**About Dale Nelson**

Dale Wesley Nelson (1958-1993) was born in Brantford, Ontario and lived in Orangeville, Saskatoon, and Cranbrook, but considered Seaforth, Ontario his favourite home. He graduated with an Honours B.A. in History and Political Science from the University of Western Ontario in 1981, and then a Masters in Library Science, also from Western, in 1982.

While at Western Dale met and married the love of his life, Annabel Kislenko. They moved to Winnipeg in 1982, where Dale took a job at the University of Manitoba Medical Library. He then worked at the Winnipeg Centennial Library and Manitoba Legislative Library before moving to Great West Life Assurance Company where he was the Corporate Librarian. Dale was heavily involved with professional associations in his field. He served as President of the Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, and helped to organize numerous conferences and many other events.

An avid sports fan, Dale loved the (original) Winnipeg Jets, the Toronto Argonauts, and the Toronto Blue Jays. He was also passionate about music, with an enormous range of interests and incredible knowledge about everything from classical to Cohen to the Clash. He was a gifted musician too: playing the piano and organ very well. To all those who knew him, Dale’s sense of humour was legendary: wickedly smart and mischievous, but always good-natured.

He had a genuine passion for politics and history, particularly Canadian, and an endless intellectual curiosity about the world. He was a dedicated defender of the beliefs he held dear, but was always a critical thinker, objective, and open-minded with others.

His proudest accomplishment and greatest joy was being a father to his sons Liam (born 1991) and Christopher (born 1994), as well as being a husband to Annabel. He was also blessed with many good friends who loved him dearly.

Dale died of cancer in 1993.