



John Barry Macdonald

1944 - 1997



Clarence M. [unclear]
1901 - 1981

In memory ...

Barry Macdonald was a dear friend and respected colleague of everyone who knew him. Barry's expertise, his passion for education and his selfless attitude earned him the respect and admiration of educators and support staff throughout and beyond the Vancouver School system.

Barry began his 31 years of service with the Board as an art teacher at Beaconsfield Elementary. The year was 1966, the same year he married his high school friend, Bev. In 1971, Barry transferred to South Hill Elementary and within a year, began his lasting interest in computers. Barry pioneered in this area, developing a math drill program that connected through a teletype machine to a high school computer. Barry went on to set up the first educational bulletin board (EdNet) in Western Canada.

Barry assumed the first of several district roles in 1974, from Helping Teacher with Audio Visual Resources to the role most people associate with Barry, District Principal for Curriculum Resources and Technology. In this capacity, Barry was a driving force in the district's move to the world of technology and the expanded use of learning resources in classrooms.

Barry possessed a rare gift: the ability to articulate a comprehensive vision for the role of computers in education in a clear straightforward manner. Barry was always an educator first and a supporter of computer technology second.

All of us who remember Barry will remember him for both his professionalism and his personal qualities. Barry was bright, unpretentious, witty but most of all, sincere, kind and caring to all who knew him.

In memory of our dear friend and respected colleague, Barry Macdonald. We will miss him.

Program

Welcome from Laurie Anderson

Memories honouring and celebrating Barry's Life

- * Geoff Low
- * Hugh Hooper
- * Wayne Gatley
- * John Barton
- * Colin McDougall

A musical interlude by Killarney Senior Vocal Ensemble,
conducted by Denise Marquette

In Honour of Barry

Reception in the cafeteria