

## Tribute to Roger Eggleston

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Mrs Eggleston (Mandy) sent us a touching message to announce Roger's death. I was personally deeply saddened by this news.

Roger was a sunny, brilliant person with an amazing ability to analyse situations and make the right decisions. He not only trusted the people working with him but also helped them, and myself, have confidence in ourselves.

We will always remember him as a man who loved life, sang opera in the corridors, and wore 'unusual' socks to celebrate Christmas.

He understood from the outset how important it was for AAFI-AFICS to be part of Geneva's life, and his friendship with Maurice Graber enabled us to obtain the Carrefour International slot in Cité Senior's activities and to become a part of the Platform of Geneva's senior associations.

We also owe him the organisation of the first seminar on Wills and Succession in 2010. He knew how to make it a "friendly" event, despite many people finding the subject a bit taboo. We'll be thinking of him when we hold our next seminar on this subject in September.

Even after he left for England, we kept in touch and I always asked him for his opinion on subjects that might have an impact on our association.

His health had already forced him to give up his role as leader of a French conversation group in Warwick. During our last telephone conversation, he told me how tired he was, but I had no idea that we would never speak again.

Roger was also Chairman of FAFICS for almost 4 years and, there too, left his mark as a brilliant and sociable participant. We attended several FAFICS Board meetings together, where he was able to put his quick wit and interpersonal skills to good use.

Roger, you will be deeply missed.

**You can send a message of support to Mandy** at Roger's email address.

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