

AL MCLEOD (1933 – 1982)

Al McLeod began his career at Consumers Gas in October 1955. His involvement with the Union movement began very soon after that date with his election to the position of Shop Steward for Local 161 of the International Chemical Workers Union. In 1971, he was successful in his bid to become Secretary-Treasurer of the Local.

In 1977, Al was instrumental in breaking away from the International Chemical Workers Union and forming the Independent Gas Workers Union at Consumers Gas. He became President of the I.G.W.U. Local 001 in 1979.

Al was very involved in another unification as the Independent Gas Workers Union merged with the Energy and Chemical Workers Union in 1982. In that same year, Local 001 went out on strike against Consumers Gas. Al died on November 10th, during the first week of that strike.

Al McLeod was always a champion of the underdog and lived by the rule that you should always treat people as well as you expect to be treated yourself. He dedicated much of his life to the Trade Union movement and to this end, these scholarships will help to further these beliefs.