

## Fordia remembers its founder, Clément Paquet

**Fordia's founder, Clément Paquet, passed away on December 24, 2020.**

*Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC, Canada, January 19, 2021* - It is with great sadness that employees at Fordia learned of the death of its founder, Clément Paquet, on December 24, 2020, at the age of 87.

In addition to his wife of the last 68 years, Jeannette Fortin, also the love of his life, he leaves to mourn his sons, Luc (Ginette Marcotte), the late Pierre, Alain (Sylvie Lafrance) and Eric, his grandchildren: Jean-François, Sara, David, Landon, Layne, Annie and Hugo, as well as his great-grandchildren.



Clément founded Fordia in 1977 by offering the market superior quality products and a truly personalized customer service.

His approach was exactly what drillers were looking for and he visited site after site in his truck. He built a vast network of contacts in the diamond drilling industry, enabling him to make Fordia a huge success that would eventually spread internationally, before becoming the main supplier in the industry.

Today, Clément's grand-daughter, Sara Paquet, is the Senior Director of Global Sales at Fordia. She proudly commemorates her grandfather's legacy. *"He was an entrepreneur with a heart of gold. He was able to touch those around him through his sincere willingness to be in contact with everyone. His family, colleagues and partners will remember him as a fair, sensitive, cultured and loving man".*

Due to the pandemic, a private cremation will be held. A ceremony will be held later, when circumstances permit, to celebrate his life and pay tribute to the great man that he was.

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*Sara Paquet (Senior Director, Global Sales), Alain Paquet, Clément Paquet and Luc Paquet on Fordia's 49th anniversary on July 7, 2017.*

Fordia Powered by Epiroc offers premium quality drilling solutions, including diamond tools and drilling equipment, accessories and services. These solutions were designed to increase productivity, lower costs and make life easier for all drillers.

Epiroc is a leading productivity partner for the mining and construction industry. With cutting-edge technology, Epiroc develops and produces innovative drill rigs, rock excavation and construction equipment, and provides world-class service and consumables. The company was founded in Stockholm, Sweden, and has passionate people supporting and collaborating with customers in more than 150 countries. To learn more, visit [www.epiroc.com](http://www.epiroc.com).

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