

The Educator

## **Geoffrey Crofts (ACAS 1953) 1924-2017**

Geoffrey Crofts, age 92, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2017. Crofts was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to Thomas and Elsie Crofts. As a college professor at the University of Manitoba, Occidental College and the University of Hartford and as dean of the School of Actuarial Science at Northeastern University, he had an impact on the lives of students throughout the world. He was passionate about teaching and his pupils. He traveled around the world to teach and on trips given to him by his students to honor him. He was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and was active in his profession, his church and his community. Crofts kept fit by attending Silver Sneakers classes at his local gym. He was considered a guiding light for his family and a generous soul to all he met. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Crofts. He is survived by his sister, Irene Crofts; children, Gerald Crofts, Barbara (Barry) Purchase and Karen (Jon) Tyson; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two more anticipated at the time of his death. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center or the Geoffrey Crofts Bursary at the University of Manitoba.