



## Professor Morley Raymond Gorsky

February 23, 2015

Morley Raymond Gorsky, 86, passed away on February 23, 2015 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Shiva will be held on February 24th and 25th, and a memorial service will follow at a later date. Morley was born on August 14, 1928. A proud Winnipegger, Morley grew up in the north end, forming friendships that would last a lifetime. He obtained his LLB in 1953 from the University of Manitoba and began his legal career in Ottawa, eventually becoming a partner at Greenberg, Wright & Gorsky 1955-1965. With his wife (late Blanche Gorsky) and three young children, Morley left his legal practice to pursue his LLM from New York University (1966) and embark on an academic career. He enjoyed his many years in higher education, as Professor of Law at Queen's University (1966-73) and eventually retired as Professor Emeritus, University of Western Ontario (1973-89.) His work for the Ontario Law Reform Commission led to pioneering comprehensive reform of Ontario residential landlord and tenant legislation, which endures to the present. He published widely including Evidence and Procedure in Canadian Labour Arbitration, numerous articles in Canadian and US Law Journals. He was also a labour arbitrator, working until his early 80s. His intense intellectual passions covered many topics, and his sharp sense of humour was often reflected in lectures and written work. Young at heart, Morley remarried in 2008 and spent happy years together with Emily (Naretto) Gorsky, including several memorable trips to Italy and California. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues. Morley was preceded in death by his

parents, Tom and Polly, and his late wife Blanche (Nemerovsky) Gorsky in 2006. He is survived by his three children, Thomas Gorsky (Rose Bloomberg), Diane Gorsky (Manohar Bance), Nadine Gorsky (Jon Mills) and grandchildren Selene, Jared, Keiran, Chloe and Ivy. He is also survived by his wife Emily (Naretto) Gorsky, and her loving family Sylvana Huneault, Daniel Moretta (Belinda), and grandchildren Robert, Michelle, Katrina, Ethan and Nicholas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ We were so very sad to hear of Morley's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with dear Emily and Morley's family. We came to know Morley through Emily. He was charming, gracious, thoughtful, fun and the perfect gentleman. It was our pleasure to have known him, albeit for such a short time. We enjoyed our brunch in Toronto at the end of the summer in the wonderful company of a pony-tailed Morley. He had such a joie de vivre. Rest in peace, dear Morley. God bless. From Beverley, Peter and Charlotte.

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**Beverley Banks** - March 05, 2015 at 07:19 PM

VN

“ I am Virginio, Emily's brother, My wife and I we are far but we are close to our heart. We wanted very well to Morley was a dear friend to us, we will always remember.  
Ciao Morley a big kiss from Bruna and Virginio  
TI VOGLIAMO BENE

Virginio and Bruna NARETTO  
San Maurizio Canavese - Torino Italy Feb 28 ' 2015

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**VIRGINIO NARETTO** - February 28, 2015 at 09:59 AM

JA

“ We were very sorry to hear of Morley's death. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family.  
Ramon and Josie Abelenda

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**Josie Abelenda** - February 26, 2015 at 09:53 PM

IH

“ I was extremely sad to learn of Morley's passing from our mutual friend and colleague, Ian Hunter. Morley retired from Western before I arrived, but he became part of the wonderful community of Emeritus faculty whose company I enjoyed so much. We shared an interest in not just the law, but also in history, and in the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. I will miss him a great deal.

*Ian Holloway (Dean, UWO Faculty of Law, 2000 - 2011)*

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**Ian Holloway** - February 25, 2015 at 05:00 PM

PB

“ Professor Gorsky taught first year property law at Western in 1977/78. His dry sense of humour somehow made that driest of subjects interesting. I have good memories of him as a professor and mensch. My condolences to his family, you should be proud of all that he represented and achieved. Paul Brown, Western Law '80.

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**Paul Brown** - February 25, 2015 at 03:34 PM

JF

“ I was very sad to read about Professor Gorsky's passing. I was his student at Queens Law School. After taking my first course with him I decided to take every other course that he was teaching, even if I didn't really have an interest in the subject. He had a gift for teaching and his passion for the law always came through. He had a wonderful sense of humour which also sprinkled his lectures. Because he had been a practicing lawyer before he became a law professor, he was always able to put a particular problem into a real life perspective. That was a real gift. While I had not seen him since I left Queens, I followed his career with great interest because he was, to me, such an inspiration and I was thrilled to hear about his many successes after he left Queens. May his memory be for a blessing. Joe Feldman Law '73

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**Joe Feldman** - February 25, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“*Morley became my professor, mentor and confidant starting in the late 70s. His unknown professor lecture (remember the Gong Show) was the highlight of my law school career. He was good enough to stay in touch with me over the years. A real mensch and scholar. I will miss him as I am sure will many, many others. My heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

*Howard Wolch*

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**Howard Wolch** - February 25, 2015 at 11:57 AM

RF

“*Morley was my Professor 1968-69 at Queen's Law-real and personal property. He excelled-making the Rule Against Perpetuities almost interesting. He always accepted an invitation to join the first year students for a few pints at the Lakeview Manor on Thursday evenings. On one occasion the beer flowed more freely than usual and most or perhaps all of us had more than appropriate. The difficulty was an 8:30 am property class the next morning. Only a handful of students turned up-including me and my Labrador dog, which promptly fell asleep-no offence Morley. Morley arrived ,on time, opened his notes and started-without looking up. After a few minutes my dog awoke came to its feet and let out a long loud yawn. Morley looked up , said "That is the most intelligent thing that has been said here this morning." folded his notes and left.*

