

**Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum**  
**June 11, 1948- July 6, 2017**

Dr. Jerry Tenenbaum passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2017. Jerry succumbed to complications following surgery in late June. Jerry was known as a passionate rheumatologist who unreservedly threw himself into his work as a clinician, teacher, educator and mentor. He was often a larger-than-life presence and he will be missed sorely.

Jerry was born in Germany and emigrated to Canada before his first birthday with his family settling in Toronto. He completed his undergraduate and medical school training at the University of Toronto where he was admitted to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Jerry continued at U of T, completing his internal medicine training and his rheumatology residency before moving to the University of Miami to complete two years of basic research in articular cartilage/osteoarthritis. He returned to Toronto to take a staff position in 1979.

While Jerry's early career at U of T continued his research activities, he became increasingly involved in teaching, education and education administration. He held key leadership roles including those of Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education (1990-1992), Director for Internal Medicine and Subspecialties (1992-2002) and Director of the International Medical Graduate program for Ontario (2002-2003). He was recognized for his contributions and was granted Professor of Medicine status in 2002. He received multiple awards for his teaching excellence including Mt. Sinai Hospital Clinical Teacher Awards on multiple occasions, the Anderson Award for outstanding contribution to the educational mission of MSH and UHN, the Aikens Award for Undergraduate Education and the Department of Medicine Teacher of the Year Award.

Jerry has spent the latter part of his career and life working in both Toronto and Victoria. He continued to see his patients in both offices - somehow managing the "commute" with apparent ease and grace. He continued to teach within the Divisions of Rheumatology in Victoria and Toronto. He continued his relationship with the University of Toronto and was also appointed an Adjunct Professor in the Division of Rheumatology at the University of British Columbia. He has had an important and palpable impact on several generations of rheumatologists across the country.

Outside of medicine and rheumatology, Jerry was a great historian of all things related to the contemporary music scene and in particular, was a Bob Dylan fan like no other. He was equally passionate and supportive of the Maple Leafs and his optimism for their eventual come-back was ever present. But greater than all of these was Jerry's love of his family, who made him light up like nothing else. In addition to his mother and two sisters, a large and connected extended family, Jerry leaves behind his partner, Lucretia van den Burg and Jerry's 2 sons and their families.

As one of Jerry's nephews so aptly said..."[Jerry] will be remembered for his work ethic, dedication to his patients and to teaching, promotion of his specialty, and amongst other things, his booming voice".

Final arrangements are pending but as of this morning, it appears that the plan is for the funeral to take place in Toronto, sometime next week.