



## John Franklin Hammer

October 5, 1954 - August 26, 2018

HAMMER, John F.-It is with deep sadness that we inform you that on Sunday, August 26, 2018, John Hammer passed away unexpectedly. John leaves behind the loves of his life, Janet (Dotzert), and their three daughters, Carla, Tonia, and Laura, along with their spouses, Dave Caruso, Mike Coletta, and Jesse Saunders. They brought so much joy to his life and gave him the gift of five grandchildren, Gabriel, Elliott, Oliver, Hugo, and Hudson. John had a great love for his family and doted on his grandchildren. John so much enjoyed the company of his “four” girls, but it was the grandchildren who made his smile shine.

John is remembered with love by his and Janet’s families, especially his mother, Elaine, and mother-in-law, Shirley. He will be missed greatly by all of them. He is predeceased by his father, Bob, and father-in-law, Wally. John had a successful career with the Region of Waterloo and had recently retired. John had a passion for travel and he and Janet travelled to many parts of the world (and sometimes their family joined them). John also enjoyed the many hours he was able to spend working on the property he and Janet owned for much of their married life in Bamberg. A family visitation was held on Tuesday, August 28th and a private celebration of his life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity. This organization was very close to John’s heart.

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# Comments

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“ It was with great shock and sadness that we learned of John's untimely passing. John was a true gentleman and a committed professional. It was people like John that made the RMoW the success it became. Whatever John did, he did it with enthusiasm and did it well. Every meeting I had with John was a bright spot in the day. John will be greatly missed and he will be remembered.

My sincere condolences to the family. You were blessed to have him as a husband, father and grandfather.

Gerry and Anne Thompson

**Gerry Thompson** - September 12, 2018 at 12:32 PM

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“ Hi Janet & family  
Word has reached me in Thunder Bay of John's untimely passing.. I remain saddened & shocked as we had been work colleagues for many years  
John & I spent many meetings working together on OPS Committee and I remember all our fellowship times at MEA and TAC events.  
We wish to extend our our deepest condolences to you and your family. He will be greatly missed.  
Rick & Marion Harms

**Rick Harms** - September 10, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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“ Janet, our wishes for lots of beautiful memories at this sad time. Roberto and I remember the wonderful day we spent with our moms and George and Rita and you and John at your house last fall. John made Roberto feel so welcome and Roberto still talks of the things they discussed (while you and I were catching up way back behind them). Such a lovely way to remember John, whom I knew about the same length of time as you. I am so glad we got to play together for him one more time as well. John was a wonderful man who had the best smile. Love and hugs to you and the whole family.

Norma and Roberto

**Norma Yau** - September 09, 2018 at 01:48 PM

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“ I am writing this for anyone who may not have had the pleasure of knowing John Hammer; a humble, gentle, strong, brilliant man.

For all of John's loved ones, I know you share my sentiments ...

Forty years ago this weekend, I was privileged to stand by Janet as her maid-of-honour. I looked on as Janet and John exchanged vows, their solemn commitment to each other. From that happy day until their last, they never faltered. They kept their promise.

When telling friends about John's death I wrote "I have often told you about and marvelled at Janet and John's love story ... the most pure and complete expression of love and respect imaginable, nothing needy or "icky" about it. They lived life as partners in every sense with an unfaltering commitment and daily joy - being together. The example they set resulted in their three incredible daughters attracting the same into their lives in the form of David, Michael and Jesse. The most proud and happiest of days was Janet watching John and their soon to be married daughters, walk the wedding aisle toward these amazing men”.

Today I was privileged to attend another ceremony; much more somber but also very significant.

The Region of Waterloo paid tribute to John by lowering its flag to half mast; a gesture of honour, respect and appreciation to a truly impeccable professional. It was also an opportunity for Janet, Carla, Tonia and Laura, as well as Mom Elaine to be thanked for supporting John throughout his impressive, multi-decade career.

Whether at home or at work, John always gave his best. It was gratifying to see his hard work, dedication and many contributions recognized.

I am certain all who grieve John's loss, including grandsons Gabriel, Elliott, Oliver, Hugo and Hudson, Janet and John's amazing sons-in-law, the Hammer and Dotzert siblings, in-laws, friends and co-workers - will be forever inspired by the example he set.

Thank you John. It's been my honour to call you Friend!

Sending my love and deepest sympathy to John's beloved family.

Linda



“ Dear Janet and Family

Our hearts cry along with yours. Even though we have not seen you in many years you have been such a special family . This is a reminder on how precious each and every day is.

To all the Hammer and Dotzert Family our deepest sympathies

Rodney & Brenda

Rebecca (Chris ) Fortin , Matthew , Heather Heipel

**brenda** - September 06, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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“ Dear Janet and family,

It has been many years since our paths have crossed Janet, but I want you to know how saddened I was to hear of John's passing. We send our heart felt sympathy and love to you, as well as the Hammer and Dotzert families.

Cathy (Roth) and Ralph Bankert

**Cathy Bankert** - September 05, 2018 at 03:45 PM

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to Janet and her family. Sadden to hear of John's passing.

