fishing in the late fall one year on the Bulkley River, near Smithers. It was snowing horizontally, and the river was high and raging, as in a biblical scene. For Baigent, that was a typical day on the water. As for Pearson, though his face was whiter than the snow, he was game.

Just a word or two more must be added about John's time on the water: he cruised for years with family and friends on idyllic summer weekends in the Gulf Islands. He sailed the South Pacific. He even did some racing in local waters. When tactics or equipment fell apart in a race, he was unflappable.

In 2005 John met Marilyn De Rooy. They married in 2013. The two travelled the world and shared other adventures, even after John's illness began to reveal itself. Marilyn provided care, love and support to John throughout his final years. He was able to be at home to the end. At the celebration of John's life, she spoke of his honourable and gentle soul. In saying that, she spoke for us all.

The Honourable Justice George Macintosh

David Wallace Kington

On Thursday, December 7, 2017, the family and friends of David Wallace Kington gathered at the Vancouver Club to commemorate David's life and to share many stories and happy memories. David's wife Eveline and son Matthew spoke movingly of a loving husband and father, as did several of David's friends and former colleagues.



One of the "lucky few" who was born and raised and built his adult life in Vancouver, Dave was born on December 26, 1948 and graduated from Magee High School in 1967. He valued the many friends he made during those formative years, maintaining many of those friendships throughout his life. Dave then enrolled at UBC, where he joined the Zeta Psi Fraternity and excelled in all aspects of the fraternity lifestyle.

Called to the B.C. bar on May 15, 1974, Dave began his career in the three-man firm of Hawthorne Piggott and Kington, known today as Hawthorn Piggott and Company.

In 1980 Dave took a sabbatical from the practice of law to join a Calgary financial institution, returning to Vancouver in 1982 to join the firm then known as Lyall Mckercher and Hanna (later known as Lyall Mckercher) and now known as Fasken. David became a leading lawyer in the lending group and worked closely with the fledgling technology practice group.

In 2002 David left Fasken to join the lending group at Clark Wilson, bringing with him many of his loyal clients and his expertise.

For many at Clark Wilson, Dave was our beloved "curmudgeon", because he could be cantankerous, caring and fun—all at once.

Throughout his career, David's love for the law made him an outstanding practitioner. He was smart, creative, determined, loyal, wise and ethical. Within the partnership he lived up to his duty of utmost good faith to his partners. He was a true professional and had an ethical compass that always guided him to do the right thing.

He was, in every sense, a true gentleman.

David served his clients well and was rewarded by commanding a large practice of loyal, successful clients, many of whom became lifelong friends. Dave will be remembered by his colleagues, opposing counsel, lenders and borrowers as one of the leading lawyers in this area of practice.

Above all, David was a family man who was deeply devoted to Eveline, the love of his life and his intellectual equal, always the best foil for his dry sense of humour. Together they raised son Matt in a loving family, providing him with every opportunity to succeed. Today, Matt is well on his way to becoming a leader in our business community.

When David died, on November 19, 2017, the legal profession lost one of its best practitioners and a true role model. A dedicated solicitor who maintained the highest standards of practice, David was deeply loyal to his family, friends, partners, colleagues and clients. He achieved a truly balanced life and will be profoundly missed.

Lyall D. Knott, Q.C.