



John Edward Ashbridge

June 8, 1946 - June 5, 2018

John was known for his kindness, his professionalism and his commitment to the task at hand. His sense of humour was legendary. But "Ash" was best recognized for his voice. He was a broadcasting phenomenon and proud to be a part of the CKNW family when the station was a news powerhouse.

His role as longtime PA announcer for the Vancouver Canucks was a career highlight, second only to announcing Crosby's winning goal in the 2010 Olympic gold medal hockey game.

John rarely turned down a chance to volunteer - applying the same enthusiasm when he announced minor hockey games.

John was dedicated to Royal Columbian Hospital and served as a director of the RCH Foundation. He found counselling cardiac patients to be incredibly rewarding.

In 2010, John was bestowed Crime Stoppers International's highest award Civilian of the Year.

He was active with the Vancouver Canucks Alumni and for that work, in 2002, the NHL Alumni awarded him its prestigious "7th Man Award".

John is survived by Yvonne, his wife of 35 years; daughters Janice and Kelli; grandchildren Alex and Bryan; great-grandchildren Kinslea and Everett. He was predeceased by his daughter Wendy.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the RCH Foundation. John was a humble and selfless man who had no enemies, only friends and admirers - a happy soul gone far too soon.

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