



JOHN BERRINGER

April 18, 1943 – November 10, 2023

Rotary Club of Kenora



John was born in Fort William, Ontario on April 18, 1943. His father, Russel, was a lifelong railroader and John moved from Fort William, to Edmonton, and then to Winnipeg, where John spent his teenage years attending Kelvin High school. In these years, John established numerous amazing relationships with friends; with whom he is still connected. Enduring friendships were his trademark. Graduating from the University of Manitoba in 1960, John spent time travelling Europe and beyond, but landed in Toronto, then Winnipeg, and then Kenora, Ontario in 1976, becoming a partner in The Standard, for the remainder of his career. John was a savvy businessman, a spirited negotiator, a man of integrity and most importantly, passionate about making time for his family.

John loved Lake of the Woods and spent 50 summers sailing, boating, fishing and exploring with his family and friends. John was also an avid golfer at the Kenora Golf Club, and Bears' Paw in Naples, Florida, where he spent much of his time after retirement. He continued to build friendships in these golf clubs, and was a regular member of 4pm golf in Naples, and Thursday Golf with the boys in Kenora.

John was kind, generous and eager to see change. He spent many years working on the Kenora Harbourfront Committee as well as with the Kenora Rotary Club initiative 'Ripple Effect' which builds and maintains schools in Guatemala. John and Rowena travelled to Guatemala many times and worked hard to support this program. A 42 year member of Rotary, John served in many leadership roles, including president, and he received two Paul Harris Awards. John loved life more than anything else and friends would know that he would greet the day with "terrific" even on the worst of days. This was his mindset, even until the very end.