

Dr. Alex Wright 1937 – March 31st, 1997



On March 31st, 1997 the field of Leisure Studies suffered a tragic blow, with the loss of a remarkable colleague, professor, mentor, and friend when Alex Wright suddenly passed away. Alex's commitment to the field is best remembered by his colleagues, students, and co-workers through the memory of his caring smile. He was always there for you, truly applying the spirit of Leisure Studies to "serve others".

Alex Wright was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1959 he received a diploma in education from Jordan Hill School in Glasgow. In 1967 he obtained his MSc from Springfield College in Massachusetts. From 1967 – 1975 he served the field in a professional capacity as director of the downtown Montreal YMCA. Here, he showed his compassion for enhancing quality of life by pioneering the YMCA's post-cardiac rehabilitation program. In 1979, he completed his EdD at Boston University. He taught at Concordia University and more recently at Acadia University. At Acadia, he served as the coordinator for the graduate program and for the tourism specialization. He was also the Acting Dean for the School of Physical Education and Recreation from 1984 and 1986. Alex is best

remembered by his students as a warm-hearted professor who always had time to listen, help, and offer advice. He possessed a wealth of knowledge which he unselfishly passed on to his students to fulfill his optimal goal – "making the world a better place for all".

He lived a high-spirited life full of energy. He was a devoted husband to his wife Pauline, and a wonderful father to their two sons, Stuart and Jamison. He greatly enjoyed golf and cross-country skiing. One of his greatest loves was rugby. He coached Canada's Junior Rugby Team and played the sport as an international caliber player. In addition, Alex was strongly committed to the Wolfville community as a member of various non-profit organizations and was dearly loved by the residents of this small Nova Scotian town.