lorne Brock - July 22, 2025 at 04:37 PM

BJ

I remember speaking to your father when your mom passed away. I told him that I knew exactly what he was going through because I lost my wife in 2015. His strength dealing with that tragedy inspired me and hopefully you as you deal with his passing.

Barry Jinkerson - July 22, 2025 at 05:23 PM

DH

We SOOOO LOVED your Dad and Mom...from being neighbours and our boyz going to school together to myself working with them at Accurcast... Certainly will be missed by at least they are onc again...In each other's arms💖💙

Deb Houle - July 22, 2025 at 08:06 PM

CH

Sending my condolences to you all I worked with your dad we joked around i considered him as family not only being Donna's cousin but worked with your dad at Accurcast Inc he always ask how I was . And always call me kido he was always a joy to have around for the good laughts..

Cathy Hoekstra - July 22, 2025 at 09:20 PM

CT

*Emma, Nick and Ian,
We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Our thoughts are with
you all. Take comfort in each other and your wonderful memories.
Cheryl and Steve Tamblyn*

Cheryl and Steve Tamblyn - July 28, 2025 at 10:37 AM