

HUDSON WEBBER FOUNDATION

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Gilbert Hudson

Philanthropic Leader, Community Builder

August 16, 1934 – Feb. 24, 2022

Gilbert Hudson, former president and CEO of Hudson-Webber Foundation, passed away peacefully in his Florida home with family on Feb. 24, 2022, at age 87.

Gilbert (Gil) Hudson was born in Buffalo, New York, on Aug. 16, 1934. After graduating from Yale University in 1956, followed by two years of service in the U.S. Air Force, he relocated to the Detroit area to work at the J.L. Hudson Company, whose founder was his great uncle. In 1973, Gil was asked to lead three family foundations which merged in 1984 to become the Hudson-Webber Foundation. He led the foundation until his retirement in 1999, and continued his service as chair of the board until 2005, and as a trustee until the time of his death.

Gil married Anne Rouse Hudson in 1957, who preceded him in death. He is survived by the couple's three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and his partner of twelve years, Anne LaSalle.

Respected for his philanthropic leadership, Gil provided wise counsel to numerous community organizations, with long-standing dedication to Council of Michigan Foundations, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and United Way for Southeastern Michigan, to name a few. Throughout his life, Gil was committed to inclusive revitalization, economic recovery, and quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In accordance with the family's wishes, memorial gifts in Gilbert Hudson's name can be made in any amount to Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation at <https://bit.ly/3hsPD5Q>, and to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at <https://bit.ly/3lyz9VO>.

ABOUT the Hudson-Webber Foundation

The Hudson-Webber Foundation's origins date back to 1939 with major contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Webber, other members of the Webber family and The J.L. Hudson Company. The foundation is governed by a 15-member board of trustees, with assets of approximately \$200 million, and has contributed over \$200 million to improve the quality of life in Detroit. The mission areas of the foundation include support of community and economic development, built environment, safe and just communities, and arts and culture.

To learn more about the Hudson-Webber Foundation, visit www.hudson-webber.org.

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