

Grant Ingram

Grant Ingram passed away while leaving his UBC office on the evening of June 13, 2007. Grant was a warm and very decent human being as well as a major figure internationally, at UBC and within Earth and Ocean Sciences at UBC -- he will be sorely missed. Heartfelt sympathies go first to Grant's wife Helen Burt and their family, and to the many UBC students and colleagues whose lives have been touched so marvelously by Grant since he arrived at UBC in 1997. Grant's scholarly contributions to the world of earth and ocean sciences, along with truly remarkable administrative service to the university, are accomplishments that bring tremendous pride to all who have known him.

Grant was a distinguished physical oceanographer, and this scholarly work was a constant backdrop to the service he performed in the community, initially as founding Principal of St. John's College, as Dean of Science Pro Tem, Associate Dean, Strategic Planning and Research in the Faculty of Science and most recently as Principal of the College for Interdisciplinary Studies.

Grant was named 2006 Fellow of The Oceanography Society for "insightful studies of physical processes and physical/biological coupling in extreme polar regions and for untiring service to the oceanographic community" and 2006 Fellow of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society for "leadership in linking physical and biological oceanography, and his wide-ranging service and research contributions to Arctic oceanography." Never has the world more needed his expertise in Arctic waters at a time of dramatic climate change, the focus of his most recent research.

Before joining the UBC community, Grant had been Chair of the Institute of Oceanography and Professor in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at McGill, from where he attained his BSc and MSc prior to his PhD in the joint program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Grant will be truly missed by his former colleagues at McGill.

Friends and colleagues are invited to sign the family's online Memorial Book of condolences at www.personalalternative.com. Contributions in memory of Grant can be made in support of the R. Grant Ingram Memorial Scholarship in Oceanography at UBC. Please make your gifts payable to the R. Grant Ingram Memorial Fund, UBC Development Office, Suite 500, 5950 University Boulevard, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3

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