



DONALD "SILVER DONALD" CAMERON, CM, ONS, BA'60

Silver Donald Cameron was a leading Atlantic Canadian writer, educator and advocate for social and environmental justice. He died in Halifax in June 2020, aged 82.

Donald's ties to UBC were deep. After graduating, he lectured in the English Department. His father, Dr. Maxwell A Cameron, BA'27, MA'33, was head of the Department of Education until his untimely death in 1951. His oldest son by his marriage to Catherine Ann Cameron, BA'60, MA'64, is Dr. Maxwell Cameron, BA'84, professor of political science. At the time of his death, Donald was married to author Marjorie Simmins, BA'84.

Donald earned an MA from the University of California and a PhD from the University of London. He was associate professor of English at the University of New Brunswick, where, with other activists, he founded the alternative newspaper *The Mysterious East*.

In 1971, Donald changed direction, becoming a writer, film producer and advocate based in the tiny Cape Breton community of D'Escousse. For nearly 50 years, he was the only full-time freelance writer in Cape Breton, producing 20 books, along with articles, films and radio dramas, nearly all with the themes of social and environmental justice, and harmony between human communities and nature. His last book was *Blood in the Water: A True Story of Revenge in the Maritimes*.

Silver Donald Cameron spent the last 10 years disseminating the wisdom of those guiding us towards a sustainable future through *The Green Interview*, a collection of 100-plus conversations with leading thinkers. He was also the first Farley Mowat Chair in Environment at Cape Breton University.

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GEORGE MITCHELL HENRY, BED'64

George was born in Gladstone, MB, to Mary and John Henry. He passed away in Lions Gate Hospital after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his sister June (Arnie), wife Shirley, son Michael, daughter Michele, grandchildren George (Rachel), Grant, Alex, step great-granddaughter Bella, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

George's love of the ocean originated in Prince Rupert, where he grew up and spent summers fishing off the coast. After high school graduation he moved to New Westminster to attend BCIT and UBC.

"Mr. Henry" taught in 100 Mile House for four years, then at Pemberton Secondary School for 30 years as a teacher and vice-principal. He is remembered for his musical talents in the many musical productions that he wrote and produced, and for performing in the band "The Generation Gap," which included some of his students and a teacher.

George was a charter Pemberton Lions Club member, president of the Pemberton Museum and president of PACA (Pemberton Agricultural & Community Association). He was a great historian and spent countless hours on construction, supervision, and fundraising events for the Pemberton Museum. He also built and operated Pemberton's first drive-in restaurant – the "M & M Drive Inn." George will be missed for his sincerity and sense of humour, which he maintained even during his final days.

MARIAN NELSON, BA'65

Marian Nelson (née Patterson) passed away peacefully at the age of 76 in December 2019. She is survived by her daughters, Krista Nelson (BSc'94) and Meryl Nelson (BSc'98), brother John Patterson (BSc'64, Med'81)



and their families. Marian was predeceased by her husband, Vern, and parents J. Lionel and Bertie Patterson.

Marian was born and raised in Vancouver. She attended Lord Byng Secondary School, followed by UBC. After a short time in Palo Alto, California, she lived for many years in Kirkland, QC, White Rock, BC, and, most recently, Thunder Bay, ON.

The UBC campus and community were always special to Marian. After completing her BA, Marian worked in the UBC chemistry department, where she met her future husband, Vern Nelson (BSc'65, PhD'69). She returned to the campus again years later to work in the Distance Education Office (later OCPE) in the Faculty of Education.

Marian will always be remembered for the love and kindness she shared with her family and friends.



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ANTONIN PROCHAZKA, PHD'72

Antonin (Tony) Prochazka was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in January 1945. He received his engineering degree from the Faculty of Nuclear Physics of the Technical University of Prague in 1967. After the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia in August 1968, he came to Vancouver and continued his studies for a PhD at UBC's Department of Physics and at the TRIUMF project. Upon completion of his PhD he chose to work in industry. Over the years he worked for CBC Engineering in Montreal and Northern Telecom in Hull, and later set up his own firm in Ottawa, consulting for various companies and specializing in RF design. He was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario

