

## **DAVID M. BROUSSON (1920-1992)** (from UBC archives)

Among the large group of dedicated and loyal alumni of which this university can be justly proud, the name of the late David Brousson will always be high on the list.

Mr. Brousson was born in 1920. After completing high school in Victoria he earned a teaching certificate from Victoria College in 1939. Following service as a Lieutenant of Artillery in World War II, he entered this university and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Applied Science. During his university years he assumed many leadership positions in the Alma Mater Society and served as President in his senior year. The class of 1949 produced many notable alumni, including the names of Paul Plant and John Turner. It was a group who remained lifelong friends and untiring supporters of the university.

After graduation David Brousson founded Century Sales and Controls Ltd. and built it into a highly successful business. He changed careers in 1975 and followed his lifelong interest in education by accepting the position of Dean at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

David Brousson's life was one of continuous and unselfish service to his province, to the betterment of education, and to this university. As an elected member of the legislature from 1968 to 1973, he earned respect from all sides of the house for his integrity and his dedication to the interests of all British Columbians. He gave his time willingly to many organizations, including trusteeships in the B.C. Advanced Systems Foundation, Discovery Foundation, Terry Fox Foundation, and as Chairman of Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. He was an active environmentalist who often raised his voice in support of the preservation of the Skagit Valley.

In the field of education there were few more active supporters. He served on the Senate of UBC from 1966 to 1978 and later as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Victoria. He also served as an articulate President of the Alumni Association of The University of British Columbia.

David Brousson played many roles and was a credit to each one. He was not only a leader, but he inspired others to give as generously as he did. No better tribute could be paid to David Brousson than those words written by his lifelong friend Pat McGeer:

"We enjoyed him as a cheerful companion. We trusted him as a loyal friend. We admired him as a strong leader. We respected him as a gentleman of character, we were privileged to know him well, and we are better for it."

To his wife, Trix, and to others of his family, the UBC Senate extends its deepest sympathy.

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David Maurice Brousson (December 14, 1920 – May 3, 1992) was a businessman, educator and political figure in British Columbia. He represented North Vancouver-Capilano in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia from 1969 to 1973 as a Liberal.

He was educated in Victoria, British Columbia and studied at Victoria College and the University of British Columbia, during World War II, Brousson was a lieutenant in an artillery unit. After the war, he founded Century Sales and Controls Ltd; in 1975, Brousson became dean at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. He served as chairman for the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, as a member of the senate for the University of British Columbia (1966–1978) and as a member of the Board of Governors for the University of Victoria. Brousson was an unsuccessful candidate in the federal riding of Capilano in 1984, he resigned his seat in the provincial assembly in October 1973 to look after his business interests.