

## **In Memory : Nicholas Seddon**

### **A Friend to ASHHRA**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Nicholas Seddon, who passed away peacefully on February 7, 2014, in Leicestershire, England. Nic's beloved Jennifer, the light and the love of his life, was by his side.

Nic was the driving force in creating a close relationship between the health care human resources professionals in the United Kingdom and the United States. This international friendship resulted in the exchange of knowledge and best practices between the National Association of Health Service Personnel Officers (NAHSPO) and ASHHRA. It also resulted in the numerous leaders from both national HR organizations speaking at each other's annual conferences.

Nic served for many years as the Director of Personnel for the Leicestershire Health Authority, the largest entity within the National Health Service (NHS). Nic served in a number of leadership roles within NAHSPO, including a term as President. For his many contributions and distinguished service as an HR practitioner and national leader, Nic was bestowed with his profession's highest honor, Chartered Fellowship in the Institute for Professional Development.

Nic gave the Keynote Address at ASHHRA's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference in Denver in 1986 and accompanied the then Executive Director, Brandon Melton, his future wife and daughters on a whitewater river rafting trip. "My fondest memory of that day on the river with Nic is that we laughed so hard, we nearly fell out of the boat," Brandon said.

Nic was proud of his native Scotland and often repeated a traditional Scottish toast (usually with a glass of champagne in his hand):

**Here's Tae Us**

**Wha's Like Us**

**Very, Very Few**

**And They're All Deid**

Very, Very Few, Indeed!