

Trevor Richardson

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Trevor Leonard Richardson, or “Mr. T” and “Big Trev” as we knew him, with his most engaging smile and chuckle, passed away terribly suddenly following a tragic accident. He will live on, as Trevor believed in organ donation, three people will gain a lease on their lives in the sad passing of our friend.

Before Trevor graduated in 1999 from Laurentian University (Sudbury, Ontario) with a BSc in Geosciences, he had already begun working in mineral exploration in the Sudbury area. After only a short time working in Canada, he saw a posting for an MSc opportunity in South Africa. Trevor was accepted and in 1999 moved to South Africa. This change in his life was more than just for the education, Trevor sought out adventure and was excited to experience something different to his Canadian home. He found South Africa welcoming and made this country his own. Seeing an opportunity to grow a geological consulting business in South Africa, he partnered with his Canadian friend Scott Jobin-Bevans and together they created Caracle Creek International Consulting (CCIC) in 2001.

From the top of mountains to the most inaccessible valley, Trevor made the work of his profession, Geology, fun, and showed how to excel in it. Initially, he worked for Anglo Platinum in the Eastern Limb of the Bushveld Complex, where he successfully managed the Driekop and Der Brochen projects. With his colleagues, he built a company of professionals around himself in the South African arena, and led a tight knit team to be a well-respected professional outfit with a particular strength in the Bushveld Complex. Many young South African geologists owed Trevor their first taste of real exploration work.

Trevor “left” South Africa, returning to Canada, and developed many other business interests over the past ten or so years, displaying his entrepreneurial talents and geological senses for projects that held good economic potential. He was in the middle of raising funds for



the latest of these ventures with his new business partner Laurie Meloche when tragedy struck and ended the life of a young man with still so much to do.

There is an African phrase of “ubuntu” that translates roughly as “a person is a person because of other people” and Trevor was one of those people whose contribution contributed to the Ubuntu of many communities. Through his company, CCIC he sponsored many occasions of the Geological Society of South Africa and other social events in

the geological and mining fraternity. From the academic work that he did as part of his M.Sc. and research at the University of the Witwatersrand, to the economic impact that he had on the rural communities where he spent so much time exploring the bush and identifying potential deposits, Trevor interacted positively and proactively engaged with both work colleagues and friends. In fact, his outgoing and engaging nature is probably the reason that many of his work colleagues became close, personal friends within a short period of time. And Trevor was a loyal friend, always willing to help. It is this friendship that we would like to remember and someone who was great in stature and equally great in spirit. As they would say in Zulu- my friend: “Hamba Kahle”- travel safely.

Trevor leaves behind his loving wife Wendy Robidoux and his stepson Logan. Trevor will be dearly missed by his parents George Richardson (Wanda) and Gail Watson, his brother Derek and stepsisters, Kareen and Rana. He will remain forever in their hearts.

To Wendy and Logan and to Trevor’s family we just want to say how saddened we are in this way too early and devastating loss. We all have fond memories of our friend.

To his friends, he believed in organ donation and it is never too late to sign up for the privilege of being an organ donor.

Written by Friends of Trevor