



## GRENVILLE KENNETH YUILL (GREN)

Born: May 18, 1937

Date of Passing: Jan 17, 2021

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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our husband and father, Dr. Grenville Kenneth Yuill, aged 83. He died peacefully, with his wife, Pat, by his side on January 17, 2021, following a respiratory infection (which was not COVID). Gren was born in Winnipeg May 18, 1937 to Grenville Yuill (1907 to 1984) and Anne (Gray) Yuill (1910 to 1968). He attended Daniel Macintyre and studied Engineering at the University of Manitoba before winning the Athlone Fellowship to the London School of Economics and Birmingham University in the UK. He became professor of Mechanical Engineering at University of Manitoba at age 24. After 13 years (during which he achieved his PhD) he started a company focused on energy efficiency and solar energy. His companies also manufactured Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment and a radon mitigation system he invented. He was a past chairman the Solar Energy Society of Canada.

In 1989 he took on a new adventure, returning to academia at Pennsylvania State University. He then went to University of Nebraska in 1997 to start a new Architectural Engineering program. He went on to become the first director of the Durham School of Architectural Engineering and Construction. He retired to New Mexico in 2011. He was fearless, original and adventurous, whether camping when it was -40° C, jumping between ice flows as the Assiniboine broke up in spring, or travelling to unusual countries off the beaten path. He returned every year to hunt moose in northern Manitoba until age 82. He balanced his work with canoeing, flying gliders, hang gliding, bungee jumping, hiking, travelling and skydiving. He was the first in Manitoba to skydive from a hot air balloon.

Most of all, he loved his family and delighted in their company and their many accomplishments. He was a kind and fun-loving father and friend to each of his children. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Gren was married to Barbara (nee Perkins) of Winnipeg from 1959 to 1992 and to Dr. Patricia Draper from 1995 until his death. In addition to Pat and her children, Sarah and HB Harpending, he leaves behind son Kevin (Bridget), granddaughters, Bessie and Ellie of Durham, UK; son Mark (Krista) of Winnipeg; son David (Lily), granddaughters, Violet and Florence of Omaha; daughter Katie (Gavin), grandchildren, Calum and Saphira of Leduc, AB; brother David (Beverley) of Winnipeg, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Ken.

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