End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass, and then you see it. White shores, and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise.

"Gandalf" - from the movie The Lord of the Rings

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LUC GEORGES DESMARAIS

MAY 19 1934 - JULY 9 2018

uc Desmarais of Montreal, Quebec, died peacefully in Calgary, Alberta, at the age of 84, surrounded by his children. Son of Côme Desmarais (1893-1981) of Saint-François-du-Lac, Quebec, and Eva Chénard (1897-1977) of Berthierville, Quebec, Luc was predeceased by his sister, Renée Geoffroy (1925-1975). As a young child, Luc loved to spend his summers in the countryside, learning about nature. He learned courage and perseverance walking miles alone in the woods to join his father at their beloved fishing camp. A gifted student, he studied petrochemical engineering at École Polytechnique in Montreal and had an active and successful 33-year career with Shell, travelling the world contributing to advances in processing technology. His family was his pride and joy, and he was almost single-minded about ensuring its future prosperity and security. Ever the engineer, he applied his significant practical skills to maintaining his log cabin cottage and grounds in the Laurentians, felling trees and building docks and patios. His

acute sense of strategy made him a valuable partner and worthy opponent in bridge and cribbage. In his spare time, Luc stayed fit through sports and recreational activities suited to his strengths and circumstances (ping-pong, tennis, squash, golf, sailing and downhill skiing as a younger man; golf, hiking and cross-country skiing later on). He was also passionate about classical music—a devotee of the great divas of his time and composers such as Paganini and Mozart. Luc was an avid reader, from his youth as a member of the Book of the Month Club through to retirement with his almost daily walks to the public library. His love of photography was also lifelong, with interests ranging from art and architecture to nature—always nature—from the smallest budding flower to the most breathtaking view of his beloved Rockies.

A man of principle, a man of his word, a man of quiet, rooted faith, he now joins his Maker, leaving behind his son Alexandre (Kendra), daughter Julie (Eric Girouard), son Hector (Karmÿn van Huizen), son Félix (Shantel Meier), grand-daughter Natalie, grandson Logan and several nieces, nephews and friends.

IN LOVING MEMORY LUC DESMARAIS 1934 - 2018

FUNERAL MASS

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church Monday, July 30, 2018 at 2:00 pm

PRESIDER: The Rev. Irudaya Paul Raj, S.A.C.

READERS Natalie Desmarais Eric Girouard

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: Kendra Desmarais

OFFERTORY BEARERS

Hector Desmarais Félix Desmarais

TRIBUTE: Julie Desmarais

MUSICIAN: Ross Ferby

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

St. Cecilia's Requiem Choir "Amazing Grace" "Prayer of St. Francis" "All Is Well With My Soul" "Here I Am, Lord"

URNBEARER: Alexandre Desmarais

RECEPTION

Immediately following the Funeral Mass, relatives and friends are invited to meet with the family in St. Cecilia's Parish Hall.