



John David Bogart

December 6, 2021

John David Bogart, February 28, 1934 to December 6, 2021 – Loving husband of Mary Louise Bogart (nee Cleverley) his wife of 64 years, cherished father of David (Kent), predeceased by his younger son and former law partner, Richard (Dr. Richelle Twose), proud grandfather to Amelia Hope Twose Bogart and uncle to many nieces and nephews. John passed peacefully at True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged in East York after struggling with several health conditions over the past year. One of seven brothers, John was born, raised and educated in Toronto, graduating with a law degree from the University of Toronto. He launched a successful law career that began in the early 1960s with the law firm of Roberston, Lane and Perrett. John was one of the founding partners of the Toronto firm of Bogart, Robertson and Chu in 1991, and retired from the company in 2014. In his spare time, John was a talented amateur photographer as well as an avid fisherman. He enjoyed numerous fishing expeditions over the decades with colleagues and friends to locations in many parts of western Canada as well as on frequent visits to a beloved fishing camp in Quebec accompanied in later years by his son, Richard. Admired for his kind spirit in both professional and personal circumstances, John will also be missed for his tremendous sense of humour and his wit by which he charmed all those around him. The following is an excerpt from John's favourite poem, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost:

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Please do not send flowers and instead consider making a donation to True Davidson Acres Home for the Aged (TDA) in John's name. The truly dedicated staff at TDA moved mountains to sustain their residents during COVID-19, successfully avoiding a major outbreak, and always provided tremendous care to John during his residency. A private family service will be held at a later time to honour John's life.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ *Deepest sympathies to Louise and David...
John was an extraordinary kind man and a true gentleman.
May your many memories bring you comfort at this very difficult
time.*

*Thinking of you
Tina Gervasi and family*

Tina Gervasi - December 13, 2021 at 03:02 PM

“ John and I met in 1973 when I had just graduated from the University of Toronto Law School and was interviewing for an articling position with several Toronto law firms.

John was a "young" senior partner of an established Toronto law firm which had a broad client base and a solid reputation in all areas of business law (and business was my main interest in pursuing a law degree and legal career); particularly in the areas of corporate and commercial law, finance and real estate development.

John offered me an articling position, which I immediately and enthusiastically accepted. John and I hit it off from day one. He was an inspirational mentor to me; a brilliant legal draftsman, creative in the structuring of business transactions and joint ventures to achieve the goals of his clients and their development partners. John had a relaxed, easy-going good humour, a gentle confidence, an unparalleled, straightforward friendly manner, and a gentlemanly professionalism to the core.

John was just on the cusp of developing his major specialty of real estate acquisitions and development ventures for several major Canadian pension funds; an expertise that he expanded very successfully into an exhilarating, intense specialty practice area upon which he founded a new firm (the current "Bogart Robertson & Chu LLP"), completing many large real estate transactions across Canada, and building a national reputation, and also building his personal reputation, and that of BRC, as trusted and conscientious experts in this area of legal practice.

In my experience, the Canadian commercial real estate development industry, and the pension funds involved therein, are comprised of highly principled, hard-working, successful shining stars. John Bogart was a comet in that firmament. It was an honour and a constant pleasure to voyage with him in that realm.

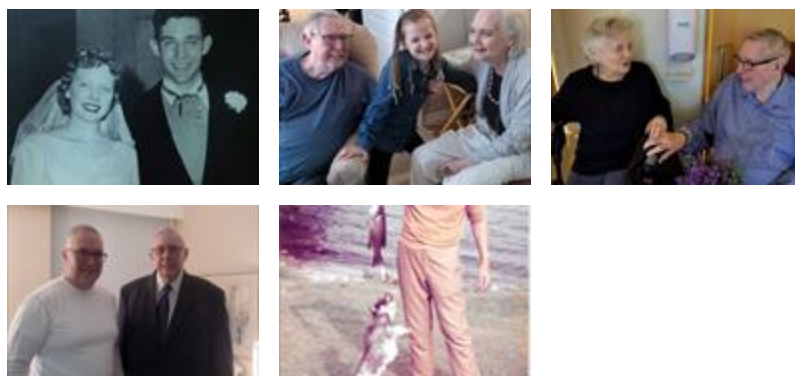
Rest in peace, my friend.

Bunk Robertson

Bunk Robertson - December 12, 2021 at 10:43 AM



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Aftercare Cremation & Burial Service - December 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM

MA

“ *Our Sincere Condolences to John's Family, Friends and everyone at the Firm. He will be missed by all who knew him. A Gentleman like no other. Rest In Peace John.*

Maria Accomando & David Scott

Maria Accomando - December 08, 2021 at 02:06 PM



MB

“ *Hi Aunt Mary Louise and David... it will be nice my Uncle John will be in heaven with his son Richard and his mom and brothers. It was nice I could be with him and all the info he text to me for 'Bogart House' in the Newmarket area. I was there too to see my mom and dad and grandparents at the Newmarket Cemetery. God blessing to my Uncle John....love Danielle Bogart.*

Marie Danielle Bogart - December 08, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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David Bogart - December 08, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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David Bogart - December 08, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MB

Nice pic with mom and dad, their two son's (my cousin's) and Richards wife...they have a girl...😊

Marie Danielle Bogart - December 08, 2021 at 01:59 PM

BC

“ In 1991 John, Bunk Robertson and I founded Bogart Robertson & Chu. I could not have wished for or found a more loyal, superb, mentoring legal partner than John. Not only was he a fantastic lawyer and overall good person, but John had a great talent of connecting with people almost immediately. I recall early in my career going up to our offices in the elevator and he struck up a conversation with a stranger who was also along for the ride. Within a week that person became a client of the firm.

John's ability to sincerely care for those he encountered included his clients, many of whom later became his friends. Within the legal bar, a multitude of lawyers respected John as one of the giants in the commercial real estate/pension fund sector.

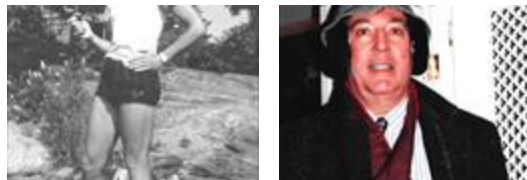
Losing John marks the passing of a golden era in our firm's history and he will be missed dearly.

Brian Chu

Brian Chu - December 08, 2021 at 08:30 AM

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David Bogart - December 07, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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David Bogart - December 07, 2021 at 05:02 PM

MB

I have this same picture in my living room at home, nice to see my dad and all my Uncle and grandfather... 😊

Marie Danielle Bogart - December 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM

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David Bogart - December 07, 2021 at 05:00 PM