Herbert H. Lank Former Du Pont chairman dies

Herbert H. Lank, former chairman and president of Mississauga-based Du Pont Canada Inc., died Saturday in Montreal after a brief illness.

The 82-year-old founding president of Du Pont Canada, from 1954 to 1965, later served a four-year term as company chairman until 1969 — a period of corporate history remembered for its exceptional growth and diversification.

Lank, the son of a rural mail carrier in Delaware, began in Du Pont's export group and moved up the corporate ladder. He played a leading role in many international, Canadian and community organizations, serving as chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

In a distinguished business career spanning three continents, Lank received numerous awards, including an honorary associate award from the Conference Board of Canada in 1983 and the Society of Chemical Industry's Canada medal in 1966 for his contributions to the industry.

And on May 26, in a rare tribute, Lank's alma mater, the University of Delaware, said it was striking a distinguished service medal to honor his humanitarian concerns.

Lank served on the board of many prominent companies including Bell Canada, Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas, Northern Telecom, Pratt & Whitney Canada, Sun Life Assurance Co., Toronto-Dominion Bank, Canadian Pacific. Genstar Limited and Dominion Bridge.

He is survived by his wife Oriana, daughter Geneva, both of Montreal. and sons Raymond (Orangeville, Ont.) and Alden and David of Montreal,



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