It is with the deepest sorrow that we share the news that John Fraser has passed away. A long-time treasured member of our Chapter, John was a visionary and a leader in our profession. John was a great leader, mentor and advisor. He left a deep, positive impact on the others he met in his working life and always encouraged them to achieve their professional goals. He will be remembered in high esteem in our thoughts, and will remain in our hearts always. John was one of the longest standing members of our chapter, having joined our membership 44 years ago. The next generation of risk and audit professionals had the chance to learn directly from John about Enterprise Risk Management in their Master’s studies at York University and at many speaking engagements and conferences. His work as an early adopter establishing ERM at Hydro One became the topic of a classic case study at Harvard Business School. He was an accomplished author and editor, writing both ERM textbooks in our professional field, and also having very recently published an annotated version of the history of Barbados from around 1650, entitled the Cavaliers and Roundheads of Barbados.

We share from John’s obituary that he died peacefully at home after a courageous 5-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He leaves behind his wife Wendy, children Heather (Scott), James (Cheryl), and Todd (Jenny), and beloved grandchildren David, Brayden, Andrew, Sydney, Jack, and Ben. His family was his joy and he was always up for a game of soccer, pickleball, or spike ball with his kids and grandkids. He justly earned the name of Mr. Competitive. His early love of soccer was quickly followed by any sport involving a ball, and a few that didn’t.

Born in Barbados in 1946, John was the youngest of 4 children and leaves behind his brother Henry, sisters Mary (Ward), Ros (Bourne), and extended family.

John was a man of integrity and was truly guided by what was just. He was a hard worker, happiest while working on projects. He was recognized worldwide as a speaker, author, and editor of many papers and textbooks on Enterprise Risk Management and was the retired CRO of Hydro One. John was generous with his time, always willing and eager to teach, encourage and mentor others. His legacy of love, kindness, and generosity will continue to inspire us all. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered. John’s family has shared that in lieu of flowers, donations to the Princess Margaret Hospital or a charity of your choice are appreciated.