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Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics

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Thanks to many who have helped with today's celebration, including Tim McCaskell, Richard Fung, Glen Brown, Carolyn Egan, Wendy Lee-Richardson, Lesli Gaynor, Peggy McDonough, Clare Meridaw, David Mordecai, Michelle Robidoux, Peter Birt, Marie Boutlier-Dean and Tony Dean, Lynn Simmons and many other volunteers.

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October 18, 2014

A CELEBRATION OF

Life

Bob Gardner

June 8, 1948 - August 28, 2014

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Toronto's social justice community is mourning the loss of a comrade, colleague and friend Bob Gardner. Bob passed away peacefully at age 66 at Toronto General Hospital with his spouse and partner in life Linda by his side. Predeceased by his parents General James and Joyce Gardner. Survived by spouse and partner in life Linda Gardner née Lee, sisters Deborah and Dianne (John Firmino) Gardner, sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Larry Richardson, nephews Michael (Liz) and Stephen Richardson and niece Gillian Richardson Siegwart (Don), and great nieces and nephews.

Bob worked as Director of Policy at the Wellestley Institute for many years. He researched, wrote and spoke widely on health equity policy. He worked with governments, LHINS, service providers, and community partners across the GTA, Ontario, Canada and internationally to develop effective strategy and action plans. He served on many health policy advisory forums (Ontario Health Quality Council) working groups and boards. Bob has a PhD in sociology and worked as an academic (U of T, McMaster U, U of Guelph), public sector executive (Director Legislative Research Service, Ontario Legislative Library) and consultant. He was Senior Advisor, Parliamentary Research and Information Services, Parliamentary Centre where he worked around the world establishing parliamentary research units. He was a long time community activist on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and other issues.

A passionate soccer fan and avid pickup soccer player, Bob was a member of the YMCA, a voracious reader of mystery, crime and spy fiction, as well as journals, books and literature on political, economic and social issues. Music was a source of relaxation and enjoyment. Bob was known for his dry wit, sense of humour, generous support and encouragement of others, and friendly, kind and caring nature. Orange was his favourite colour.

Many thanks to Dr. Vishal Kukreti (Princess Margaret Hospital) for his expertise and compassion as he guided Bob as safely as possible through the long journey of lymphoma treatment. Thanks also to the many health care providers at the University Health Network for their kind, excellent, responsive help and care.

Cherished by his spouse of 43 years, loved and honoured by his sisters and parents, treasured and profoundly missed by his family.

Program for the celebration

Tim McCaskell
Deborah & Dianne Gardner
Carolyn Egan
Glen Brown
Richard Fung
Wendy Lee-Richardson
Simone Atungo
Andrew McNaught
Linda Gardner

Reception to follow.

Please stay and share your memories
Music from Bob's Ipod



ONE DAY,

IN PERSPECTIVE

THE YEAR'S STRUGGLE

WILL STRIKE YOU AS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL.

Bob Gardner

June 8, 1948

August 28, 2014

Comrade, Colleague and Friend
Champion of Equity