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named this section of the nature preserve, Chant's Woods.

Jim touched many lives. He was intelligent, pragmatic, generous, confident, wise, caring, a willing advocate for others, and went out of his way to support the endeavors of others without judgment. He expected the best from individuals, businesses, and government.

Unlike many people, when he found a problem he would take the initiative to address it trying to make a positive change. Jim would attempt to engage others with private chats, and if necessary finding and talking to supervisors, CEOs, writing letters to government officials, congressmen, even the President of the United States. In these discussions, Jim often got results as he was always a gentleman, never argued, and treated everyone with polite respect. He honored his word and expected others to do the same. He believed in the innate goodness in people and maintained a positive outlook and attitude throughout his life.

Mr. Chant's ability to talk to employees, customers, and government officials on all levels, clearly understand goals and testing needs, provide unique

and custom solutions, and his strong vision ultimately drove the company to become a leading manufacturer of testing machinery, reeling machines, test stands and other related rigging shop accessories. He was not only an innovator ahead of his time but also an iconic figure in our industry.

Jim left behind his legacy and today, Chant Engineering is still a fam-

ily owned and operated business run by Jim Chant's son, Philip Chant (Fig. 8). Phil has served as its President since 2000 and over the past seventeen years, Phil has been able to preserve his father's vision. He was fortunate to be able to work side-by-side with Jim for over 35 years to learn the business from the ground up, to help cultivate its corporate culture and to facilitate the company's growth to nearly 60 employees. Chant has become a global manufacturing facility serving customers testing equipment needs worldwide.

Jim died peacefully at home on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the age of 89 and was surrounded by his loving family (Fig. 9). He was a unique, funny little gentleman from England who loved engineering, his family, friends, and employees and let his passion drive his path to become an industry icon and inventor. Of course, Jim was also a great husband, father, mentor, and friend to all who knew him and he will be greatly missed by all.

*"It is a very sad time and we all have a heavy heart as we mourn Jim's passing. He has touched and impacted so many people over the years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to*

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Charlton House Doors. Photo taken by Jim Chant in 1950. He always believed "when one door closes, another opens", quote by Alexander Graham Bell.