



LABOW, Mark
(1932 - 2018)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear Mark in Sainte-Agathe P.Q. on April 24, 2018. Mark is survived by his cherished wife, Claudine Geoffroy, his children Sheryl (Ronald Black) and Richard (Karen Kofman), his grandchildren Lesley and Phillip Black and Amber, Andrew and Alison Labow, his brother Sam (Michelle) and a great number of friends. A private ceremony to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Canadian Ski Patrol

<https://www.skipatrol.ca/donate/>

to perpetuate his legacy towards educational excellence for ski patrollers through a “Mark Labow Education Fund” monitored by Life Members of the Canadian Ski Patrol.

Donations may also be made to the Jewish General Hospital Foundation

<https://jghfoundation.org/en/donations/products>

or to Fondation Médicale des Laurentides

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From Kim Duhaime
Patrol Leader,
April 26th, 2018

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of one of the legends of ski patrolling: Mr. Mark Labow passed away on April 24, 2018.

Mark was involved with the Canadian Ski Patrol for 70 years, and he was a driving force in the organisation's development and success over the years, serving as national president from 1969 to 1975. He was the founding president of the [Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski](#) (FIPS) in 1979, and served as president until 2003. In addition, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Canadian Ski Council.

Mark received a number of awards and recognitions over the years for his contributions to skiing and ski patrolling, including the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal (1977), membership in the Laurentian Ski Hall of Fame (2006), and honorary memberships in the ski patrol systems of the United States, Australia and France. In 2010, he was inducted into the Canadian Ski Hall of fame, and he was awarded the first Canadian Ski Patrol Diamond Award just last year. In 2011, the Mark Labow Award was created in his honour to recognize an individual or organization who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the aims and objectives of FIPS. Most recently, Mark was unanimously appointed Honorary Founding Chairman of FIPS by the member organizations, in recognition of and gratitude for all his work in establishing FIPS.

Ski patrolling was Mark's lifelong passion – he spent his life striving to improve safety on the hills and in the mountains that he loved. He inspired more than one generation of ski patrollers, and he will be fondly remembered by many for the invaluable knowledge in first aid and leadership that he passed on with such great spirit. I want to express a special thank you personally: Mark was an invaluable resource to me when I was named Patrol Leader at Ski Morin-Heights in 2010. He was generous with his time, advice and support, and I will always remember him as a consummate gentleman. I offer my sincerest and most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends at this time.

Kim Duhaime
Patrol Leader, Sommet Morin-Heights