Eric Thomas Annandale, beloved father, grandfather and brother, passed away peacefully at the St. Norbert Personal Care Home, surrounded by his family.

He will be greatly missed by his children, David, Michelle and Robert, his granddaughter Charlotte, and his sister Pat.

Eric was a world traveller with his wife Eleanor. They lived for three years in London, married in Paris, and then would return to live in the outskirts of Paris for three sabbaticals, criss-crossing Europe with their children. But he also loved Manitoba, especially Victoria Beach, where he spent summers from his earliest childhood.

His love of the French language shaped his life. It brought him together with Eleanor, and it led to a four-decade career as a professor and scholar at the University of Manitoba, where he also served as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts. He was a committed defender of French language rights, and was a founding member of Héritage St-Norbert, dedicated to preserving the rich history of the community he called home for half a century.

Eric and Eleanor were inseparable from the moment they met, and their love story would last more than 50 years. Eric also looked after Eleanor during the long years of her last illness with unwavering love and compassion. And to the very end, he never stopped wanting to look after his children. His love for them was extraordinarily generous, and he gave them the world.

The family would like to thank the staffs at Harmony Court and at the St. Norbert Personal Care Home for having taken such good care of Eric.

Services will be held at Chapel Lawn on Monday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to invite people to make a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, or to a charity of their choice.

For those who wish to sign the online Guest Book please visit www.chapplawn.ca

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