

In Memoriam: Reid, Roger Thomas

5 November 1946 to 25 February 2011



Roger died quietly in the evening hours of February 25th at his home in Victoria, BC. He was born in St. Catharines, Ontario, and spent the first 35 years of his life in Ontario, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree from McMaster University in 1970; a Master's Degree from Queen's University in 1972; and a PhD in economics from Queen's in 1975. His PhD thesis was on effective rates of protection in Canada, completed under the supervision of Robin Boadway.

Roger worked as an economist all his professional career, beginning with Laurentian and Trent Universities. He was at Trent for 5 years where, he was, among others, Don of the Lady Eaton College from 1976 to 1980. Roger moved to Victoria in 1981 to join the BC Civil Service as an economist with the Planning and Assessment Branch of the Ministry of Environment. In 1988, he joined the Wildlife Branch as the sole economist for the Wildlife Program in the Province of British Columbia where he remained until his retirement in 2003. During his time in the BC government, Roger was instrumental in several socio-economic surveys used for the pricing of licences and for cost-benefit analysis of the wildlife resource versus competing alternatives (e.g. mining, forestry and hydro).

Roger was well-known for his quiet, shy personality that was punctuated by a cutting wit, best expressed in dry one-liners. As a professional economist, he had a sharp, analytical mind and he prided himself on his ability to write simply and clearly. He will be remembered with great warmth and a smile by his many long-standing friends, including from his days in graduate school.

A Celebration of Roger's Life was held on March 19th at the University of Victoria Interfaith Chapel. Donations are encouraged to the BC Lung Association via <http://www.bc.lung.ca/donate/memorial-gifts.html> or BC Lung Association, 2675 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 2K2. Contact Lloyd Kenward (250-477-0967) or Heather Millen (250-216-5414) for any further information.