

Anton Hart

HART, WILLEM ANTON ADRIAAN
May 9, 1946, Utrecht, Netherlands – October 11, 2022, Toronto, Ontario

The family of Anton Hart is sad to announce that Anton suddenly passed away in his 77th year at Michael Garron Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

Anton is survived by his wife, Linell Elliott, and his beloved children: his daughter, Rebecca (Marc Cooper), and his sons, Matthew (Pearl Golez), Eric (Kelly Iggers), Michiel (Rebekah Walker), Sean Hurley-Hart (Samantha Mazzuca), and David Hurley-Hart (Amy Forsey).

Anton leaves his adored grandchildren: Cameron and Megan Cooper, Aidan and Zachary Hart, Mabel Hart, and Wilhelmina and Beatrix Hart.

He is also survived by his siblings: Willem, Dirk, Peter, Michael, and Willemina.

Anton was predeceased by his father, Rev. Klaas Hart; his mother, Wilhelmina Fonds; and his brother, Hendrik.

Anton will be dearly missed by his extended family of many nieces and nephews and his dear friends, who meant the world to him. Whether they were playing squash, mining for gold, fishing, or just having meals together, he cherished his time with them.

Anton had an entrepreneurial spirit — from selling vacuum cleaners in college to winning many awards as a sales representative for a large pharmaceutical company to painting a mural at the base of the CN Tower, and, finally, to founding Longwoods Publishing Corp., a successful independent publishing company, specializing in healthcare policy. Longwoods became the place where leaders from healthcare could share ideas and leading practices. Anton also chaired the *Ontario Task Force on Methadone Maintenance Treatment Practices* and served on many boards and as an adviser to many peoples, all to better healthcare across Canada. More information.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention his love of the deal, whether he was negotiating a business contract or buying art at an auction. He'd be proud to tell you he never bought a suit new. He also loved to search for treasures in massive antique barns.

His final years were difficult, but he found some solace in classical music, both listening to and playing the piano. He also enjoyed visits from family (particularly his grandkids) and friends if they didn't impede his 8 to 10 daily walks with, Scout, his Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

His humour, generosity, wisdom, and love and those wonderful bear hugs will be missed every day.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a tribute gift (https://alz.to/give/) to the Alzheimer's Society. They were a big support to his caregivers over these past years and continue to support and guide people dealing with this disease.

A memorial is being planned. Details TBA.