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JACKSON, Dr. Martin P. A.

Dr. Martin P.A. Jackson passed away peacefully at home in Austin, Texas on May 31, 2016 from cancer. He was surrounded by his family. Martin lived a truly remarkable life. He was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), one of three sons of Honor and Gerald Jackson. Growing up, he developed a deep love of the outdoors and adventure. These interests became the bedrock of his life and led him into a career in the earth sciences, a field that he became passionate about.

In 1980, Martin moved his family from South Africa to the U.S. to join the Bureau of Economic Geology at The University of Texas at Austin. During his 36 years with the Bureau, he founded the Applied Geodynamics Laboratory, a preeminent research consortium. A highly- regarded geologist, his work advancing the field of salt tectonics took him all over the world. He authored several books and over 100 papers and received countless professional accolades and awards.

Martin was the epitome of humility - always curious and deeply interested in the lives of others. He was a delight to be with and a true gentleman. Kind beyond measure and devoted to his family, he was an endless font of anecdotes and knowledge. In his free time, Martin loved playing the guitar, exploring the wild places of the world, and enjoying time with family and friends.

Beloved husband of Jo. Loving father of Britt and Kirsty and dear father-in-law of Ed. Doting grandfather of Benjamin and James. Devoted brother of Brian and Andrew. Endearing brother-in-law, uncle, and cousin to family and friends near and far. We all treasure and deeply miss you Marty and you are forever in our hearts. A Celebration of his life will be held on Thursday June 23 at the For The City Center, St. John's campus. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes gifts made in memory of Martin Jackson to Hospice Austin, hospiceaustin.org, or the Foundation for His Ministry, ffhm.org.

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