Colonel Sir Donald Hamish Cameron of Lochiel, K.T., C.V.O., T.D., XXVI Chief of Clan Cameron died Thursday, 26th May, 2004 at Achnacarry, his home in Inverness-shire, Scotland. He was 93.

Born 12th September, 1910 to Colonel Sir Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel and Lady Hermione Emily (Graham), Donald’s formative years were spent at Harrow and later attending Balliol College, Oxford. At the age of 19, Donald was commissioned in the Lovat Scouts, and at the outbreak of World War II in 1939 joined his regiment on mobilisation, rising to the rank of Major by 1940. He served throughout the war (earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1945) commanding during the Italian Campaign. Upon the death of his father in 1951, Donald returned to Achnacarry, to become Chief of Clan Cameron. He was Director of the Royal Bank of Scotland from 1954-1980, county councillor for Kilmallie on the Inverness County Council and served as Her Majesty’s Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness-shire from 1971-85 (becoming the third generation of Lochiels to represent their Sovereign in the county; his son Donald Angus Cameron is presently serving as Lord Lieutenant). In November 1973 Queen Elizabeth II created Donald a Knight of the Thistle in recognition of his services to his country.

In regard to the Clan Cameron Association, Donald not only continued the works of his father and grandfather in this area, but added to their efforts. He supported the establishment of two new international branches, namely North America (1968) and England (1981). There were also numerous International Gatherings held at Achnacarry (beginning in 1938, and most recently in 2001), a comprehensive history of Clan Cameron was published in 1971 and through the works of Donald, his son Donald Angus and daughter-in-law Lady Cecil Cameron, the Clan Cameron Museum was opened at Achnacarry in 1989. During his fifty-three tenure as the Chief of Clan Cameron, Donald led with distinction and the noble intention of preserving the "Cameron Country" lands of Lochaber, not just for the people of Scotland, but for Camerons from throughout the world to discover.

Lochiel’s survivors include his wife of sixty-four years, Lady Margaret (Gathorne-Hardy); two sons, Donald A. and John A.; two daughters, Margaret A. (Knott-Bower) and Caroline M. (Hardman); numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.