

In Memoriam: Stepen Cecil Lisson (1959-1990)

The members of the Faculty of Religious Studies were saddened early in the year by the sudden death of Stephen Lisson and his sister Sharon. They died as the result of a traffic accident on their return to Montreal from their Christmas holiday at home in New Brunswick. Stephen was a Ph.D. student in Theology. A service of thanksgiving for his life and ministry was held in the McGill University Chapel on January 10, 1990. Rev. Bruce Heggen, also a Ph.D. student in Theology, preached and shared some good memories with the congregation.

Stephen received an Honours B.A. in Philosophy from Mount Allison University in 1981, an M.A. in Philosophy from McMaster University in 1983 and an M.Div. from the Atlantic School of Theology in 1985. He was an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada and had served parishes in New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia and Quebec. Most recently he had been acting as Sunday Supply for St. Johns United Church in St. Jean sur Richelieu. He had acquired a well-deserved reputation as a dedicated churchman who willingly served people wherever he saw a need. He was actively concerned with social justice issues and especially with Anti-Poverty groups.

He came to McGill in 1988. He completed the course work for his degree and worked as a Teaching Assistant.

He was looking forward to doing the research on his dissertation and teaching a summer course this year.

Stephen had cerebral palsy, but neither he himself nor the people around him really considered him handicapped. He was well liked and respected. His friends were certainly aware of his courage, his warm sense of humour and his quick intelligence. He will be much missed and long remembered.

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