



IN MEMORIAM

George McDermott, MB, ChB, TEP

by Donna Little and Dale Richard Buchanan

George McDermott MB, ChB, TEP, 65, passed peacefully on Saturday, February 28th, 2009, at The Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada. In January, 2007, George was diagnosed with Myelofibrosis and in July, 2008, he received a bone marrow transplant from his brother, Jim. He leaves behind his wife, Irene, three sons, and their families (Ross & Sara, Ella & Chloe; Euan & Sabrina; and Neil & Jennifer, Madison & Mikayla).

George received his medical degree in Scotland in 1964 and immigrated to Canada with his wife, Irene, in 1969. For many years, George was a family physician in Picton, Ontario. After serving in the Canadian Air Forces for 5 years, George developed a special interest in addiction medicine. George and Irene settled in Barrie, Ontario, in 1981. George opened a medical practice in Barrie specializing in the treatment of individuals, families and couples affected by addiction and trauma. For twenty-five years, he and Irene worked together helping hundreds of patients and their families recover from trauma and addiction. George was an active member of the Ontario Medical Association, the College of Family Physicians of Ontario, the General Practitioner Psychotherapy Association in Toronto and on staff at Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. He actively participated in the parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barrie and was a member of the Out of the Cold

Program which helps people who are homeless.

George enrolled as a student in the Toronto Centre for Psychodrama in 1992. He became a Certified Practitioner in 1999 and a Certified Trainer, Educator and Practitioner in 2002. His trainers at the Toronto Centre were Gloria Heineman, Donna Little, Liz White, Nonie Lyon, Marie Therese Bilaniuk and Dale Richard Buchanan. He also trained extensively with Kate Hudgins in the Therapeutic Spiral Model. He was also a Certified Imago Relationship Therapist and Workshop Presenter.

George was a respected trainer at the Toronto Centre for Psychodrama. He was deeply appreciated by the students for his brilliant synthesis and integration of learning models, his courageous heart and his sense of humor. George was known for his deep devotion and love for his wife and family, his commitment to helping others heal from trauma and addiction, the twinkle in his eye, his sense of humor, his avid pursuit of athletic and physical training, and his life-long pursuit of training, education, and spiritual enlightenment.

The family has requested that donations be made to the Bone Marrow Transplant Trust Fund at The Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada.

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