From Uncle Frank, Paul, and Christine  
Hammer

**paul hammer** - September 04, 2018 at 12:36 PM

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“ On behalf of the Ontario Good Roads Association please accept our sincerest condolences on John's passing. We have nothing but good memories of working with John as part of the MEA Board. The entire engineering community is in shock. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Joe Tiernay,  
Executive Director  
Ontario Good Roads Association

**Joe Tiernay** - September 04, 2018 at 09:17 AM

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“ Julie Schmidt lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Julie Schmidt** - September 03, 2018 at 07:38 PM

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“ Dear Janet and Family,

We are deeply saddened by the news of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Doug and Janet Jones

**Doug and Janet Jones** - September 03, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Pastor Dave, Cathy and their families on the passing of a dear brother. May you all be comforted by your memories during this very sad time. God's Blessings be with you all.



**ShirleyAnn and Fred** - September 02, 2018 at 05:02 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Hammer families at this sad and painful time.

**Larry and Elsie Lantz** - September 01, 2018 at 07:52 AM

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“ Cathy And Bill Hazen lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Cathy and Bill Hazen** - August 31, 2018 at 09:10 PM

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“ Dear Janet

Our hearts are heavy with sadness upon learning of John's passing. We continue to struggle with the combined events of that day....the loss of John and the arrival of Hudson.

May the love and gratitude John had for his family comfort you through these difficult times.

Blessings to you and your family.

Jennifer and George

**Jennifer Isaac** - August 31, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“ The "family" at Steed and Evans Limited sends it' deepest condolences to Janet, the girls and grandchildren.

We were truly privileged to be involved in various business dealing with John.

Regardless of the outcome of any of the business dealings one always felt John valued his honesty and integrity.

In an effort to help carry on John's passion Steed and Evans Limited has made a donation to Habitat for Humanity - Waterloo Region.

**Ron Chambers - Steed and Evans Limited** - August 31, 2018 at 12:09 PM

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“ Carla and family,

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Sending love and strength to you during this difficult time. Cherish all the memories you had made and that will never be forgotten.

Marsha Sealey xo

**Marsha Sealey** - August 31, 2018 at 05:30 AM

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“ Carla and family,

I am so very sorry to hear of your unexpected and large loss. I pray you all find comfort in the memories.

Amy Wagner

**Amy Wagner** - August 30, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ Sabrina & Paul lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Sabrina & Paul** - August 30, 2018 at 01:46 PM

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“ I worked with John for many years at the Region of Waterloo. He always had a smile when he came into the office. I was saddened to learn of his passing and send my heartfelt sympathy to his family. John will be missed.

Karen Wood

**Karen Wood** - August 30, 2018 at 12:03 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Franklin Hammer.



August 30, 2018 at 12:39 AM

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“ My many years spent with John at the Region, most of which he was my supervisor, are a cherished memory. John always supported me and I had so much respect for him. He was a quiet caring person who always had words of encouragement. My sincere condolences to Janet and the rest of his family.

Donna Gill

**Donna Gill** - August 29, 2018 at 09:05 PM

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“ John and I worked at the Region together since 1990. For a majority of this time he was my direct supervisor. His mentorship, direction, support and friendship will never be forgotten. We always talked about travelling trips and on John's suggestion we took a tour with Active Adventures to New Zealand in November 2017. We were totally thrilled with the trip. My deepest condolences to the family. John will be truly missed.

Rob Gallivan

**Rob Gallivan** - August 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Franklin Hammer.



August 29, 2018 at 07:13 PM

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“ Brad & Brenda Ackersviller lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Brad & Brenda Ackersviller** - August 29, 2018 at 05:19 PM

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“ I worked with John at the Region for 13 years and remember him walking down the hall holding his grandchild's hand and thought how touching it was. He was a very good man and leader.

**Monica** - August 29, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ My heart goes out to you Janet, the girls and families! Many prayers to all of you!



**Joanne and Neil Guenther** - August 29, 2018 at 03:53 PM

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“ John was not only a great and knowledgeable Engineer, he was someone who was consistently fair, practical and understanding. As a boss, mentor and leader for me while I worked for him at the Region he was always very supportive and taught me how to be a better engineer and person. We know he put his heart and soul into everything he did, and are happy to support one of his very worthy passions. It is an honour for us all to have worked with and gotten to know John.

John will be sorely missed by the Region Engineering Community and our hearts and prayers are with Janet and his family.

Dave Hallman, and John's Engineering Friends at MTE

**Dave Hallman** - August 29, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ To Elaine and John's family. God be with you and comfort you at this time of sorrow.



**Myrtle Fierling** - August 29, 2018 at 08:42 AM

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“ Janet and John celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary with another great adventure; this time trekking the Swiss Alps. September, 2017



**Linda** - August 28, 2018 at 10:55 PM

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“ Dave & Sue Hammer lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Dave & Sue Hammer** - August 28, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ Carolyn Mueller lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Carolyn Mueller** - August 28, 2018 at 05:52 PM

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“ Ron And Theresa Bisch lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Ron and Theresa Bisch** - August 28, 2018 at 05:35 PM

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“ Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of John Franklin Hammer



**Chris Franklin** - August 28, 2018 at 05:22 PM