

Charles Keating

Halifax

Published November 22, 2005

Nova Scotia philanthropist and former cable czar, Charles Keating, has died, leaving a legacy of generous donations and one of the province's largest fortunes. He was 72.

Mr. Keating, who died of cancer late Tuesday evening, was a huge man, towering well over 6 feet tall, with a voice that boomed and a laugh that resonated.

He was involved with the Liberal Party in the 1960s and 1970s, and managed to secure a cable licence when the industry was in its infancy.

The company became Dartmouth Access Cable, one of the last regional companies to succumb to the merger spree of the 1990s.

In 1999, he sold the firm to Shaw Cable for \$167-million, but remained in Dartmouth and became a prominent philanthropist and set up fresh business enterprises.

In October, 2001, he donated \$5-million to help with the construction of the Charles V. Keating Millennium Centre, a conference and recreation centre at his alma mater St. Francis Xavier University.

Mr. Keating had four children, Anne Marie, Gregg, Catherine and Susan, all of whom attended the university in Antigonish, N.S.

In one of the few defeats of his life, Mr. Keating made a brief attempt in the 1970s to enter municipal politics, running unsuccessfully for mayor of Dartmouth against former premier John Savage.

After that, he restricted his political activities to fundraising and backroom support of the Liberal Party.

Source: The Globe and Mail <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/charles-keating/article1130883/>