In Memoriam - Dr. Ron de Burger

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Born in Hulst, Netherlands, Ron came to Canada in 1951 with his family, where they landed in Quebec City and settled in Warren, Ontario. He grew up in the Sudbury area, graduating from Copper Cliff High School. He went on to earn a Certificate in Public Health Inspection from Ryerson University in Toronto (1964); a B.A. in History / Political Science from Laurentian University in Sudbury (1968); and a Certificate in Public Health, Public Health Administration from University of Toronto (1974).

An accomplished public health professional, Ron began his career as a Public Health Inspector in Sudbury in January, 1965. His career in public health took him from coast to coast, with roles as an Instructor in the Public Health Inspection Program at Ryerson University, Toronto (1969-75); Director, School of Environmental Health at Ryerson (1975-82); Assistant Deputy Minister of Preventive Health Services for the Province of British Columbia, Victoria (1982-88); Dean, Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University, Halifax (1988-91); Director, AIDS Education and Awareness Program, Ottawa (1991-98). Ron moved on to become a consultant for Health Canada from 1998-2001, and finished his career with the City of Toronto where he worked as Director of Healthy Environments (2001-2014). Ron is regarded nationally and internationally as a leader in the field of public health, and is a past President of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and the Canadian Public Health Association.

A celebration of life will be held for Ron on Aug. 27 from 2-4 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, Oakville, Ontario.