

KENNETH GEORGE DENNIS



KENNETH GEORGE DENNIS 1946 - 2012 It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of Ken Dennis on August 15, 2012 at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg, at the age of 66 years. He was predeceased by his parents Bessie (Millie) and George Charlton Dennis. Left to cherish Ken's memory are his siblings Pat (Melvin) Webber of Burlington, ON; Colleen (Roger) Moir of Winnipeg, MB; and James (Brenda) Dennis of Cochrane, AB; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was born in Winnipeg at the old Grace Hospital. He attended Lord Roberts and Churchill High Schools. His early interests were hockey and tobogganing on the river bank, ball hockey on the street with neighbourhood friends, following the professional sports teams and of course, his love of learning. Ken enjoyed canoe trips with Dad and family car trips on summer vacations. He attended the University of Manitoba (1964-1970) earning his Bachelor of Commerce and Masters Degrees. He then went on to obtain his Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from St. Johns College at Oxford University, in England (1971 to 1976). Ken began his working career as a lecturer at the University of Manitoba Economics Department in 1969 and in 1970 went to Ottawa to work on the Prices and Income Commission. After completing his studies in Oxford, Ken returned to the University of Manitoba as a lecturer in 1979. He achieved Assistant Professor status in 1981 and received Tenure in 1986, becoming Associate Professor. In 2007, he retired with the title of Senior Scholar. Ken was respected by his colleagues and students. He enjoyed an active life playing tennis at the Wildwood and Unicity Racket Clubs. He had a life-long love of music and spent many hours enjoying his extensive collection. Ken was an avid billiards player and shared many games over the last decade with his University of Manitoba friends. After his retirement, Ken spent many hours pursuing his photography hobby; pictorially documenting buildings of Winnipeg. He had a great interest in architecture and also pursued his interest in maps and layouts of many cities. Ken was well read and a wonderful conversationalist. He possessed a remarkable sense of humour and will be missed by his family and friends. We are grateful for the time that we have been given, to spend with him. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at the Victoria General Hospital, Deer Lodge and the Grace Hospital for their patience and caring. A Memorial Service in Celebration of Ken's Life will be held Friday, September 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg, 603 Wellington Crescent. Should friends desire, donations may be made to their charity of choice.