

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE

We were sad to learn about the passing of the following long-time supporters and friends:

PAUL CLARK

December 11, 1949 – April 12, 2010

Paul was a dynamic, passionate and very engaging person. Professionally, he held a variety of senior leadership roles in the advertising and communication, oil and gas and transportation industries.

Paul valued elegant and artful communication and with his creative eye for design and aesthetics was a respected leader in the communications field. Most importantly, he believed individuals had a responsibility to give back to the community in some way. He served on volunteer boards in the business, social and arts sectors and received numerous awards including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his volunteer contributions.

Paul was a very active member of both the United Way Board and the Campaign Cabinet from 2000-2007, carefully helping to guide us to address the root causes of social issues and to create partnerships to find joint solutions to them. We appreciate all he did for us.

Paul's commitment to excellence and community will truly be missed.

DAVID FREEZE

January 11, 1926 – July 17, 2010

Growing up as the son of a City of Calgary alderman, David Freeze truly understood the meaning of giving back to the community.

After serving in the Canadian Army and receiving his education from the University of Alberta, he joined his father in the family business, eventually taking it over.

In 1987, David sold his insurance company and began to pursue other business ventures. David's entrepreneurial business vision was also reflected in his vision of community - as he anonymously invested in various capital funds and operating projects that would benefit many Calgarians.

David was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed walking along the river. As a result, one of David's more unique gifts to the city is the pedestrian bridge under the Crowchild Bridge that crosses the Bow River. David's legacy of community vision and generosity will surely be missed.

These Calgarians and close friends of United Way have profoundly enriched our organization. We are indebted to them for all they have done and have taught us.

Ruth Ramsden-Wood

BILL LESOURD

September 3, 1917 – January 28, 2010

Bill was a legendary businessman who cherished developing friendships and completing business deals with a simple handshake.

In 1958 he moved from Texas to Calgary to pursue a career in the oil and gas industry, and quickly embraced his new home. An unassuming philanthropist who thrived on helping people through numerous charitable organizations, Bill was a committed supporter of United Way of Calgary and Area, as well as the Rotary Club of Calgary.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor to many. In his free time, he cruised around the world with his wife Betty, but always looked forward to returning home to share his photographs and fascinating stories. When not traveling he was enthusiastic about golfing and achieved four hole-in-ones.

Bill's warmth, kindness and passion for people will be dearly missed.

PEGGY VALENTINE

June 17, 1940 – March 7, 2011

"She was a force to be reckoned with," says Ruth Ramsden-Wood speaking of Peggy Valentine.

Peggy Valentine was one-of-a-kind; a true community leader. She loved this city and its people, and was an active and recognized educator and advocate. Peggy's engagement in the community stemmed from the convictions and strength of her character, and her firm belief in doing for others.

Among Peggy's many contributions to this city were her roles with the Calgary Board of Education, the Calgary Olympic Development Association, the University of Calgary, The Calgary Stampede Foundation, Right to Play and United Way of Calgary and Area.

Peggy was regarded as a dynamo whose dedication and energy were both inspiring and contagious. She was known for getting people to listen and getting the right people to the table who could make things happen. "She knew so many people in this city," notes Ruth. "She was a person who could connect the dots."

Peggy Valentine was a symbol of passion and a testament to both courage and strength. She will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.