

JACKSON, James Robert de Jager (Robin) [UNTD CATARAQUI '53 U-37007] (1935 - 2011) Age: 75

JAMES ROBERT DE JAGER JACKSON F.R.S.C.

University Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto. Born St. Andrews, Scotland, 14 July 1935, died 29 April 2011 in Toronto after a long illness borne without bitterness. Robin taught English at Victoria College from 1964 until his retirement in 2001, and worked on research projects at the British Library in London every summer for even longer. Starting as a specialist on S. T. Coleridge but steadily broadening his range, he was the author of many books on the literature of the Romantic Period, from theory and criticism to editions and bibliographies, including a study of poetry by women that was dedicated to his two daughters. His last work, recently completed, was a comprehensive database of Romantic Poetry in English. An expert introduced him to an audience once as 'a scholar's scholar and a human being's human being'; he was learned, funny, gentle, and stubborn as a mule. He will be very fondly remembered by friends, colleagues, and former students, as well as by the immediate family - his wife Heather, daughters Katherine and Elizabeth, and sister Jennifer Jackson of North Yorkshire. At his request, there will be no memorial service, but gifts in his memory may be made to the Special Collections Fund, Victoria University Library (71 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto M5S 1K7, <http://uoft.me/supportvic>) or to Perram House (4 Wellesley Place, Toronto M4Y 2K4, <http://www.perramhouse.ca>), the wonderful hospice in which he spent his last days.

He had 3 UNTD summers; '54, '55. '56 and was promoted to SLT RCN(R), sen. 1 Jul '56, O-36024, attached to CATARAQUI. He was promoted to A/LT RCN(R) sen. 1 Jul '58 and was on the Ret'd List by 1960.

Further memorial detail from Victoria College, U of T, is below;

Professor J.R. de J. Jackson Library Special Collections Memorial Fund

Professor Robin Jackson was admired by family, friends, students and colleagues alike. Born James Robert De Jager Jackson in St Andrew's Scotland (1935), he came to Canada as a child. He received his BA from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1957, an MA from Queen's in 1958 and his first PhD from Princeton University in 1960. He earned a second PhD from the University of London in 1963. He joined Victoria College in 1964 as an assistant professor, becoming a full professor in 1973.

Professor Jackson specialized in the study of Samuel Taylor Coleridge and wrote and edited several books and authored numerous articles. He also served on many committees and task forces at Vic throughout his career. He was the recipient of several awards, among them a Canada Council Senior Fellowship, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Killam Research Scholarship and he was named a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1985. In 1994, he was named University Professor, the highest honour the university accords its faculty, and retired in 2001. His last work, only recently completed as Professor Emeritus, was a database known as the Jackson Bibliography of Romantic Poetry. He was happily married and devoted to his wife and colleague, Heather Jackson, and delighted in his daughters Katherine and Elizabeth. After courageously battling illness, he died on April 29, 2011.

Gifts in memory of Professor Jackson can be directed to the Professor J.R. de J. Jackson Library Special Collections Memorial Fund.

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