

## BIOGRAPHY

### Andrew Peters

#### MTS Life Membership

A Teacher, Principal, Local Association President, Provincial Executive member and staff officer, Andrew served the members of the Manitoba Teachers' Society and the cause of public education in countless ways. Andrew knew and understood that the welfare of teachers directly correlates to the quality and effectiveness of public education and demonstrated that through his work and advocacy at all levels.

Andrew began his teaching career in Manitoba in the 1989/1990 School year. There he was a teacher and later a principal, he served on his local Teachers' Association including as the President, and on the Provincial Executive. The Peters family moved west for a number of years and then returned in 2007 when Andrew began his work at MTS.



Andrew loved teachers and their union. The breadth of his experience permitted an appreciation for both granular detail and the bigger picture. The benefit of his expertise was felt in all corners of the organization, from Teacher Welfare to Professional and French Language Services, Disability Benefits to Communications and Contact Services. He would willingly go head-to-head with superintendents and division representatives with integrity and professionalism, earning him the respect of both those he represented and those who disagreed with him.

Throughout his career, Andrew's kindness, character, and boundless knowledge of bargaining as well as teacher rights and responsibilities fundamentally improved the lives of our members. Staff, elected leaders, and the many members he represented benefited from his wisdom.

An invaluable mentor to new colleagues in Teacher Welfare, Andrew generously gave of his time. His willingness to pop into an office to discuss a case, engage in constructive debate, support professional development, and go out on the road to represent to teachers and administrators—wherever they needed him—could be counted on without fail. Not a day goes by in Teacher Welfare where his absence is felt and his contributions appreciated.

Andrew always said he had two families: one at home, the other at work. But as much as he was devoted to his profession, his heart was truly in his home. Andrew's abiding love for his wife Tammy and the pride and joy he took in their son Michael, and grandchildren, Kyra, Liam and Lexi, were endearingly clear. This passing has left a hole in the hearts of the family he loved so much.

The photo selected was taken on the last Staff Officer trip that Andrew and Tammy took together. They agreed that when Tammy retired, she would be the driver. Pisew Falls was one of Andrew's favourite places to stop when work took him to the North. On this trip, Andrew gave Tammy his jacket because it was colder than expected. Andrew firmly believed that members deserved the same support no matter where they lived and Tammy got to see the province with him when she joined him on the road.