

An Ode to Warren

I remember Warren

when he completed his dissertation defense at the University of Washington. He came into the Office of Population Research where I was working as a graphics illustrator and told me of the success of his defense – and he was very pleased when everyone started applauding.

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when he offered me the opportunity of coming to the University of Alberta to help with the establishment of the Population Research Laboratory. Once I arrived in Alberta, we spent many hours together in launching this research facility – and establishing a personal bond that will last forever.

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when we were first asked by a representative of McGraw-Hill whether or not we would be interested in writing a text on Canadian population. We looked at each other, saying nothing – and then Warren said yes we would be willing to undertake such a project.

I remember Warren

when we worked together on several publications and consulting projects - for many midnight oil burnings - and never once a disagreement.

I remember Warren

when he sent me photographs of him lounging by the swimming pool with drink in hand from sunny Arizona at the peak of an Alberta winter.

I remember Warren

for his sense of humor, the wonderful learning experiences we had together, the many joyful family visits, the memorable times we had at conferences, his continuing inspiration, and for the many single malts we had together.

To all of our friends and colleagues please join me in this Scottish goodbye

WARREN

How do we say good-bye to a man
who has touched so many lives?

—scholar, colleague, mentor — friend

A military man, a worldly man
a family man, an honorable man

You defended your country at war
and served your community at peace

You were blessed with a long life
personal achievement
a loving family
and a multitude of friends

—but we were blessed with you

Warren E. Kalbach
we salute you
for all you have given the world
and everything you meant to each of us

In the ancient meaning of good-bye,
God be wi' ye
on your final voyage home
and keep you until we meet again

—Warren, we will miss you
but we won't forget
and never will we stop loving you

—Wayne and Everyone