

## **JOHN WESTON WILL BE MISSED: IN MEMORIAM**

It is with deep sadness that the family of John Weston announces his passing on Dec. 11 2006, at the age of 81. John was born in Sussex, England and immigrated to Canada with his parents and three sisters when he was four years old.

A passionate stamp-collector since his youth, he joined the ranks of the Ottawa Stamp Club, was one of the prime 'movers' in the Oxfam yearly charity events and loved the friendly stimulation of these weekly get-togethers. But it was the gentle, giving side of John's nature, a certain nobility of character, that attracted to him legions of friends and even earned him the nickname of "Sir John" from one of his stamp collector buddies.

His later years were spent exchanging residences between Ottawa and Florida, leaving the cold behind for sunnier climes, but not without bringing along some of his stamp albums and catalogues, and becoming an active member of the Lakeland and St Petersburg stamp clubs.

It was in Florida that he became very interested in the sport of shuffleboard. Soon, he was recognized among Americans and Canadians alike for his sound judgment and easy, non-confrontational ways. He was elected a director of the sport, first at the (Florida) Central District level, then as Florida State Tournament Director. His Sunday nights were spent getting all the charts and player cards ready for both District and State tournaments, happy to forgo the actual playing of shuffleboard to the "game of directing" a "game" he knew, a "game" he was good at.

His dedication and accomplishments, including two years as the Canadian National Shuffleboard President, were recognized this year by his formal induction into the Canadian Shuffleboard Hall-of-fame. Later, in August, if illness hadn't interfered, he would have received the same honor from the International Shuffleboard Association. Always considerate of others, John insisted that the seriousness of his illness and its mind-boggling complications not be dealt with publicly; up to the very end, his strong, cheery voice on the phone would give the lie to one's own misgivings. His oft-expressed wish was of not becoming an emotional burden to anyone, and till the very end he dreamed of spending "two weeks under the Florida sun... with his doctors' written permission"...

He leaves to grieve his passing, his beloved wife, Colette, (née Marion) and is survived by his dear sisters, Edith Green, (N.Z), Marguerite Baker, Ottawa, and Barbara Hayden, (N.S.). He will be sorely missed by his three children, Michael, Montreal, Pat Weston, (Neville), Toronto, Anne Sanders (Simon) and his two grand-children, Laura and James (England), along with his many nephews and nieces. Donations in lieu of flowers could be made to Elizabeth Bruyère Hospice, Ottawa, Ontario or to your favorite charity.

An Anglican commemorative service will be held on Sat. Dec.16, after visiting hours in the St Laurent Chapel at Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 1200 Ogilvie Rd., Ottawa, ON Internment will follow at Notre-Dame Cemetery, Vanier.  
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