



**PROFESSOR
PETER CHRISTOFFERSEN**

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It is with the deepest sorrow and sense of loss that we announce that Peter Christoffersen passed away peacefully on June 22, 2018 surrounded by the warmth and love of family. Although his years with us were too few, his impact on our lives was enormous and will be everlasting. A beloved husband, son, brother, father, friend and colleague, Peter was a world-renowned scholar, insightful teacher, trusted mentor, respected leader, attentive listener, and voracious reader. Even as his physical health failed him, his knowledge expanded, his enthusiasm for new endeavors never wavered, and he continued to love intellectual debate and conversation. His amazing sense of humor, one-liners, and recollection of stories always kept the conversation interesting, lively, and fun, leaving us with so many vivid memories of good times, laughter and his contagious, ear-to-ear smile.

Growing up as an innkeeper's son in Denmark, studying high school in Michigan, completing his doctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania, marrying a Canadian in Denmark and raising a family in Canada while teaching as a professor at McGill and then the University of Toronto, Peter travelled the world with a curiosity, openness, and willingness to explore. With strong roots and connection to his Danish family, Peter learned early in life the importance of family, hard work, and strong personal values that will forever be a part of his legacy. These qualities have all served as the foundation of a fulfilling and productive life rewarded with countless academic accolades, teaching awards, and numerous personal achievements including appointments with the International Monetary Fund, Model Validation Council of the Federal Reserve System, and numerous editorial boards. As the TMX Chair in Capital Markets at Rotman, Fellow at the Bank of Canada, Visiting Scholar at Copenhagen Business School, author of well over 50 articles, books, and book chapters, and advisor to more than 20 doctoral students, Peter was an outstanding academic with profound impact in the field of risk management. His unassuming and down-to-earth nature belied his extraordinary contributions to the academic community.

Peter's kind heart, loyalty, and loving nature will be forever missed by his wife, Susan; sons, Nicholas and Phillip; parents, Jenna and Johannes; and brother, Jacob. Always the optimist and source of strength, inspiration, and wise counsel, Peter has touched the lives of so many, particularly his extended family in Michigan and British Columbia. The family is enormously grateful to his dedicated oncologist and all the many health care workers who fought alongside Peter in his long battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sunnybrook Foundation or to a scholarship that will be established in Peter's name at the Rotman School of Management (development@rotman.utoronto.ca).

A funeral service will be held on July 7 at 11 a.m. at the Danish Lutheran Church, 72 Finch Avenue West, North York, ON. For the broader Rotman and University communities, a celebration of his life will be held on July 18 at 3.30 p.m. at the Rotman School of Management.