

## **PROCOS, Dimitri**

On February 6, 2009, at the age of 68 at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, after a battle with cancer, with Judith Greenwood, his loving partner of 27 years, at his side. Born in Athens, Greece, on September 14, 1940, he was the son of Patroclus and Mary (Buhler) Procos. Dimitri was raised in Greece and Switzerland, and spoke fluent French, German, Greek and English by his teens, as well as a smattering of other languages. Dimitri came to the U.S. in 1960, where he was a foreign student at Brandeis, later transferring to M.I.T. where he received his Bachelor of Architecture, and then to the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, where he received his Masters degree in 1967. After two years in Toronto, he accepted a position in Halifax with the School of Architecture at Nova Scotia Technical College (later Dalhousie University). Dimitri remained there until his retirement in 2006, rising to the status of Full Professorship in 1994. He also held Visiting Professorships at the Universite de Paris 1 (Pantheon and Sorbonne) in 1984-85, the University of the Aegean, Athens and Mytilini in 1991-92, as well as Athens Technical University in 2000-1.

Professor Procos was the founding Chair of the Department of Urban and Rural Planning in the Faculty of Architecture at TUNS from 1978-1981. Professor Procos was intensively involved in funded research centred on energy issues in the built environment. His applied and contract research was conducted in urban and rural settings ranging from the metropolitan scale to that of a single building. Dimitri was a constant participant in architectural competitions; he and his students were often successful competitors in both national and international design competitions. In addition, he was a tireless conference attendee, presenter and organizer. Professor Procos retired from Dalhousie's Faculty of Architecture and Planning in 2006, after a long career as teacher, researcher and practising architect and urban planning.

Through his passionate and innovative work in the fields of energy conservation and sustainable building design, he made an invaluable and lasting contribution to our knowledge in a field of immediate and urgent concern of mankind. As well as his professional ventures, Dimitri also was an avid world traveller, and had a keen interest in politics, history, the arts, stimulating conversation, and enjoyed following soccer, tennis and the Olympics. Professor Procos is survived by partner Judith, sons Alexis Procos and Nicolas Procos (Fairlight de Michele), stepchildren Lisa Van Houten (Craig Fraser) and Jason Van Houten (Robin Cormier), grandchildren Zoe Paloma and Julian, and stepgrandchildren Christopher, Leilia, Angus, and Catherine, as well as relatives in Switzerland. Visitation will be held at Atlantic Funeral Home, Bayers Road, Halifax, on Monday February 9 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will take place at Saint Georges Greek Orthodox Church, Purcell's Cove Road at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of choice. On-line condolences may be made by visiting: [www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com)