



REMEMBERING
John Belwa and Ann-Marie Legendre

December 30, 2023



Our dear mother Ann-Marie Legendre sadly passed away in Chilliwack Hospital on Sunday December 31st, 2023, at the age of 80 years old. She was a wonderful mother who always loved us unconditionally and was always there when we needed her. Mom passed one day after the passing of her beloved partner John Belwa. They went together into eternal rest. Mom and John also had many friends and neighbors and were well-loved members of their community in Hope, BC where she and John resided. She was predeceased by her son Vincent Lewis, brother Garry Main, and mother June Karaba.

She is survived by her sister Tracey Procyk (Dave Procyk), nephews Taylor (Christine) Owen and Maeve, Jason (Carolyn) Ethan, niece Jordan (Wynni) and brother Chris Moritzer. Also survived by daughter Kelly Barr (Kevin Barr), grandchildren - Noah, Jacob and Sophia; son Donald Lewis (Arline Lewis), grandchildren - Clayton Lewis, Nicole Saffari, great grandchildren Caleb and Connor Saffari; daughter Janice Hall (Bob Williams), grandchildren - Brittany Hall and Caitlin McNish (Lee McNish); daughter Trisha Lynn Larson (Geoff Manning), grandchildren - Mackenzie Larson, (Fiancé Tatiana Kayat) and Bennett Larson.

Granddaughter - Adreanne Lawrence (Matt Pellerin), great grandchildren - Wesley Roach, Miesha Pellerin, and Ava Pellerin.

Mom loved all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren dearly.

The Question?

If one's life is to be measured, like the seasons, I find myself in Autumn, for no other reason

To my dismay, the spring and summer seem to be over, but I still have memories of rolling in clover

Is that why we have memory, I ponder, so we can make the seasons last forever

Do tulips and daffodils merely hide their head, till they rise again in yellow and red

Do bears really sleep through the cold, and awake with their young, to enjoy the

sun

Why do our memories seem to appear, as yesterday, instead of yesterday

As the winter of my life approaches, and I know surely it will

Is there another spring and summer, just over that hill?

Ann-Marie Legendre

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear brother John Douglas Belwa on December 30, 2023, at his home on Kawkawa Lake Road, Hope, BC. John passed one day before the passing of his beloved partner Ann-Marie Legendre. Heaven can only be a brighter place with Ann-Marie and John in it.

John was pre-deceased by his mother Jean Elizabeth Belwa (nee Jamieson), his father Keith Gardner Belwa, his brother Fredrick Robert (Rick) Belwa and his brother-in-law Clayton Earl Graham. He is survived by his sister Wendy Grace Graham and brother Keith Harold Belwa, sister-in-law Dorry Hineman. John is also survived by his nephew, niece, great nieces and nephews: Jamie Graham (Kim, Cameron and Jackson), Lindsay Fewtrell (Andrew, Katelyn, James and Emma), Jason Wagar (JP), Eliza Hineman (Rob Fergusson and my granddaughter Maeve Joy).

John was a kind, gentle man who loved his partner Ann-Marie deeply. He embraced life with a warm smile and a hand stretched out in friendship to everyone; every animal and every living creature he met are all the better for it.

As it is engraved on our grandparent's gravestone: "Until The Dawn Breaks"

Weep not for me though I have gone

Into that gentle night

Grieve if you will, but not for long

Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest

There is no need for tears

For with your love I was so blessed

For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not

The fear is now all gone

Put now these things out of your thoughts

In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath

Remember not the strife

Please do not dwell upon my death

But celebrate my life

-Unknown

