

## John Langness (RIP)

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Everyone remembers John and Laura; childhood sweethearts – being together everywhere at school and visibly enjoying every function with each other. There's not a school photo where they aren't at each other's sides – a true love-story. They were taken from us in a tragic car-crash in 1986, leaving a son, Gregory (who unfortunately was also killed in a car accident at the age of 40, in 2007), and daughter, Samantha; we remember them both fondly.  
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I miss my parents terribly and would have loved my children to know their grandparents but it was not meant to be.

A bit about my dad:

I heard about him at school, an all rounder, both in the classroom and on the sports-field and I knew him as the most amazing dad and husband to Laura (nee Fellows). From the age of 14 and 16 their love grew and was one that few people are lucky enough to experience.

They got married in 1966 and lived in the UK for a couple of years before buying my mom's family home in Jo'burg (Lyndhurst) in the early 70's

My dad qualified as a CA and just before his death was promoted to the board of directors at Sage Holdings.

He was a family man, a jack-of-all-trades, with a fantastic sense of humour and always having numerous house improvements on the go, and also making time for his game of golf on a Saturday morning.

A couple of years before their fatal car accident in November 1986, they had bought a farm together with 3 other couples in Magaliesburg and many weekends were spent out in the country, planting trees, growing vegetables and my dad, being someone who always tackled things himself, even tried his hand at sheering the sheep ... which didn't turn out that well!

I'm in my 40's now and realise how young they were (40 and 42) but at the same time how much he and my mom achieved and what a stable and loving home I was brought up in.

Losing both parents together at 16 was tough, but imagining one without the other ... impossible!

*Samantha*

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