



John Joseph Powton

17th February 1939 - 17th May 2023

Burnley Cemetary

14th August 2023

John was born in London to Bill and Ellen Powton and was evacuated to his mothers home town of Burnley as a young boy.

School was a chore he didn't enjoy but he did make a long lasting impression on his teacher as when Paul started school his new teacher saw the name Powton and asked if his fathers name was John, Paul replied yes and the teacher let out a sigh....

John met Marjorie, his beloved wife of 55 years. It was hate a first sight at the youth club but then the classic line 'well do you want to go to the pictures?' from John was met with an 'I suppose so...' from Marjorie it started a long and happy life together. Julie, Paul and Jon made their family complete. John was a hands on Father and ensured that they had an interesting and exciting childhood as he shared his love of nature and his practical skills. John not only passed on his skills to his children and grandchildren he took great pride in sharing them with the Air Cadets of 1035 Accrington Squadron. He loved to share the achievements of the cadets with all of the family and they were a very important part of his life especially after Marjorie passed away.

John had a varied work life starting his working life in the mines and then, working in the Papermills in both Burnley and Skipton. He went on to spend time in the building trade and finished his working life at Tesco where he did the early morning bakery shift.

John filled his retirement with time with his family, trips to Ireland and his cadets. in the last 12 months of his life John suffered with ill health and spent this time at Willowbank nursing home. Here he loved to take part in karaoke sessions and had his favourites amongst the staff. He kept his wry sense of humour and his independent streak to the last. The staff soon came to know that if the eyebrows came down into 'the frown' that had the ability to stop us all at 100 yards that he meant business and and his mind was made up.

John has left behind only good memories and laughter with all of us that were lucky enough to know and spend time with him (and a large collection of knives that he made from scratch that would make the Royal Armouries at Leeds envious)





APPRECIATION

The family would like to thank you all for your
kind support during this time of sadness.
With special thanks to the staff and Willowbank

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