



Ian Reid

January 23, 2022

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Ian Reid. Ian valiantly battled Parkinson's for many years, with rapid decline in the last few months, when he succumbed to his illness on January 23, 2022 at Michael Garron hospital. Ian was born in 1939 in Derbyshire, England. He emigrated to Canada in 1957 where he first settled in Montreal. With his gifted voice and a natural talent for playing the guitar, he formed his own band and quickly secured a spot on Montreal radio. However, his main career path took him to his studies in Respiratory Therapy, where he played a significant role as one of the founding members of the Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists in 1964 (known initially as the Canadian Society for Inhalation Therapists). He went on to be elected as the fifth President of the CSRT from 1974-75, and continued with driving the growth and development of the profession at national and provincial levels. His dedication to the profession was recognized with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the CSRT and a Lifetime Membership Award from the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario.

Ian is survived by his life-partner Ingrid Megow, his sons Dan, Morgan and Andrew (Drew), his sister Julie and brother Garth, step-daughter Kirsten, nephews Chris and Mike, niece Ann, and grandchildren Jade, Izzy, Jake, Owen and Moss, and will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Cremation has taken place and the family will make arrangements for a Celebration of Ian's Life at a later time. Your sentiments are most welcomed, and any offers of support are suggested to be towards the cure for Parkinson's Disease.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ I knew Ian during his time at the Assistive Devices Program. He was a mentor and wonderful supporter. Always willing to help and share his knowledge and insight. My sincerest condolences to Ian's family.

Regina Pizzuti - February 05 at 03:02 PM

KO

“ Sending Heart-felt condolences to Ian's family and friends. I am another TIMT RT grad from the days when Ian taught in the program and managed the day-to-day operations. His commitment to his students and to the profession helped to move the profession forward. I will be forever grateful to him for his contributions. Years later I had the pleasure of interacting with Ian again when he was working with ADP. Ian will long be remembered for his contributions to his patients, students and colleagues. May he rest in peace. Kathleen Olden-Powell

kathleen olden-powell - February 03 at 11:51 AM

NG

“ Dedicated to the profession of respiratory therapy, students he taught and the patients he served, he was a model leader and colleague.
Deepest sympathy to the family.
Nancy Garvey

Nancy Garvey - February 03 at 09:25 AM

MW

“ I would like to send my condolences to Ian's family. Like so many of the messages I also recognize Ian's contribution to our profession. For RTs, it is people like Ian who we have to thank for being a pioneer in the profession and a teacher to so many. I worked with Ian at the Assistive Devices Program, he was a great RT, a wonderful co-worker and like others have said always a gentleman.

Maureen Williams

Maureen Willaims - February 02 at 07:14 PM

BR

“ I had the opportunity to speak with Ian on many occasions at the Assistive Devices Program, as well as during professional events. I always found him to be a very knowledgeable, compassionate, and helpful gentleman. He will be missed by many, I'm sure!

Most sincerely,
Bert Reket

Bert Reket - February 02 at 04:17 PM

SD

“ As many have commented Ian was Mr. RT, in fact, he was Mr. ITT as one of the signatories on the letters patent bringing Inhalation Therapy Technicians then Respiratory Technologists into being, now Respiratory Therapy. I was also one of Ian's students at TIMT who due to his instructions and teaching helped transform so many good people becoming RRT in our proud field of respiratory care. Personally, when I became more politically active Ian was always there when asked to provide guidance on how to move forward to better our profession. He will be missed greatly by so many.

Our sincere sympathies and condolences go out to his family.
Shane Donaldson



Shane Donaldson - February 02 at 12:37 PM

Laurie
Regnier

“ I too was a student of his...at "TIMT". Ian has had a positive effect on many lives. He and Robert K. Merry have paved the way for the profession of Respiratory Therapy. RIP

Laurie Regnier - February 02 at 12:13 PM

AW

“ Ann Weir lit a candle in memory of Ian Reid



ann weir - February 01 at 09:49 PM

AW

“ I had the privilege of being one of Ian’s students back in 1968 and Ian was a true gentleman and great teacher. Over 35 years later I once again had the privilege of working with Ian at the Assistive Devices Program ,Ministry Health and Long Term Care, up until the day that he retired...wonderful memories of a great friend and colleague!!

Ann Weir - February 01 at 05:16 PM

AM

I too was a student of Ian’s (class of ‘74) and recall interacting with him over the years. He always promoted respiratory therapy and excellence in the provision of care. Well done Ian! Thank you for your leadership over the decades, Ian. May you Rest In Peace. May your memory remain a blessing to our field.

Andrea Markham - February 02 at 09:03 AM

MN

Though I didn’t have the pleasure in being one of his students or working directly with Ian, I know he is a legend in the Respiratory Therapy field. Thanks for clearing a path for us Ian.

Mika Nonoyama - February 02 at 09:12 AM

SO

Ian WAS respiratory therapy! I was a student(class of ‘81). I was concerned during my interview for admission into the program with Ian. When he asked, I said I was not able to afford doing my training outside of Toronto. So I figured that was it for me. However, later I did get a letter of acceptance and the hospital I had asked for as my base training hospital. If it wasn’t for his accommodation in this I would not have had my wonderful career in respiratory therapy. I will be forever thankful for his consideration. My deepest sympathies to his family & friends & the many RRT’s like me who were so positively impacted by Ian in their life! Thank you Ian may you Rest In Peace.

Suan O’Neil - February 02 at 10:52 AM

HM

Hasratt Mohamed
This is a sad day, because we lost a great gentleman, friend, tutor and Giant from this planet. I was one of his student from the class of 1970, TIMT and with his guidance and perpetual help, I landed a career in Respiratory Therapy. He was a good human being. My regards and condolences to all of his family.

Hasratt Mohamed - February 02 at 05:09 PM

JF

I first met Ian when I was a student of the Respiratory Technology program at TIMT (Class 1977). That association carried on throughout my professional career - Ian was a thoughtful mentor, wonderful colleague and inspiration to the profession. "Just do your best, that is all anyone can ask for" rings in my memory, in his voice, as clearly now as ever. My condolences to his family on their loss.

Janet Fraser - February 03 at 11:19 AM

JM

Like all the other tributes, I cannot say enough about Ian and his contribution as a founding father of our profession. I met Ian while a student in London, and later when I moved to Toronto in 1974. Our paths crossed frequently with our involvements in our professional bodies, RTSO & CRST. He was the true definition of a professional. His mild manner and always taking the time to "chat" was admirable. He was the Historian of our profession and always worked to advance it. I feel that the progress that we have made in our profession is largely due to the ground work that he set out. May he rest in peace.

John McGrath

John McGrath - February 04 at 08:12 AM

CR

To a great uncle who always took the time to send a card or a phone call. I miss the day and debates at Grandma's when you were there.

Rest in Peace

Chris

Chris Reid - February 08 at 10:28 AM