



David Morton October 31, 1929 - January 20, 2017 David Morton passed away in Montreal on January 20, 2017 after a short illness, 11 years to the day after Bess, his beloved wife of 51 years. David leaves behind his daughter Sarah Hutchinson (Peter) and his son James (Janice), as well as his grandchildren Tom and William Hutchinson and Alistair and Vanessa Morton.

David was born in Plymouth in the U.K. and attended Devonport High School. After surviving tuberculosis as a teenager, he accepted a scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge to study Natural Sciences, graduating in 1954. He then began a forty year career with Alcan, progressing from assistant manager of the company's sheet mill in Banbury to managing director of Alcan U.K. and onwards to finish his career in 1995 as Alcan's first non-North American Chairman and CEO. Along the way he also attended the Centre d'Etudes Industrielles in Geneva and held a number of other positions including Chairman of the International Primary Aluminium Institute and board positions at McCain Foods, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Methanex and COPI, amongst others.

His friends and family will miss his sense of humour, which he always saw as a lubricant to relationship building, his integrity, his enthusiasm and his selection of bow ties befitting of an English gentleman, despite having lived in Canada for 37 years. He was also well known and loved for his wisdom and mentorship, which he passed on to his friends, children and grandchildren through the use of seemingly throw away lines. These pieces of advice, couched in humour, will live on well beyond his passing.

His family would like to thank the medical team at Montreal General Hospital for their care over the years, in particular Dr. Michael Churchill-Smith and Barbara Watson. In addition special thanks to Maria, Betty Panet-Raymond and his friends at Place Kensington in Westmount, Mount Bruno Country Club and Lac Brule. A celebration of David's life will be held in Montreal at a later date.

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