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**VALE John Thomson**

Many of the clients who have been with me from the start will remember my good friend and mentor, and their former financial adviser, John Thomson.

We found out that John passed away this week, just shy of his 85th birthday.

John was a man with a true zest for life (a real Scotsman), he lived fully and was both gracious and kind to everyone, always.

I knew John for more than twenty-five years and I shared a deep bond with him, constantly witnessing his giving and genuine nature.

One memory that both my family and I have of John is the way in which he emphasised the importance of treating waitstaff. From the very first lunch I ever attended with John, he made a point of going out of his way to chat to our waiter, showing respect and genuine interest in who the person serving us was. In this small act of self-awareness, John, every time we were out together, would find out such interesting details of these people's lives all while sharing a laugh with them – and John loved to laugh. In these scenes, I would observe an interaction that historically is perceived as transactional become one filled with meaning. This is just one example of John's warmth although he may not have realised, it was always impactful and really demonstrates the sort of man that he was. This notion has touched my family and I creating a ripple effect in the reminder of treating others with respect, dignity, and warmth.

Were it not for people like John, this pioneer for goodness and humanity, the world would be a miserable place.

I will miss John personally, but I am so thankful for the time that I had with him. He was my mentor and great friend - someone who saw my potential but was also always there to pull me up when needed. John encouraged me to be 'Distinctly Different' and pointed out that I would only succeed when the people I serve do. The lessons he taught me I will continue to pass on and the values that he taught me will remain at the forefront of all we do at Marinis.

On behalf of all of us at Marinis Financial Group and from my family, I pass on our sincere condolences to Pam, John's widow, his three daughters and sons in law plus all of their grandchildren and extended family

I thank God for John's presence in my life as his example has helped me become a better person - and in turn his influence has allowed for the great outcomes in our business and for our clients.

Yours sincerely

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