



EDWIN ARTHUR BRAID
C.M., Q.C.

Following a mercifully short illness, Art passed on February 27, 2020, at Health Sciences Centre. Art is survived by his son Kyle (Nicole), daughter Lianne (Dean), and granddaughters, Penny, Isla and Sasha. He is also survived by his sisters, Gerry and Ginny. He was predeceased by his wife Judith, daughter Sondra, brother Bill, and parents, Myrtle and Gordon.

Art was born in Winnipeg in 1934 and attended Greenway School in the West End, before moving to River Heights where he graduated from Kelvin High School in 1952. Art contracted polio in 1953 and was left with complete paralysis of both legs. While he said his disability limited his options, it also provided him with a powerful focus. Though Art worked hard not to be defined by his disability, he often said that almost everything he did and the kind of person he became was because he could not walk.

With that new focus, Art entered Law School at University of Manitoba and achieved the highest aggregate standing over the four-year program. He was called to the Bar in 1961 and received a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1967.

Art practiced law with Newman, MacLean and Associates before taking an appointment to lecture at the University of Manitoba Law School. He lectured until 2001, including acting as Dean from 1994 to 1999. He served as Senior Scholar until his passing.

Art believed in serving his profession, his university, his church and the broader community. The list of organizations he supported is too long to list, but included the University Senate and Board of Governors, Manitoba / Canadian Paraplegic Associations, Manitoba Wheelchair Sports Association, Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, Winnipeg / Manitoba Jaycees, St. John's College and the Winnipeg / Assiniboine Park Hockey Associations. He was also very proud of his work at advancing access for people in wheelchairs on Winnipeg's streets and transit.

Art's work and service were recognized through several awards and organizational life memberships, including the Order of Canada, appointment as Queens Counsel, Canada 125th Anniversary Medal, Queen's 50th Jubilee Medal and the Peter D. Curry Chancellors Award for outstanding contribution to University governance and development. He might have been most proud, however, of his victories at various "recreational" bocce, crokinole and fishing tournaments.

Art taught and interacted with thousands at school and through his volunteer work. His impatient children could not go anywhere with him without running into former students / colleagues who would want to catch up or pick his brain on an issue of law, governance or procedure. Art relished in these moments. He loved to listen, to hear what people were doing, and he always had

advice or a related story ready as needed (or not).

Art would want everyone to know that none of his accomplishments could have been possible without Judy, his wife and love of 54 years. His granddaughters will miss his barbecues, his riddles and rides on his wheelchair. Art was a logophile who loved crosswords and word puzzles. He also enjoyed competing at everything, arguing with people, micromanaging and pedantry. He would have identified at least a dozen errors within these paragraphs.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral, 135 Anderson Ave.

Flowers gratefully declined.

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