



## Mr. Charles Frederick "Fred" Allen

February 9, 2018

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“ Fred and I were a little more than a generation apart. We met when I started volunteering at the Veterans’ Residence at Sunnybrook. The initial idea was that Fred wanted to learn to use a computer and I had some experience using computers.

We quickly discovered that we had much in common. Fred had been a teacher at one point in his life and so had I. We shared an interest in investments, business and politics. Fred had umpired baseball, as had I and I had refereed a fair bit of hockey. His kids had been swimmers as had mine.

What started as a teacher/student relationship, centering on the use of computers, quickly became a friendship based on our life experiences. I am very grateful for having met Fred and for the privilege of having a weekly visit with him.

It is impossible for me to put a price on the freedom I enjoy today. I will never be able to repay Fred, those who served with him or those who continue to serve in the armed forces. I will continue to visit with the veterans at Sunnybrook to thank them for all they did and all that they do.

Thanks Fred. Rest in peace.

Anthony

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**Anthony Ruta** - February 19, 2018 at 08:03 AM



Best Volunteer Sunnybrook ever had!! Anthony brought such joy to Fred and was a true friend!!

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**Michael Allen** - March 04, 2018 at 06:16 PM

LS

“ Fred was was one of the most gracious people I ever knew. He taught math with me at sir James Dunn. I never heard him say anything bad about any student as he saw the good in every person.

*His knowledge about teacher pensions was second to none and he gave many teachers sound advice as they were about to retire.*

*My memories of fred will stay with me for the rest of my life.*

*Lyle Smith, Sault St. Marie.*

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**Lyle Smith** - February 18, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DA

“ I was saddened to hear that Fred had passed away – I knew Fred as Superannuation Commissioner and later, as a Life Member. His was a life well lived. He was a good man. In the 1980s and 1990s, Fred organized and ran dozens of workshops on retirement planning for teachers. His publication *Teachers’ Money Matters* was must reading for me. Without a doubt, his pension and other financial security opinions helped thousands of teachers better enjoy their retirements. He was a steady and staunch advocate for OSSTF throughout his 7 years as our elected representative on the Teachers Superannuation Commission. I always looked forward to his OSSTF Annual Assembly annual report to the membership. According to Larry French, Fred’s predecessor, Don Scott (OSSTF Superannuation Commissioner 1968-1976) coined the phrase “fairy money” but, for me, it was Fred who took that phrase to the OSSTF grassroots and made the term resonate. In his very unique way, Fred drove home a clear message: Ontario teachers deserve a pension plan that provides enough time in retirement to enjoy it. And he fought for that principle with great commitment and passion. With sympathy to Fred’s family – Doris St. Amand Life Member OSSTF

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**Doris St. Amand** - February 16, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JH

“ OSSTF Annual Assembly gatherings each spring in Toronto will never be the same again without the presence of Fred. He was a link with the history of the Federation who will be sadly missed.

*I was disappointed last summer when Fred was not in the veterans' group that came up from Sunnybrook for an afternoon cruise on the Wenonah II steamboat at Gravenhurst. The outing was arranged by one of the veterans from Sunnybrook whose room was almost next to Fred's. He told me he had specifically asked that I be hired to play piano for them during the cruise and said he would tell Fred all about it. I played a lot of nostalgic favorites for the group, including Vera Lynn's I'll Be Seeing You and There'll Always Be An England. I played that second song as we were passing the former location of the German prisoner-of-war camp on Gravenhurst Bay and told them how the pianist aboard the RMS Sagamo played it every time the steamship passed the camp during World War II. As the cruise ended, I wrote a personal note to Fred to be delivered to him back at Sunnybrook. I was looking forward to talking to him about it this March at the OSSTF Annual Assembly -- Jack Hutton, Bala.*

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**jack hutton** - February 15, 2018 at 11:58 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathies to all of Fred's family. It is a great loss. I worked with him in several different roles over many years, always positive, a great leader., and a friend. Ralph Thomas*

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**Ralph Thomas** - February 15, 2018 at 10:04 AM

WB

“ *So sorry to hear about Fred's passing. I certainly enjoyed spending time with him at AMPA over the years. I loved to hear his stories. Condolences to the family. Wendy Bolt*

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**Wendy Bolt** - February 15, 2018 at 09:18 AM