

Funeral for longtime councillor John Day is on Saturday

Former Halton Hills Regional Councillor John Day has died.

Day, 67, died Thursday at Georgetown Hospital following a long battle with cancer.

Day served as the Wards 3/4 regional councillor from 1994 to 2003. Mayor Rick Bonnette, who was a council member with Day said, "he was the social conscience on council ... He was well liked by his constituents."

Regional councillor Jane Fogal worked with Day on many community projects and said he was "first

and foremost, a kind man."

"He was always willing to help people and local organizations. I enjoyed working with him as his heart was in the right place. He was passionate about improving the quality of life for our residents," said Fogal.

In 2002, while still on council, Day ran as the Halton riding candidate for the provincial Liberals but was not elected to the post. In 2003 he had an unsuccessful bid for the Mayor's job.

Day's daughter Amaranth Lowrie said after her dad left Halton

Hills council, "he totally dedicated his life to health and fitness."

He became certified as a canfit pro trainer and a trainer for Nordic pole walking. "He dedicated so much time to helping others," said Lowrie. He counseled people who had addiction problems.

She said her dad "had such a big



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heart. He didn't know how to say no, he wanted to help anyone and everyone."

Lowrie said her father loved boating and fishing at the family cottage on Lake Joseph. He also enjoyed gardening and had worked for Sheridan Nurseries in the summers since he was 13 years old because he loved it. Before he became a councillor, Lowrie said Day was the head of the City of Mississauga Landscape Architecture dept. He had also been involved with Georgetown Little Theatre for many years,

acting in several productions.

Lowrie added her father had the "adoration of his grandkids."

Day is survived by his wife Gretchen, son Trevor, daughter Amaranth Lowrie and her husband Jason and grandchildren Scarlett, Isabella and Olivia, and his mother Kathleen Day. He is predeceased by his father Harold. Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 10, 6-9 p.m. at J.S. Jones Funeral Home, and the funeral will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams.

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