



Mr. David Arthur Prediger

September 22, 2017

It is with profound sadness and with a heavy heart that the Prediger and Lambrakos families announce the peaceful passing of David Arthur Prediger, in the arms of his loving family. David Arthur Prediger passed away on September 22, 2017 in Toronto, ON at the age of 62. David was born on January 18, 1955 in Ottawa, ON to Peter Prediger and Sheila Yates Brown. Angela Prediger, David's beloved wife for 20 extraordinary years, will forever remember him lovingly. David is predeceased by his father, Peter John Prediger. He will be lovingly remembered by his mother Sheila, mother-in-law, Amanda Lambrakos (predeceased by Jack), brother Peter (Dawn-Lynn), sister-in-law Irene Lambrakos (Kyle, Drey), niece Allison (Chris), nephew Peter (Kristen) and great nephews and nieces (Autumn, Mattias, Ethan and Avery), many more family members, and many godchildren, colleagues and friends. He loved his family very much and enjoyed sharing the many interesting and warm memories he created with each of them.

David had a wonderful and successful career of 27 years at Victoria University in the University of Toronto. He leaves his mark not only through the work he did on that campus, but also in the hearts of his many devoted friends there. A celebration of David's life will be held at a later date at Victoria University in the University of Toronto.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of David can be sent to Victoria University, UofT, 73 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, ON M5S 1K7

Tribute Wall

“ For David and the David I knew:

In your life you touched so many, in your new journey you have changed many lives, more than you will know.

These simple yet strong words, remind me of David because at heart, he was a simple man, but yet he would have moved mountains for others.

The names that went together on campus were David and Angela or Angela and David. Their names interweaved and you could not know one without the other. They reminded many of us of a modern day fairy-tale that everyone adored.

David has certainly left a lasting impression in all our lives that is why we are here to honour him and his memories.

David and I worked alongside each other for a very long time and I would like to think that we grew as colleagues and as friends. I became very fond of David because of his kindness towards me, and also, he became a work security blanket to many of us on campus. We had come to depend on his knowledge, his problem-solving skills and his expertise. He always made sure that each department could carry-out their tasks, goals, and roles with success.

I remember David as being a very dedicated employee to Victoria University and went above and beyond in his many roles. Besides his many titles, David was a mentor to many of his staff and colleagues, he always saw the true potential in others and provided opportunities for them to succeed. He was known as the silver-fox to some, but he was known as a friend to all, whether it was a part-time student or Vic's president. I found David to be caring, kind and very witty. Oh how we enjoyed his wicked sense of humor and his funny pranks as it always made us laugh and got us through some many sombre or boring meetings.

The times that I truly saw David's face light up with a boyish grin were when he spoke of his wonderful parents, from his many stories of them you could tell how much he sincerely adored them. And of course, when he spoke about the love of his life Angela, and their many adventures.

Angela, his love for you was and still is unmeasurable.

As we walk about Vic's Campus you will see many of David's legacies. The one that resonates with me is the Margaret Addison Hall Field or as we girls call it "The Museum of Grass" because it made him laugh. Whenever I look up from my desk and I see the students and kids playing on the field, I will remember David and all his efforts in making the field a success.

I end with one of David's famous sayings to many – Angela, if I were able to speak to David at this very moment and say to him. David, I see you are in heaven with the Angels High, free of pain and in peace, sitting at the river with crystal clear water rushing by, beautiful birds singing under clear blue skies, with a cappuccino in hand and looking down at the love of your life, comforting and guiding her, he would say to me with a big smile and a twinkle in his eye – YOU BET-YA YOUNG LADY!!!

From my sincere heart to God, I pray that David have everlasting peace. David will truly be missed by all.

*Forever remembered,
Asha*

Asha Bridgemohan - November 06, 2017 at 05:17 PM

AS

“ Dear Angela,
I wish there were words to help you through this time.
David was a kind and wonderful man.
May his smile and energy be with you always.
So much love to you.
Aspa and Steve

Aspa - October 16, 2017 at 12:09 PM

RD

“ David was the most trusting friend and co-worker you could wish for. He never let anyone down; always kept his word; was always sincere; and above a loyal and trusted friend to all he met. It will be difficult without David at VIC. His smile, his witty sense of humour and his constant desire to provide a better place for us all will be sorely missed. Goodbye dear David. We are poorer with your passing but you have left a rich treasure of memories I will forever cherish.

Ray deSouza

Ray deSouza - October 09, 2017 at 04:04 PM

FC

“ I have lost a dear and close friend. I remember when David first came to Victoria. He was a quiet, big guy whom I looked up to in so many ways. He was a sailor, and when I think of him now I say, "Sail on old friend, sail on. Under sunny skies and under starry skies. And when you find a safe and tranquil harbour, put down your anchor, and rest ... in peace." Bon voyage old friend. Frank Collins

Frank Collins - October 01, 2017 at 08:49 PM

JM

“ Dear Angela,
It is hard to imagine Vic without David--he embodied everything that is best about Vic, as do you. We all share your loss. You are very much in my thoughts.
John McClelland

John McClelland - October 01, 2017 at 09:38 AM

SH

“ David was one of my very favourite people to work with at Vic. His kindness, his honesty, his generosity, and his willingness to help others were attributes that won the hearts of many.

