

Thomas Philip Hicks

Born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Philip lived to see much of the world from a young age. Growing up in a military family, he had experienced life from coast to coast within Canada as well as living abroad in Europe for several years. Driven by his natural curiosity of the world and immense work ethic, Philip pursued a fulfilling career in academia where he substantially contributed to the field of neuroscience as a PhD student at the University of British Columbia, postdoctoral fellow at Max Plank Institute, Germany, and scientist at the University of Calgary and University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He returned to Ottawa to work at the National Research Council before moving to Tokyo, Japan, where he thrived as a Science & Technology Councillor at the Embassy of Canada. Philip's career drive didn't end there, as he later became President of Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now Dalhousie University's Agricultural Campus) and then as Director of Dubai Men's College in the United Arab Emirates. He concluded his career as a Dean of Graduate Studies and professor at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, ON until his retirement.

Beyond his extensive career track record, he was an avid athlete with notable accomplishments from earning his black belt in judo to completing multiple marathons. After living in six countries and visiting dozens more, Philip retired in Victoria, BC where he enjoyed reading hundreds of novels and bowling, and continued spending time with his small but loving family. Philip passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and son, and will be forever remembered as a sharp, intelligent yet loving and caring man. He is dearly missed by his wife, Keiko; sons, Adam and Brian; brother, Brian (Norma); sister, Marianne (Mike); mother, Esther, and cousins, nephews and nieces.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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