

Tribute to
David Hill Kanowakeron Morrison UE
(1954 – 2024)



David Hill Kanowakeron Morrison UE, who passed away on October 16, 2024, was a cherished member and leader of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC). A resolute Central West Councillor for many years, National UELAC Board Director, and a great historian. David's life was a testament to perseverance, cultural pride, and service to his communities.

Born in Rochester, New York, in 1954, David's journey to uncovering his Loyalist roots began after reconnecting with his birth mother in 1991. This led to the revelation that he was the seventh great-grandson of Joseph Brant (Thayendanegea), the renowned Mohawk leader and Loyalist. This connection sparked his deep involvement in the UELAC and his work to honour the intertwined histories of Indigenous and Loyalist heritage.

David played pivotal roles in the UELAC. He was a founding member and served as Vice President for the former virtual Bridge Annex Branch and as Grand River Branch Webmaster. His commitment extended far beyond administrative duties; he was instrumental in promoting education about Haudenosaunee culture and Loyalist contributions to Canada. David was also an advocate for Native adoptees and an enthusiastic supporter of Indigenous and Loyalist history.

In 2018, David's remarkable contributions were recognized with the UELAC Dorchester Award, celebrating his excellence in volunteerism and leadership. Throughout his life, he balanced identities as a Mohawk, Canadian Loyalist, and citizen of the United States, bridging diverse cultural perspectives with integrity and grace.

David's work left an indelible mark on the UELAC and the communities he served. His passion, wisdom, and dedication will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May he rest in peace, leaving a legacy of unity, history, and inspiration for generations to come.

Warm Regards,

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UELAC National President