

In Memoriam - Kenneth Alfred Heard

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IN MEMORIAM

The Political Science Department would like to extend condolences for Dr. Ken Heard.

HEARD, Kenneth Alfred "Ken" - 91, passed away May 7, 2011, in QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born in Durban, South Africa, on April 10, 1920, Ken was a son of the late Alfred and Ida (Meier) Heard.

He is sadly missed by his children and their spouses, Stephen and Margie, Halifax; Cherry and Curtis Clark, Baltimore, MD; Andrew and Carolyn, Salt Spring Island, BC; grandchildren, Catherine, Anna, Luc, Meagan and Alison; as well as his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Lesley; brother, Carey; and sister, Dorothy.

During the Second World War, Ken served with the South African Air Force. He obtained his B.A. and B.Ed. from the University of Natal in South Africa, and started his teaching career at Woodland Indian High School. He then did post-graduate studies in London, England, before gaining a position teaching Political Science at the University of Natal. He was a founding member of the anti-apartheid Progressive Party in South Africa and a lay Baptist preacher whose message passionately promoted the equality of all races. In 1964, spurred by the unacceptable situation in South Africa, he emigrated with his family to Halifax, NS where they happily and gratefully settled. After the move, he obtained his PhD and enjoyed a long teaching career at Dalhousie University, eventually retiring in 1985.

Ken's main interests were always his family and friends, his students, literature, music and tennis. To the end, he remained an avid reader of literature that provided an exposure to other cultures and backgrounds. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Halifax.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff at the QEII, Restorative Care Unit and Transitional Care Unit for the wonderful care and attention provided over the last several months. There will be no visitation. The funeral service will be held Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. in First Baptist Church, Halifax, with a reception following. Burial will take place afterwards in a private interment, family members only. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church, Halifax or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Atlantic Funeral Homes, Halifax. Online condolences may be made by visiting:

www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com