*Subsequently Morley and I became more than Professor-Student. While I do not recall seeing Morley after I left Queen's, Morley and I spoke on the phone from time to time, sometimes simply for a visit but often to allow me to seek his guidance.*

*I will miss him. My sympathy to all.*

*Rod Follwell  
Law '71*

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**Rod Follwell** - February 25, 2015 at 09:09 AM

BK

“ It was very sad to hear that Morley had passed away. it is a loss to the arbitration and labour community. Morley had intellectual curiosity, and was prepared to share his ideas. He was always kind, considerate, passionate, concerned about others, a wonderful listener. He had a great twinkle in his eye. As a fellow arbitrator, I always enjoyed meeting him as our arbitrations crossed paths.

*Belinda Kirkwood*

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**Belinda Kirkwood** - February 25, 2015 at 08:48 AM

AB

“ My wife Katri and I are very sad to read that Morley has passed away. Morley and Blanche were our next door neighbours and dear friends for many years in London, Ontario. At that time, Morley and I were both on the faculty at Western, he in Law and I in Science. He was a distinguished scholar, broad and deep, with wide-ranging interests, and an outstanding human being. He was both mentor and confidant and he had a most positive effect on my life. Morley also had a light touch and we shared many a laugh about the human condition especially as it pertained to various goings on at Western.

He did go back to Winnipeg for a bit. I was unsuccessful in looking him up there. However, by a piece of luck we ran into him in Toronto in Yorkville and he and Blanche treated us to an excellent meal at their penthouse .

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Tom, Diane, Nadine and Emily and close with this traditional Gaelic blessing:

"Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis "[May his sweet soul rest at the right hand of God"].

*Aiden and Katri Bruen*

*Calgary, Alberta.*

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**Aiden Bruen** - February 24, 2015 at 10:06 PM

DP

“ We were very sorry to hear of Morley's death and extend out sympathies to the family. Although we did not see him often, we always enjoyed getting together with him at the annual family party. Morley had a wide knowledge of several topics and we engaged in many lively and enlightening conversations. He will certainly be missed

*David and Shirley Promislow*

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**David Promislow** - February 24, 2015 at 07:09 PM

RK

“ I am thinking of Emily, Tom, Rose Diane Monahar, Nadine, John and their families at this difficult time. Uncle Morley was kind, compassionate, and easy to talk to. He is well thought of by myself and family and will be greatly missed.

*Rhea Krawetz and family Winnipeg*

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**Rhea Krawetz** - February 24, 2015 at 05:14 PM

SD

“ I met Morley in 1983 in my first year at Western Law School. I am proud to say that Morley has been my mentor and friend ever since. Given that Morley basically wrote the first draft of the then Landlord and Tenant Act of Ontario, a group of landlords once told him that he should be “ tarred and feathered”. I do think Morley had a few laughs in remembering this wish. Morley was always on the side of the underdogs and remained true to his principles, even if it cost him. Morley will be sorely missed.

*Silvano Del Rio*

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**Silvano Del** - February 24, 2015 at 03:41 PM

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**Silvano Del** - February 24, 2015 at 03:02 PM

GB

“ *Morley was my professor and my colleague both as a law professor and as an arbitrator. I always enjoyed his company and valued the time I spent with him. He was a very kind and caring man. My husband and I want to convey our deepest sympathy to his family.*  
*Gail Brent*

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**Gail Brent** - February 24, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BH

“ *Morley was a colleague during the first part of my academic career at Western Law. He was ready to help whenever asked. Most importantly, he always had a kind word and warm smile.*

*Ben Hovius*

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**Ben Hovius** - February 24, 2015 at 11:34 AM

MH

*we have lost a great gentleman with the passing of morley gorsky.he will be sadly missed by all of us at 15 mcmurich st my heart goes out to his family and especially to his wife emily.*

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**michael hall** - February 26, 2015 at 05:40 PM

AZ

*I believe that my contact with Morley goes back farther than that of others; we were neighbors on Matheson Avenue in Winnipeg beginning in 1939. We were good friends at that time and of course even then he was a kind, soft-spoken, intelligent person.*

*We lost contact after high school however I had indirect contact because Ms. Blanche Nemerovsky was the head nurse of the first ward on which I worked as a fresh, newly minted medical intern. The future Mrs. Gorsky was efficient and greatly supportive to an inexperienced junior intern.*

*It was a great pleasure for me when many years later Morley and I met again [he was working in London at the time]. Since then we've seen each other off and on but more frequently when we both moved to Toronto. I learned then that my initial impressions on Matheson Avenue were correct but greatly amplified as I met this intelligent, kind and responsible friend.*

*Unfortunately Blanche died...a great loss for Morley. Fortunately however he met and married Emily who brought life and happiness into his life. Her loss and the loss of all members of Morley's family is great. However all of us who knew Morley are the better for having known him.*

*Alvin Zipursky*

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**Alvin Zipursky** - March 20, 2015 at 01:28 PM