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OBITUARY DONALD JOHN MacCANDLISH, B'Eng 1925 - 2009 Don MacCandlish passed away at the Lakeshore General Hospital on March 8 at the age of eighty-three after a life well lived. He was surrounded by his family in his final days. He is survived by his caring wife and soul mate Ruth Grandjean, his three children: Donna, Dale and Drew, his son-in-law Greg Weil and four grandchildren: Tanya, Alexander, Amanda and Nikki; nephews Bruce and Donald Irwin, Chris Grandjean; niece Kathy Irwin and brother-in-law Peter Grandjean. A graduate of McGill University with the Engineering Class of 1950, Don remained an active and proud organizer of alumni activities for the rest of his life. His entire career, which spanned forty-four years, was with the engineering firm Preston Phipps, where he began as a salesman and retired as President. Don is perhaps best known for his love of the outdoors and many passions blending wind, water, nature and exercise. Among his favorites were heli-skiing, sailing, canoeing, white water kayaking, scuba diving, snow boarding, model plane flying, cycling, and more recently, para-sailing. Don practiced many of his sports until very recently with youthful enthusiasm and forged many friendships with those who shared these interests. Don was a very proud Father and Grandfather, always ready to support in any way. And he was loyal to a very broad circle of friends of all ages. In recent years Don became actively involved in environmental issues and the need for us to become better stewards of the planet. He also collaborated with classmates to raise funds for the Engineering Class of '50 Learning Centre Project. A great and enthusiastic teacher to everyone willing to learn and an instigator of living life to the fullest, Don was an inspiration to us all. We are blessed to have been a part of his life and are undoubtedly better for having known him. He will be greatly missed as he soars elsewhere, but has left the world a better place, and the gift of memories he has given us will flourish forever. A private family service has been held. On April 4th, there will be a celebration of Don's life held from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club at 1350 Lakeshore in Dorval with a tribute presentation at 3 p.m. Many thanks to Peter Hovestadt who was of great support in Don's last days, as well to the many who have reached out to the family upon learning of Don's death. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made in his memory to McGill University Faculty of Engineering (sent to "In Memory Program", McGill University, 1430 Peel St, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 3T3). Please place any notes to the family to the guest book at www.remembering.ca. Published in the Montreal Gazette on 3/14/2009