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Professor Pritchard was a unique man. Having worked his way out of the East End of London, a true Cockney, he completed his national service as a "fighter plotter" in the RAF and went on to achieve a PhD in Physics from the University of Reading.

In 1959, he, his wife and their infant son immigrated to Canada to take up a position at McGill University. There, while working at the Montreal Neurological Institute, he developed optical apparatus and sensitive electronic equipment that enabled scientists to measure the electrical activity of a single brain cell. This led to great leaps in our understanding of visual perception. During this time in Montreal, he also worked for the Defence Research Board assessing the limits of jet fighter pilots and aided in the development of a visor that would protect them from nuclear flash.

In 1966, he joined the fledgling Department of Psychology at McMaster University, where, as a full professor of Neuropsychology, he taught and supervised, innumerable young scientists, doctors and others the love of the brain and all its intricacies.

He retired in 1997, splitting his time between his home in Hamilton and his home in England. His love of family was only matched by his love of art and beer. He will be greatly missed by both the Royal Academy and his friends at the "Snooty Fox". Roy is survived by his brother Stanley (Sheila) in Spain, his sister Eilene Griffin in England, his beloved son Dr. Neil G. Pritchard (Naney) in Stirling, ON and by his grandsons Ian and Colin. Jemma will miss him too as will many friends and family across Canada and the globe.

A life well lived.



Roy Maxwell Pritchard

*A Life Well Lived*