

## In Memoriam - Michael Pronk

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It is with great sadness that the School of Health Sciences announces the sudden passing of **Michael Pronk** on August 6th, 2009 at 53 years of age. The funeral has taken place.

Born in Moncton, N. B., he was the son of the late Arie Pronk and Helena Catherine (Weldon) Barbour. Left to mourn are his wife, Antonia (Toni) and children, Christopher and Christina Pronk; mother, Helena Barbour; stepfather, Weldon Barbour; brother, Jake (Lorna) Pronk; sister, Angela (Bill Driscoll) Pronk; mother-in-law, Mrs. Chrisoula Vlahos; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Michael was a graduate of the Victoria General Hospital, Pathology Institute in Diagnostic Cytology. He experienced a 30-year multi-faceted career in health care, education and health promotion. Michael was employed at Capital District Health Authority and was an Adjunct Lecturer with the Faculty of Health Professions, School of Health Sciences (Diagnostic Cytology Program). He held certification with the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Sciences (CSMLS), licensure with the Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT), and held memberships with the Canadian Society of Cytology (CSC) and the Canadian Association of Medical Laboratory Educators (CAMLE). Michael was dedicated to education and promoting high standards of practice in all aspects of medical technology through his leadership and participation in a multitude of professional associations. He was actively involved with the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Sciences (CSMLS), The Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists (NSCMLT), the Canadian Health Professionals Secretariat (CHPS), the Canadian Association of Medical Laboratory Educators (CAMLE), and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). Michael was a passionate fan of the creative arts and enjoyed the time he spent singing with both the Greek Orthodox Church Choir and the Sir Charles Tupper Choir. A man of many gifts and talents, Michael pursued excellence with unbridled enthusiasm, and committed himself to every task with his whole heart. Michael will be remembered by all of us for his vibrant personality and genuine interest in the lives and unique journeys of those around him. He touched the hearts of everyone he knew and has left an indelible mark behind.