



## Founder James L. Hunter Passes Away



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It is with sadness that we announce the passing away of James Lamont Hunter, the founder of NexGen Financial on February 18, 2016, following a courageous and lengthy battle with ALS. (NexGen Financial LP was acquired by Natixis Global Asset Management in December 2014.)

Jim was a visionary businessman, dedicated to the mutual fund industry. After retiring from a leading mutual fund company, he founded NexGen Financial LP in 2005. Although Jim stepped away from the business in December 2010, we are grateful for his leadership and contribution, which helped to create a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation at NexGen Financial.

Jim brought the same level of dedication to his many community endeavors. He served as an advisor or director of a number of public companies, sports organizations, charities, and fund industry bodies. He was recognized for his achievements with his election to Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario in 2000, and with the Distinguished Service Award from Ivey in 2001, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Victoria in 2007, and the Career Achievement Award at the Canadian Investment Awards in 2011.

After his diagnosis of ALS, Jim dedicated his life to raising funds for research through **The James Hunter Family ALS Initiative**, with donations totaling over \$5 million to date. He continually inspired family and friends with his fighting spirit, positive attitude, and desire to make a significant contribution in the search for a cure.

We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife of 39 years, Heather, his three daughters, Sandra, Margaret and Elizabeth, and his granddaughter, Evelyn.