

Fellows was an Anglican minister who was recently featured in The Intelligencer for his seminars on the book, The Da Vinci Code. They were given to packed houses at both St. Thomas' Anglican Church and Bridge Street United Church.

Rev. Peter Joyce, of St. Thomas' church, said Fellows was an "honorary assistant" at the church, celebrated the Eucharist there and taught classes, such as the Myths and Metaphors series held this past fall and winter.

He was also involved in the church's Learning In Lent series that focused on the environment this year, and was a member of the Liturgy and Learning Committee.

Fellows was "part of our effort to make St. Thomas' a learning environment" and was very good at it, said Joyce, adding he would "plumb the depths" of the bible.

"He was a teacher and he was a thinker, and as one person said (very recently) he was a bit of a prophet," said Joyce.

"We all feel that a light has gone out here and we're all trying to figure out how we're going to carry on his (work)."

Bonnie Delaney, client volunteer co-ordinator at Hospice Quinte where Fellows volunteered along with Kathryn, said Fellows took on the task two years ago and has had the same client throughout that period (which is highly unusual for a palliative care organization).

He wound up becoming good friends with the client and their family, said Delaney.

She described him as a "fantastic" volunteer who always did more than was asked of him, helping with fundraising events and other activ-

ities.

"His clients and their families just loved him. Ron went over and above the call of duty." After taking the initial course for palliative care, he continued to want to learn, she said.

"Ron was a man who was hungry for knowledge ... He always wanted to learn a little more," said Delaney. "He was just a wonderful person. A great loss for us, for sure."

Rev. Hal Wilson of Bridge Street United Church met Fellows about 30 years ago and became director of the Applewood Centre.

"It was really avant guard. We brought people from all over the world to the Applewood Centre," said Wilson.

The conferences brought together people "on the growing edge of spirituality and science," and only closed after other organizations had taken over the task.

"Ron was a quiet, deep guy, but could provoke thought in a gentle way," said Wilson. Extremely well-read, Fellows thoroughly enjoyed holding events such as The Da Vinci Code conferences that challenged people think, he said.

Fellows leaves five children, three step-children and 10 grandchildren. A visitation will be held at the Burke Funeral Home today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A funeral service will be held in Bridge Street United Church Friday at 2 p.m. with reverends Joyce and Wilson officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the Stephen Lewis Foundation (HIV-AIDS in Africa).

Online book condolences can be made at www.burke-funeral.ca.