

Frank Derek Manchester

Emeritus Prof. of Physics,

Feb. 9, 1925 – May 1, 2015

At home in Victoria, BC.

Predeceased by his daughter Lise, he is survived by his sons Kim and Justin of Toronto, his daughter's children, Ben, Rosa and Jessie of Halifax, his loving wife and cherished best friend, Dorothy Clippingdale, and by his brother Brian and his family, of Waikanae, New Zealand.

Born and raised in New Zealand, Derek spent a major part of his working life at the University of Toronto. Derek was among those who introduced the insights of physics to broaden the scope of work on metal-hydrides, traditionally a branch of chemistry, to form the interdisciplinary field of metal-hydrogen-systems studies. Apart from his work with students and research-associates in Toronto, Derek experienced the pleasure of grand-parenting programs established by some of his former research group members in their home countries or institutions, in what was an emerging specialty.

Here he rests, his time up on earth

A hostage to Fortune and to fame scarce known;

Of science he knew, enough to quieten mirth,

And on its path he journeyed far from home.

Wide search, some of his merits may disclose,

But to find his frailties requires no special mode,

His life's works in libraries repose,

A thin vein in the Knowledge mother-lode.

(apologies to Thomas Gray)

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, 2 -5 pm, at the University of Toronto Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks St., Toronto.

A man of principle, Derek battled for fairness for everyone. He could be a burr under the saddle when he deemed things not right but he also laughed readily at the ridiculous in life, even to the end. It was Derek's desire that those who wished to honour him make a donation to the Salvation Army – www.salvationarmy.ca or 1-800-725-2769.

Condolences may be offered below.

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