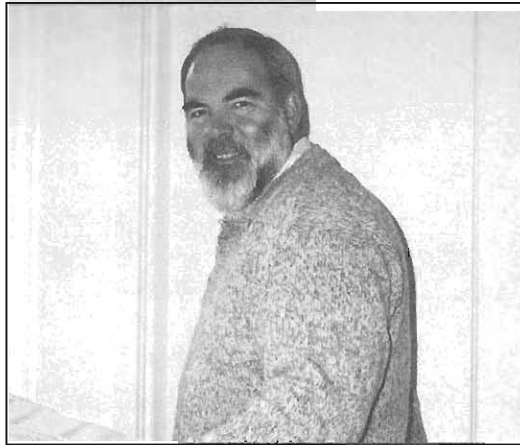


In Memoriam



Professor Robert F. Harney from the University of Toronto died on August 22, 1989, at the age of 50, of complications following a heart transplant.

Prof. Harney received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and joined the Department of History at the University of Toronto. In 1976 he became the Founding President of the Multicultural Society of Ontario and guided its growth to an internationally respected center for ethnic archives and research. In 1979 he hosted the second Finn Forum conference in Toronto.

Robert Harney was a leading figure in the study of immigration history and ethnicity in North America, specializing in the history of Italian immigration to the USA and Canada.

He also traveled widely to conferences and as a lecturer, including visits to Finland and other Nordic countries. His contribution to the Finn Forum of 1984 in Turku, Finland, was especially outstanding.

Robert Harney is survived by his wife, Diana Ohlsson, and four well-educated children. We have lost a dear friend and a great scholar in the field of migration research.

Olavi Koivukangas

Of Language and Grandma Ekola

I remember going to Grandma's at Christmas,
practicing all the way there,
"Hyvää Joulua, Hyvää Joulua..."

I would say it first thing.
She would lead me into her bedroom
reeking of strange medicines,
reach into the bottom drawer of her dresser
bring forth a handful
of round pink peppermints
each with four x's pressed in the top,
put them in my hand, smile.

But there would be tears
running down her cheeks,
for I knew no more of her language than that.
She knew no more of mine.

(Marlene Ekola Gerberick: Taava Miina)