Angela - thinking of you. I hope that in time your memories help to ease your heartache and pain. Sending love and hugs your way.

Sarah Hunter (nee Alexander)
VIC OT2

Sarah Hunter - September 28, 2017 at 09:46 PM

BK

“ David was the first member of Vic staff I met when I came to Emmanuel almost 20 years ago. As I was unpacking my books in my new office, he knocked on the door, stuck out his hand, welcomed me warmly, then handed me a fist-full of paint samples, and teased me about how important it was to make the right decision - because, he said, "You'll be staring at these walls more than you think." He could always be counted on for both good work and a good laugh. It's hard to imagine Vic without him. But every inch of the place carries his imprint and presence. Know that you're very much in our prayers and on our hearts, Angela. - Bill Kervin

Bill Kervin - September 28, 2017 at 06:28 PM

JH

“ David was a big part of my transition to and experience at Vic. He had a great personality and always laughed at us and smiled when our jobs afforded us the opportunity to have fun while he was attending to more serious business! I always felt that he was happiest when others (particularly Angela of course) were happy. And he made many people feel that way - if you believe in good karma, David exuded it. There were many layers to him - "the strong silent type" but also sensitive and fun to be around.

Great guy and will be missed by many including myself.

*Jason Hunter
Dean of Students 2001-2009*

Jason Hunter - September 28, 2017 at 02:45 PM

BA

“ Dear Angela,

*My deepest condolences are with you Angela, and your family.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Blanca Atahue

Blanca Atahue - September 27, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SK

“ Dear Angela,

My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you and your family. David will be profoundly missed by his Vic/Emmanuel family... his kindness, equanimity and great sense of humour.

*Sincerely,
Shawn Kazubowski-Houston*

Shawn Kazubowski-Houston - September 27, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ Dearest Angela,

Words cannot express enough my sincerest and heartfelt condolences on the loss of wonderful David. You and David make up a team of which we were all in awe. The love and respect that you both have for each other goes beyond boundaries. David, with his mild manner but magnificent presence when he entered any room are qualities that made him stand out among others. Quiet yet a man of commitment, serious yet overwhelming us with his dry sense of humour, and his special quality of making things right, all make David the man that he is and who we will always remember.

Muna Salloum - September 26, 2017 at 09:14 PM

IK

“ *Shocked to read the awful news. It was always a pleasure to see David with his bright smile and infectious kind attitude. He will be sorely missed. Sincere condolences to Angela and his family.*

Ivan Kalmar - September 26, 2017 at 08:28 PM

GW

“ *What a lovely, lovely man David was, and what a great loss to his family and to Vic. Thinking of you Angela, and all of you who loved David. Fondly, Germaine Warkentin*

Germaine Warkentin - September 26, 2017 at 07:55 PM

EL

“ *Dear Angela:
In our book of happy memories, you and David held a very special place. Alan and I often recalled the few but special occasions when we were privileged to enjoy your company. And for myself after Alan died, the effort you both would make during your brief periods in Victoria to make sure to say "hello" will never be forgotten. David was a wonderful and caring individual who always had time to stop and chat making one feel very important indeed! Angela, you may never be able to ease your grief but know you continue to be in my prayers hoping that ,one day, you will find some measure of solace. To have had David in your life must have been a great and treasured gift. I know from my chats with him that it was how he counted his days with you - a great gift! He will not be forgotten. If and when you do return to Victoria, know that it would be a bonus for me to have an opportunity to join with Sheila in making you welcome.*

Love

Elizabeth (Liz) Laugharne

Elizabeth Laugharne - September 26, 2017 at 04:50 PM

MT

“ Dear Angela,

David approached his work with relish and humour. He listened, and always offered his wise counsel regarding every job, no matter how big or small. His enormous wit, and generous hospitality, found expression in all his interactions and conversations. David enjoyed life, loved his job, and consistently served the Vic Community with passion and integrity. He made us better through our experience of who he was as a person. He is sorely missed by all who have had the pleasure of knowing him, and interacting with him. I know, Angela, that none of us can truly ease your sorrow or grief, but please know we stand with you and share your loss. The Vic community and a larger network of your friends support you, and will do all they can to help in any way they can. Please lean on us where you need to do so. Meanwhile, our prayers and thoughts are with you daily.

Sincerely,

Mark and Jeffica

Mark Toulouse - September 26, 2017 at 01:55 PM

BC

“ Dear Angela and family,

May my condolences bring you peace and comfort at your most difficult time. May my prayers ease the pain of this loss. May God give him eternal rest and give you and your family strength to bear the sadness. Remembering his kind and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts.

Sincerely,

Bonette

Bonette Cruzada - September 26, 2017 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Angela, and your family at this difficult time. I hope that fond memories bring you some comfort.*

Karen Wishart

Karen Wishart - September 26, 2017 at 10:22 AM