

SARGENT, John Hartley [UNTD MALAHAT/DONNACONA '60 U-1369] (1943 - 2013)

## John Hartley Sargent



Passed away peacefully on February 11, 2013, just days after his 70th birthday, at Victoria Hospice. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Janice (2006) and his dear friend, Miriam McLean (2013). Survived by dear brother, David (Hedi); nephew Mark. Loving father of Laurie (Glen) and Ted (Shana) and devoted Grandpa J to Clara (9), Joshua (6), Conor (5) and Owen (3). A gifted scholar, John left Victoria in 1961 for Economics and Political Studies at McGill University, followed by graduate studies at MIT and Cambridge University. After teaching at Queen's University, John joined the Department of Finance in Ottawa in 1971, where he made his mark as a consummate professional and a thoughtful colleague over a productive and distinguished career spanning more than 30 years, including as a research director for two Royal Commissions. John made significant contributions to the development of Canadian fiscal policy, tax policy and climate change-related economic policy, recognized through a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, awarded by the Department of Finance in 2013. John gave his time generously to Kanata United Church, St. Aidan's Church (Victoria), the Alliance Française (Victoria) and other volunteer endeavours. Ever inquisitive and eager for engaging conversation, John actively participated in and enjoyed the community that welcomed him when he and Janice returned to Victoria in 2004. His life and that of his family was enriched through Miriam's love and companionship. John regularly visited his children and grandchildren in Ottawa and Toronto, laden with carefully selected children's books – trips he continued even once metastatic prostate cancer began to take its toll. He also loved hosting family and friends at his and Janice's beautiful home in Victoria. John and his family benefited greatly from the loyal support of friends – old and new – who ensured that his final months were filled with love, humour and good company. The family extends sincere thanks to the caring and compassionate staff of Victoria Hospice and to his friends, who reminded him through their words and actions of how cherished and admired he was.

A Funeral service will be held at St. Aidan's United Church, 3703 St. Aidan's Street in Saanich at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013, with a reception to follow. A memorial service will also be held in Kanata at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of John to Victoria Hospice ([www.victoriahospice.org/how-you-can-help/give-gift-today](http://www.victoriahospice.org/how-you-can-help/give-gift-today)), St. Aidan's (<http://staidansunited.com>) or McGill University Faculty of Arts (<http://www.mcgill.ca/aoc/give>) would be greatly appreciated. Condolences may be offered to the family below.

McCall Bros. Funeral Home  
[www.mccallbros.com](http://www.mccallbros.com).

John was in Haida Div CORNWALLIS '61, Kootenay Div CORNWALLIS '62, Yukon Division VENTURE/RR '63.

