



Mr. Albert Antoine Breton

February 13, 2016

Albert Breton, 86 years, of Toronto, died peacefully at home on February 13, 2016 surrounded by his family in the last days of his life. Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of Toronto, he received his Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University, New York City. He taught at the Université de Montréal, Carleton University, Université Catholique de Louvain, the London School of Economics, Harvard University, the Università di Perugia, the Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), and the Institut de Sciences Politiques de Paris. He worked as a researcher at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (Bangalore, India). He was the author of over 130 books and articles on questions of federalism, constitutionalism, and economic theory and policy. He was Special Advisor to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau for 10 years through the 1970's, while still teaching at the University of Toronto. From 1979 to 1982, he was Vice-chairman of the Applebaum-Hébert Federal Cultural Policy Review Committee and, from 1982 to 1985, he was a Commissioner with the Macdonald Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada. He served on the Board of Governors of the National Theatre School of Canada, and on the Canadian Economic Policy Committee of the C.D. Howe Research Institute. He was an Officer of The Order of Canada since 1984 and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada since 1979. He had an LL.D. (Honoris Causa) from the University of Manitoba. He was a past President of the Canadian Economics Association. A Festschrift in his honour was published in 2000 by Cambridge University Press. He was a man

of enormous character and great warmth; he was funny, kind, loving and always the life of the party. He leaves his wife, Margot, his children Catherine (Carol Manak), Natalie, Francoise, Robert (Lindsey McMaster), his grandchildren Sophia, Liv and William, his brothers Raymond (Lily), Gabriel, and Roland (Diane) and sister Claire (Etienne Gaboury), all of whom loved him immensely and will miss him terribly. The family will be having a private memorial in his honour. Condolences may be directed to aftercare.org. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Amnesty International.

Tribute Wall



“ *Christopher AO lit a candle in memory of Albert Breton*



Christopher AO - June 02, 2024 at 05:13 AM

RW

“ *Dear Natalie, Sophia and family,
We are thinking of you at this difficult time and sending hugs. What an incredible man you Dad was Nat, I so wish I could have met him. The wonderful memories you have will always be there to hopefully lend some comfort and laughter down the road and your Dad's spirit for life will always be shining through you and Soph. Love to you both and to your family.
Risa, Tim & Katie xo*

Risa Waldman - February 22, 2016 at 10:32 AM

TE

“ *Teni lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton*



Teni - February 21, 2016 at 09:45 AM

FN

“ *From Ruby To Sophia And Natalie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton*



From Ruby to Sophia and Natalie - February 20, 2016 at 12:52 PM

FN

This is from Ruby

From Ruby to Sophia and Natalie - February 20, 2016 at 12:53 PM

SR

“ *Shirin And Ruby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton*



Shirin and Ruby - February 20, 2016 at 12:48 PM

JA

“ *À toi chère Margot, à toute la famille, notre meilleure pensée à l'occasion de la mort d'Albert qui éveille en nous tant de souvenirs admiratifs, affectueux. Bon courage.*
Jean et Janine Fortier

Janine Anctil-Fortier - February 19, 2016 at 10:32 AM

JA

“ *Janine Anctil-Fortier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton*



Janine Anctil-Fortier - February 19, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton.*



February 19, 2016 at 09:42 AM

DS

“ *Albert et moi avons été de grands amis durant toutes nos années d'études au Juniorat et collège de St-Boniface. Ensemble nous avons publié un journal et un album des finissants en 1951 puis nos chemins ont divergé. Mes très sincères condoléances à chaque membre de la famille pour ce grand départ. Denis A. St-Onge*

Denis A. St-Onge - February 18, 2016 at 02:19 PM

MA

“ Dear Margot,

On behalf of Anthony (Tony) (d. Feb 17, 2015) and Barbara Scott, and myself and my brother, Nick, we send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Albert was a long time colleague, and a good friend, to my dad. We always enjoyed Albert's visits to the Scott house in Vancouver. He was a wonderfully gracious and interesting guest, who felt like one of the family. My mum sends her sympathy to you. She has fond memories of times spent with you, Albert and my dad.

Best wishes, and love,

Margot Scott

margot - February 18, 2016 at 11:40 AM

NI

“ Dear Natalie, my thoughts and prayers with you and your family.



Nava Israel - February 18, 2016 at 08:18 AM

PL

“ *What a remarkable life he lived. It's wonderful (but no surprise) to hear of his accomplishments and the esteem in which he was held. The Breton family is a joy to be around, and it will continue to pay him the highest tribute one can every hope to receive. May you all be well, at peace and comforted by the love that surrounds you.*

Philip Lortie - February 17, 2016 at 12:23 PM

FR

“ *Federico Revelli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton*



Federico Revelli - February 17, 2016 at 02:58 AM

AR

“ *Natalie, I know your father was a wonderful, kind, and special person from all of your stories, but I had no idea that he made such an impression on the world around him. I know he will be missed terribly by you and your family, and now I know he will be missed by many, many more. Certainly his spirit will live on in the hearts of everyone whose lives he touched. My sincere condolences to you and all of your family. With love and warm thoughts, Amy (Rogers)*



Amy Rogers - February 16, 2016 at 09:44 PM

BT

“ Dear Margot, Cathy and Natalie:
You are the three members of this family that I have known over the years and of course, lately, my contact has been particularly close with Natalie. I followed these last few weeks of Dr. Breton's life through Natalie's experience and was so saddened when it became clear that he was not going to recover. Unfortunately, I never met your husband in person, Margot, but always knew about him and his many, many accomplishments. I am very sorry for your loss - this husband that you so treasured, Margot, and the father that you all loved so very much, Cathy and Natalie - and your brother and sister, of course.
My heartfelt condolences to all of you,
Trixie

Beatrice Traub-Werner - February 16, 2016 at 06:18 PM

AF

“ ANGELA FRASCHINI lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert Antoine Breton



ANGELA FRASCHINI - February 15, 2016 at 03:21 PM

AF

“ Dear Margot,
I have no words to express my great sorrow for the death of Albert. For me Albert was not only a brilliant colleague, but above all a dear friend whose memory I will always carry in my heart. To you and to all your family I offer my deepest condolences. Angela Fraschini

ANGELA FRASCHINI - February 15, 2016 at 03:16 PM