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Yesterday the vaning world lost one of its own. John Lowe after battling illness sadly died suddenly leaving the love of his life Jess, family and his beloved Vanditos in despair at their loss.

For those of you who knew John he was a very clever man, a kind man who made us all laugh, his close Vanditos friends knew him as sticky John after chasing Monica (a fellow Vandito) around the field at Trip Out after eating a pancake which ended up all over his beard.

Sticky John was in the hot rod and classic car scene for many years before finding the van scene. I first met John and Jess in a field in Banbury, where we quickly became friends. John had a passion for all things American and roared into the field in Rambunctious his beloved classic yank van. John could turn his hand to anything and quickly swapped out the tired 318 for a LS. The LS swap into a Dodge B van was the first in the world!

So, as you'd imagine John will leave a big hole in the vaning scene. He will never be forgotten and his achievements and legacy in Rambunctious and other cars, trucks and vans he built will outlast us all. Friends like John have made me realise that my love of classic American vans is something truly special. The old vans cause us anxiety, they're money pits, they eat fuel and oil, reliability is never ensured but.... They transport the people we know and love to places where we meet to have fun and good times!

We will all raise a glass at VanJam for John, his legacy lives on!

For those of you who knew John, seen Rambunctious around the scene or never met him we recently issued a magazine which includes a little story about Rambunctious written by John. For anyone who would like to have a read, see what the man created in Rambunctious click on the link and have a read. Its free you just need to download it.