



Picture taken at the 2009 Labour Day Parade

JOHN CHAMARD, 1942 – 2009, former SMUFU President

John Campbell Chamard, age 67, of Halifax, passed away September 25, 2009, at the QEII Emergency Room. Born in Montreal, Quebec, on January 24, 1942, he was the son of the late John McLean and Ivy (Campbell) Chamard.

He attended Ashbury College in Ottawa, and earned a B.A. in History at the University of Saskatchewan, an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School, and a Ph.D. from the University of New England in Armidale, New South Wales, Australia.

He had worked as a professor at Saint Mary's University since 1974 and attained the rank of tenured full professor. He also held the CIBC Chair of Entrepreneurship. He taught for many years in the CMA and CMA/MBA program. He was active in the Faculty Union, serving as its president for a term and was involved in contract negotiations. He was instrumental in establishing a Ph.D. program in Management and Master of

Management in Cooperatives and Credit Unions. This program was the first of its kind in the world. John served as director of the MMCCU from 2003 to 2009.

Before joining the faculty of Saint Mary's and while there, John was active as a management consultant in the fields of health care, community development, and aboriginal affairs (in both Canada and Australia). One project of note was Old North End Community Housing, where he spearheaded efforts to renovate houses and build new affordable homes.

Following a sabbatical year spent in Australia, John returned to Nova Scotia in 1988 and established a wine, beer, and spirits agency. He thoroughly enjoyed having a small business in the real world in which to apply the theories and principles he taught as a professor. He also thoroughly enjoyed sampling wines and the occasional travel to wine regions around the world. He received his Certified Sommelier Designation from the International Sommelier Guild in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Trecartin of Halifax; daughter, Dr. Sharon Chamard of Anchorage, Alaska; son John A. (Andy) Chamard (Lisbeth Kuirinlahti) and granddaughter Ivy Amelia Lahti, all of Calgary; and numerous cousins in Ontario, Manitoba, and the United States. Predeceased by his brother, Alexander, in childhood.

Visitation from 1-2 pm and service at 2 pm on Thursday, October 1, at J.A. Snow Funeral Home, 2666 Windsor Street in Halifax, followed by reception at 4 pm at the Italian-Canadian Club at 2629 Agricola Street. No flowers by request. Donations may be made in John's memory to Doctors Without Borders.