

**TADEUSZ ULRYCH, Geophysicist**  
**Professor Emeritus, UBC**  
August 9, 1935 – August 19, 2014



Tad Ulych breathed his last in the loving company of his son, Jason, and his daughter, Lyza. The four months from the cancer diagnosis to his death were both too short and a blessing. He never lost sight of the great good fortune he had enjoyed in, what he called, “the stochastic adventure of life”. He was filled with gratitude for the medical staff at VGH, for the old joys and current comforts of family and friends, and for his deeply satisfying and successful career at UBC.

Tad was a passionate teacher who had something to say and knew how to say it. He especially enjoyed mentoring his graduate students many of whom he said were “so fine I just pretend to myself that I am supervising them”. In the *Recorder*, the official publication of the *Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists*, (April, 2008), Tad warmly acknowledges his admiration for no less than 46 colleagues. It’s a remarkable record of a generous man’s love for his professional community.

As a theoretician, Tad made major contributions to his field for which he earned too many invitations, accolades and awards to mention more than few here. In 2004, the international *Society of Exploration Geophysicists* presented him with “Honorary Membership” -- one of its highest awards. In 2008 SEG named him Distinguished Lecturer and sent him on a worldwide speaking tour. In 2013 the CSEG sponsored a day-long symposium in his honour at which he was presented with a lifetime award for his contributions to geophysics in both research and education.

The fruits of Tad’s scholarship and teaching remain. But we have lost, and will sorely miss his spirit -- his exuberant energy, his pleasure in our company, his old-world gallantry, and his truly endearing humility.

**TAD’S MEMORIAL: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 at 3PM in the ATRIUM of the EARTH SCIENCES BUILDING (ESB) 2207 Main Mall, UBC.** Tad wanted his memorial to be fun. We’ll do our best, through our tears, to accommodate his wishes. Messages can be emailed directly to his family at [tadulrychmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:tadulrychmemorial@gmail.com)