

Terry was born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia where he eventually attended the University of British Columbia and completed a B. Sc. (Hons) thesis in biology under the guidance of Dr. John Mclean in 1978. This seemed to cement his future, and he followed Dr. McLean to the faculty of forestry at UBC to complete a PhD in which he explored a mass-trapping program for ambrosia beetles in a commercial sawmill. After successfully defending his thesis in 1982, Terry joined the Canadian Forest Service in Victoria where he began a prolific career in applied bark beetle research.

Throughout his career, Terry made numerous contributions to bark beetle management, publishing more than 100 scientific papers, technical reports and proceedings. His most famous contribution came through his development of a mountain pine beetle risk rating system which is in use today throughout western Canada.

On three occasions Terry received awards for excellence in research from the Canadian federal government. In addition, Terry was a registered professional forester, and a substantial contributor to several professional entomological societies. Terry was incredibly active in the Entomological Society of Canada, The Entomological Society of British Columbia and the Western Forest Insect Work Conference: he held numerous leadership positions with each of these organizations, organized conferences for each society and contributed much to the professional community.

Terry's professional accomplishments are particularly impressive in light of the health problems he faced for most of his adult life: many of his friends and colleagues were completely unaware that Terry had received a kidney transplant in the mid 1980s and suffered many life-threatening illnesses and complications as a result.



People were unaware of this because Terry had an incredibly positive attitude, always maintained a great sense of humour and refused to complain or make excuses. While Terry's years with us were low in number, they were exceptionally high in quality. Terry lived life to the full, made friends wherever he went and earned respect throughout the world for his personal and professional contributions.

Terry is remembered as a father, a husband, a friend, a respected scientist and a mentor - while his passing has been a painful shock for many of us, we are richer for the wonderful times we've had with him. The good times we shared and his professional contributions are a lasting legacy, and Terry would have liked nothing more than for us to remember him by living our lives the way he did: making the most of what we've got, always finding the ability to laugh, and fearlessly pursuing what we love.

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