

I felt very honoured to be asked by Dorothy to say a few words in memory of Harold. I have known Harold for many years through our mutual interest in the New Democratic Party, and was pleased to have the opportunity to know him here as a Unitarian Universalist of 60 years.

Harold was truly a member of the family here at the Unitarian Fellowship of London, and served this community in a number of roles over the years. As our official Parliamentarian he has kept us on track during meetings, served on the finance committee and has been a lynch pin in our attempts to live our faith through social justice. (Just a few of his contributions as a member of this larger family).

What always impressed me was the careful research he did to gather all the facts and present a well thought out position on a wide variety of social and political issues. When Harold asked for signatures in

support of a cause, I never bothered to check his research, because I knew it would be spot on.

It has been a privilege to get to know his family here at the UFL, and especially his lovely wife Dorothy.

Sometimes Harold got a little annoyed with me, as I am sure others have also, but Harold was not shy to let you know when he was peeved, and he was always quick to forgive and forget.

My favourite memory of Harold was at the wonderful party he and Dorothy had to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. He was so happy, proud to be surrounded by so many of his family and friends, and such a gracious host. It was a truly joyous occasion and I am glad that he and Dorothy chose to share it with so many of us.

To close I would like to read an excerpt from Jean Vanier's book "Made for Happiness" that I think speaks to Harold's life.

Life together does not mean mere cohabitation, as in the case of cattle, feeding in the same place, as Aristotle puts it. It is a life lived in communion, that is nourished by shared actions with a view to great and noble things. It is sharing the same vision of things, the same tastes, the same understanding of life: it implies actions or projects carried out together, especially the ones that are closest to our hearts.