

Gerald Allen Neynoe Macleod

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Gerald Macleod late on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 in Victoria, BC. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Meredith; his children Fraser, Keiller (Dorothy) and Raili (Sandra); his grandchildren Malcolm and Stella and his brother Rod (Sheryl). He was predeceased by his brother Doug (2008); his sister-in-law Pat (2021) and his parents Wells (1996) and Lillie (2002).

Our dad was born in Rose Valley, SK and after completing graduate school at Carlton University in Ottawa, he married our mom, Meredith and they settled in Winnipeg. He was a teacher and administrator in the Fort Garry School Division (now Pembina Trails SD) for many years, starting at Acadia Junior High, before becoming principal of Pembina Crest, General Byng and Vincent Massey Collegiate. He took great pride in his work, in the lives of the students in his charge and providing leadership for the teachers in his schools. Upon retiring in 1998, he established the International Student Program for FGSD. All of his experience in education led him to co-founding Maple Bear Global Schools in 2005. With Maple Bear, he was able to bring his vision for teaching and providing education opportunities for children to countries all over the world, leading to the establishment of hundreds of schools which are now located in Brazil, India, Mexico, Turkey, Albania, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Hong Kong, Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States and Vietnam.

Through education, he was able to make deep connections and wonderful lasting friendships everywhere he travelled. He enjoyed experiencing the different cultural settings and environments each school or country presented. He strived to

provide to his teachers and administrators all the tools and guidance to be successful. He firmly believed that education was a lifelong journey, and he enjoyed that journey through every day of his life.

He became an avid traveller after winning a scholarship to study for a year in Tours, France during university. This was a passion he shared with Meredith and his family. He believed experience was a wonderful teacher and wanted all of us to see what the world had to offer. Whether it was taking his family to France for a year to experience a new culture, his sons to Ghana to see the land their ancestors came from, his daughter and grandkids to see Paris or with his wife on a life-changing safari in Africa. He saw value in seeing the world, as it provided him, and us, with an open mind and kept us grounded and humble, with great respect for what we have and where we are from.

He was first and foremost a family man and was a great father, husband and grandfather. He showed us that you can build a life with your partner based on trust and love, and it can survive all the challenges that come up. Together with Meredith, he ensured we always had a safe stable environment with every opportunity possible to grow and experience life. He believed in his family, nurtured our potential, and accepted us for who we are, unconditionally. He was always ready with a wise word of advice, with a helping hand when we needed it, or simply a hug to let us know he was always there. He had a wonderful command of language and instilled in us his love of reading. He had a great sense of humour and enjoyed sharing a good laugh. He taught us the importance of family, to care for those in your charge. He demonstrated to us the importance of taking pride in our name and reputation, as it is what defines all of us. He showed us the value of respecting and trusting those you work with, treating them equally and fairly. He was always looking forward to the future and what would come next and enjoyed the challenge of

starting new things and including others in his vision.

He was happiest in his final years when he was with his family, sharing time and adventures with his wife, helping his children on their journey into adulthood and beyond, and enjoying time with his beloved grandkids, Malcolm and Stella.

Our dad is gone, but his education legacy and impact continue on through his students, his staff and teachers he worked with both here in Manitoba, and all over the world, and through us, his family. We thank him for every gift he gave us, but most importantly, for the gift of being our father.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Sistema Winnipeg through the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, which is a program that delivers musical training at no cost for participating families.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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