

In Memoriam - Dr. Kenneth Roy Rozee

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Dr. Kenneth Roy Rozee born February 7th, 1931 in Halifax, NS passed away September 5th, 2012 in the Halifax Infirmary following a brief illness.

Dr. Rozee was predeceased by his first wife Ardath (Perry), brother James, sisters Doris Wood and Joyce Brunt. He is survived by his loving wife of thirty nine years Patricia (Reyno), children Anna Bone (Reg), Jane, Shawn, Scott and Sarah (Kevin Hooper). Dr. Rozee had nine grandchildren; Reginald, Kenneth, Ardath, Kees, Victoria, Luke, Matthew, Sophia and Ezra, and six great grandchildren; Damon, Miranda, Warren, Bailey, Faith, and Desirae. He is also survived by his sisters; Joanne (Latter), Barbara (Smith), and Beverly (Mahabir) and brothers; Robert and David and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Rozee was educated at Bloomfield School, Queen Elizabeth High School, University of Toronto and Dalhousie University where he was awarded the first PhD ever granted by the institution. He later taught virology as a Professor at the University of Toronto and Dalhousie University, completed a research fellowship at Warwick University, UK, a Killam Fellowship at Calgary University and a fellowship in Public Health Administration at Harvard University.

He was for many years Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology at Dalhousie and the Director of Medical Microbiology at the then Pathological Institute in the Victoria General Hospital. Following these appointments, Dr. Rozee became Director of the Bureau of Microbiology, Laboratory Centre for Disease Control (LCDC) Department of Health in Ottawa. He also contributed to the design of the International Centre for Infectious Diseases (ICID) in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Returning to Halifax, he was the founding CEO/COO of the Centre for Clinical Research at the Victoria General Hospital as it became part of the developing Queen Elizabeth II Health Science Centre. In retirement he was appointed the honour of Professor Emeritus in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Dalhousie University.

He was the founding Chairman of the Canadian College of Microbiologists in 1974, in later years served as Registrar and was awarded their Distinguished Microbiologist Award in 2004. He also presided as President and served on the Board of the Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. He was frequently a chairman and member of many Medical Research Councils, National Health Research and Defense Research Board research advisory committees.

In recent years, Ken worked passionately to develop and expand the Senior's College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS), serving as President and also providing interdisciplinary lectures for senior learners across the Province.

An avid sports fisherman, Ken enjoyed the outdoors and spent many happy hours trying unsuccessfully to catch the big one. He was an accomplished carpenter in his spare time, a skill acquired in youth and often required by his family. Throughout his career he was most happy teaching and interacting with research students at every level of their development. His passion to evoke thought and curiosity extended to anyone who knew him, as he 'subtly' provided mentorship and guidance. Providing dinner table lectures for his boisterous family he learned that they inherited their wicked sense of humor directly from him and they never failed to exasperate him with it at every turn. He has been described as a true gentleman and a true friend. He is remembered for his superb wit, his wonderful companionship, his easy style, and a smile that could light up a room.

His family has created an online space to share information, stories and photographs at: <http://www.dr-kennethrozee.ca>. Please feel free to visit and contribute.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held in Theatre B at the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building, 5850 College Street, Halifax, 6 PM on September 25th, 2012. A reception will follow in the main lobby.

As an expression of sympathy and in honour of his passion for teaching and learning, donations may be made to the Dr. Kenneth Rozee Fund at Dalhousie University to support Microbiology & Immunology graduate students c/o External Relations, Dalhousie University, PO Box 15000, Halifax, NS, B3H 4R2 (Tel: 902-494-8801 or Toll Free 1-800-565-9969). Please make cheques payable to Dalhousie University and indicate that they are in memory of Dr. Kenneth Rozee. Online gifts can be made to this website <http://boldambitions.dal.ca/make-a-gift.html> Under Area of Support type the Department of Microbiology & Immunology. Please ensure the Dedication section is completed. Notification can be sent to Mrs. Patricia Rozee, 150 Silver Birch Drive, Hubley, NS B3Z 1A8.

The Rozee family would like to acknowledge the excellent staff of the Halifax Infirmary Hospital for the care provided. You became part of our extended family during this difficult time. Thank You.