

## James D. Bayer 1938 - 1985



James Bayer had a huge impact on the development of Sport and Recreation, not only in Nova Scotia, but across Canada. He was a physical educator and a founding Director of Operations for the Nova Scotia Department of Recreation, as well as the Dean of the School of Recreation and Physical Education and the Director of Athletics at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Before joining Acadia he distinguished himself professionally as well as in his voluntary capacity. He was the Chair of Canada's Inter-provincial Committee on Amateur Sport, he was elected President of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association in 1984, and he served two terms as President of the Nova Scotia Division of the Red Cross Society.

James received the Award of Merit from the Canadian Parks/Recreation Association and was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his voluntary work.

The James Bayer Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 1985 and is awarded annually to an outstanding student athlete in Atlantic University Sport for excellence in academics, athletics, leadership, sportsmanship and citizenship. This memorial scholarship is the most prestigious award offered annually by Atlantic University Sport.

In addition, Recreation Nova Scotia provides the James D. Bayer Bursary.

James Bayer has had a lasting impression on all those who knew him, friends, students and colleagues. In the early eighties he was struck by cancer and after a long fight he died on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 at the age of 47. His untimely death in 1985 took from us an enthusiastic, supportive and visionary leader in the field of Sport and Recreation.