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Dear Colleague,

It is with much regret that I have to inform you of the sad news of the death of Mr Colin Williams who served as an Active Honorary Steward for a period of 20 years from 1992 through to 2012. Colin greatly enjoyed his time as an Honorary Steward, mixing socially with his fellow stewards and giving expert guidance to Abbey visitors attending services. Colin died suddenly at home on Tuesday 30th June. He was 73.

Colin was born in 1942. He was the great-great grandson of Sir George Williams, founder of the YMCA. He was educated at Uppingham School, Rutland, Magdalen College, Oxford and the University of California. He was married to Gerlinda and they had two children, Alexander and Sophie.

Colin co-Founded Wogen Plc in 1972, later to become Wogen Resources, and served the company as Chairman, and later non-executive director, for the past 43 years until the present day. He specialised in trading titanium sponge. Previous to founding Wogen Plc, Colin worked for Rudolf Wolff & Co Ltd, a company he served for a decade.

Colin was a regular visitor to China and Russia over the years. He became Chairman of Uppingham School and also served the YMCA as their Vice-President. Colin's hobbies and interests included 'hymn-singing, fly-fishing, watercolours and beer-drinking'.

Colin was admitted as a Freeman and Liveryman to the Worshipful Company of Broderers in 2002.

On the evening of Monday 20th July 2015, Colin's body will rest overnight in St Faith's Chapel in Westminster Abbey from 5.45 pm. A short service of Prayer will be held. A Requiem will be held for Colin at 8 am in St. Faith's Chapel on Tuesday 21st July, entrance for both services will be via the Abbey cloisters and Dean's Yard.

A Funeral Service for Colin will take place on Wednesday 22nd July at 1.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Conington, Cambridgeshire CB23 8LP.

Family flowers only, donations please are to be made to Westminster Abbey.

Those who wish to, may write to Gerlinda : Conington Hall, Conington, Cambs CB23 4LT, qbwilliams88@gmail.com

Yours ever,
Step. Lamport