



Emeritus Associate Professor Brian David Alan Paddon BSc (AIC) CBA MBA

Brian David Alan Paddon was born in Calcutta, 16th September 1932, son of Errol Graham Evans Paddon and Joyce Margery Paddon (nee Nichols). With the later birth of his sister, Valerie, the family home was in Amritsar. The two children were sent to boarding schools in Darjeeling. During one of his school holidays that he was taken to Nepal to meet the current Dalai Lama, a boy two years younger than himself.

During the 2nd World War, it was decided to send him and his sister, Valerie, back to South Africa. Brian was sent to St Andrews College in Grahamstown, his father's home town. At school, Brian was both an academic, doing his "A" levels in 1950 and an athlete, being in the hockey, cross-country and rowing teams. After school he registered at UCT for a BSc in Applied and Industrial Chemistry (the forerunner of Chemical Engineering) in 1951. Graduating in 1954 he took up his first job at the then Mobil Refinery in Durban.

It was at the beginning of his 4th Year that he met Joan-Marie Stent who was doing her Higher Ed. Diploma at UCT. They spent a year courting prior to an engagement at Joan-Marie's 21st birthday party, 1st January 1955 and a marriage on the 10th December 1955.

Setting up home in Durban, Brian continued at the Refinery, whilst Joan-Marie taught for six months prior to the birth of their first daughter, Christine. Thereafter at two year intervals the family expanded with Bridget, the twins, David & Alan and Eric.

The family moved to Cape Town January 1963 and took up residence in a Fernwood Estate house that remained the family home for 39 years. The children went to Rustenburg Junior School and Western Province Preparatory School prior to high school in Grahamstown. During the mid-sixties Brian studied part-time, graduating as one of the first UCT MBA graduates in 1966.

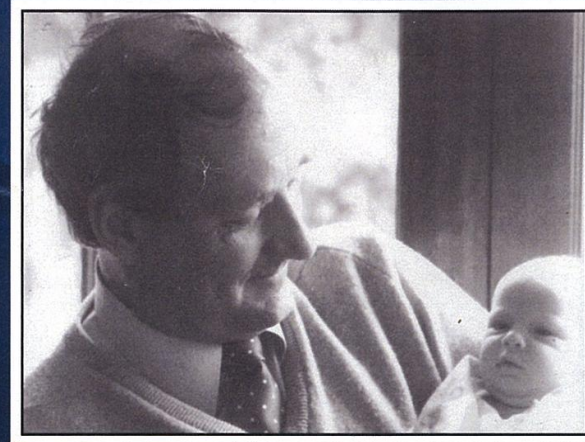
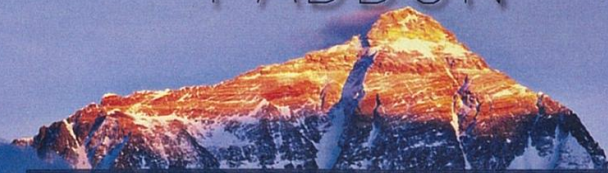
In 1969, Brian decided to leave the corporate world and took up a senior lecturer position in the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1970. With his 15 years' industrial experience he taught the "Chemical Process Industries" and "Chemical Engineering Design" courses. Made an Associate Professor in 1980 Prof Paddon took early retirement at the end of 1994 and went to Australia on an 18-month contract at the Queensland University. After returning to South Africa, Professor Paddon maintained a close relationship with the department and was often called on to be a guest lecturer. He is remembered as the "biographer" of the early history of the department of Chemical Engineering. Brian was appointed an Emeritus Associate Professor for his contribution to UCT.

In his later years, Brian and Joan-Marie moved to the Larmenier Retirement Village. He became a proud grand parent to Marie and Pierre and 2012, a great-grandfather to Fletcher.

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In Loving Memory

BRIAN DAVID ALAN PADDON



16 September 1932 - 20 June 2015

Memorial Service
Nazareth House, Vredehoek
Friday 26 June 2015 10:30am