

In Memoriam - Selden David Bryson

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BRYSON, Selden David Q.C.

It is with profound sadness that the family of **Selden David Bryson** announces his passing on June 10, 2009.

David was born in Halifax on April 30, 1932 to Selden and Margaret (Chisholm) Bryson. He did his undergraduate degree at Dalhousie University, where he acquired a lifelong passion for literature and language. Upon graduation he was the co-recipient of the Malcolm Honour Award, the highest award offered to any graduating student at Dalhousie. He went on to Dalhousie Law School where he graduated with the Class of '57. During his 7-year stint at Dal, David was a star running back for the football team. In 1954 he received the Climo Trophy, awarded annually to the top athlete who embodies the qualities of athletic ability, clean sportsmanship, and team spirit. As a part of the 1954 Dalhousie Football championship team he was inducted into the Dalhousie Sports Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, 2004. Throughout his university years he served in the COTC (Canadian Officers Training Corps), which enabled him to travel in Canada and ultimately to France where he spent a year studying at the Université de Paris, La Sorbonne. David practised law his entire career at Blois, Nickerson and Bryson where he became a title partner. He taught property law at Dalhousie Law School for 25 years, continuing to offer counsel to his former students well into their careers. Having a strong sense of community service, David served on numerous administrative boards. He was Chair of the Board of the Abby Lane Hospital during its construction. As a board member of the Saint Paul's Home for Girls, he successfully advocated for the funding of group homes. At Dartmouth Academy he participated in the implementation of Halifax's first French immersion programme. He gave back to the sports community by coaching football at QEH and Dalhousie. During his working years he often said, "This will be the year I go to France." In his retirement, he was finally able to fulfil this dream, travelling with Carol to Paris each spring. At home and at his beloved cottage on Caribou Island David flourished in retirement, having all the time in the world to read, play his bagpipes and above all to enjoy the company of his family and friends.

David is survived by his much-loved wife Carol (Chepesuk); son Colin (Cindy); daughters Andrea (Matt Klug) and Marion (Mark Whidden); sister Judy (Fred Nicholson), and grandchildren Sarah and Emma (Bryson), John, Hannah and Rose (Klug), and Nathan and Madeleine (Whidden). He is predeceased by his sister Gretchen, his brother Robert (Janice) of Kitchener and his sister Linda (Frank Burke) of Charlottetown. Visitation will be held at J.A. Snow Funeral Home at 339 Lacewood Drive from 6 to 9 pm on Wednesday, June 17. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, at 1 pm on Thursday, June 18, Rev'd Dr. Paul Friesen officiating. Family flowers only. Special thanks to the staff of the QEII cardio-vascular ICU who provided David and his family

with exceptional and compassionate care. Online condolences to: www.mem.com