

AIKENS, HARRY FORBES

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harry Forbes Aikens on Sunday, February 17, 2008, in Halifax, with his wife Val by his side.

Born in New Glasgow, Harry was a son of the late John and Isobel (MacLaughlin) Aikens. He lived in Stellarton until leaving to attend Dalhousie University in Halifax where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Thereafter, he attended Yale University in New Haven, Conn., obtaining a Master of Arts (honours), specializing in linguistics and phonetics. Harry relocated to Bordeaux, France, where he taught English for two years. At the invitation of Dalhousie University, Harry returned to Halifax to become a professor of French and linguistics, specializing in phonetics. In addition to French, Harry was fluent in Spanish, German and Italian. Always eager to learn new languages, he had most recently been studying the Chinese language. Harry and his wife Val travelled extensively throughout the world. Harry was also an avid philatelist, loved to play the piano, listen to music and he enjoyed photography. Although a very private person, Harry has touched many lives in a positive way. We will miss his strong but compassionate character.

Harry Aikens is survived by his wife, Val (Lutwick) and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John "Jack" Aikens and Dr. Robert "Bob" Aikens.

The funeral took place on Friday, February 22. Interment to take place in Oakridge Memory Gardens, Sackville, at a later date. Donations if you wish, may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Canada or to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. On-line condolence to: atlantichalifaxfh@arbormemorial.com

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