In Memoriam

Ian Morrison

Ian Kenneth Morrison, Retired Research Scientist with the Canadian Forest Service at the Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario passed away in Traverse City, Michigan, March 27, 2013 at the age of 73.

A LASTING TRIBUTE TO HONOUR IAN…
A student award is being established within the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto to honour Ian’s memory.

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IAN'S LEGACY…
Friends will remember Ian as an inspirational scientist and a supportive colleague. He was well respected by co-workers and national and international collaborators. He was a kind, gentle, caring man and is remembered for his wonderful stories and great sense of humour.

Ian is survived by his wife, Donna and his two daughters Allison (Chris) Nicolson and Christina (Martin) Korson. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Kaitlin, Benjamin, and Aaron Nicolson, Madeline and Ella Korson. His youngest granddaughter was named Ella Morrison Korson after her grandpa. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

IAN'S DEDICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION…
Dr. Morrison joined the Department of Forestry and Rural Development in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario on August 1, 1968. His early research focused on forest fertilization and nutrient cycling in the boreal forests of northern Ontario. In 1979, Dr. Morrison and colleagues from the Canadian Forest Service and the Canadian Departments of Environment and Fisheries and Oceans founded the Turkey Lakes Watershed Study, to examine the impacts of acid deposition on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems on the Canadian Shield. Dr. Morrison’s studies at Turkey Lakes were important to the development and signing of the 1991 Canada-U.S. Air Quality Agreement, which established guidelines for reducing atmospheric pollution emissions and programs for monitoring environmental impacts of emissions. During his career Dr. Morrison was an active participant in the Acid Rain National Early Warning System (ARNEWS) and the Fluxnet-Canada research programs.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS…
Ian Morrison was born in Barrie, Ontario on August 5, 1939. At the youthful age of 16, Ian became a Queen's Scout, the highest award achievable in the Scouting movement. Dr. Morrison earned degrees from the University of Toronto (B.Sc.F., Forestry, 1962, M.Sc., Forestry, 1964, Ph.D., Forestry, 1968). Ian devoted his entire 36-year career to forestry and forest soils research as an employee of the Government of Canada. He was an active member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (Secretary and Council Member), the Canadian Soil Science Society, the Soil Science Society of America and the International Energy Agency – Biomass for Energy Working Group.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS…
Dr. Morrison was the author of more than 100 published research papers for his work in biogeochemistry. Ian was honoured with many awards over the course of his career. He received a Canadian Forest Service Merit Award in 2001 for his research on organic matter decomposition and its contribution to the global carbon cycle. He was also awarded the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association J. A. Bothwell Award for meritorious work on behalf of forest conservation in Canada and the Canadian Institute of Forestry Tree of Life Award in 2004 given to recognize superior, dedicated or particularly effective contributions to sustainable forest resource management. Ian trained and mentored many undergraduate and graduate students and was a judge of elementary and secondary student science projects for many years for the Algoma Rotary Science Fair in Sault Ste. Marie. He often would state “I never worked a day in my life” as he so loved his profession.