

Obituary

Richard Ohlman fondly remembered for his work in our community

A service of celebration was held this morning (Saturday, April 29) at the Stouffville Missionary Church for Richard (Dick) Ohlman, who died Easter Sunday in Sudbury after a six month battle with cancer.

Mr. Ohlman, who was 58, was former Ontario director of the Canadian Sunday School Mission (CSSM). Along with his wife Shirley, he resided at the Ontario CSSM headquarters at Willow Springs Camp in Lemonville for much of the 1970s and '80s. The Ohlmans' duties also included running the Christian camp.



Richard Ohlman

The couple lived in the village of Stouffville in the early 1990s. Born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mr. Ohlman graduated from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music before going on to university. He married Shirley in 1961, after which the Ohlmans moved to Picton, Ont. In 1964, the Ohlmans began their long association with the CSSM, involving themselves in camp work, bible clubs, music, and making religious education available in public schools. Mr. Ohlman served as Ontario director of the CSSM for much of the 1970s and '80s. Ohlman returned to Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary for further studies in 1993. The Ohlmans had recently initiated and directed the Mobile Ministry, ministering to the needs of native Canadians in Northern Ontario. They moved to Sudbury in 1994.

According to family friend Vera Moyer, Mr. Ohlman was a committed Christian worker and a respected human being. "There's not another couple I admired more than Shirley and Dick," said Moyer. "Dick was a servant of Christ and a servant of people, and he was loved."

He leaves sons Mark (and fiancée

Mary Ann), Kevin (and wife Sandy), Jon Andrea. He also leaves grandchildren Brennan. The funeral was held April 22 in (and wife Michaela), and daughter Amanda, Lauren, Michael, Kristin and Grand Rapids.

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