



Remembering Jack Gray (1927-2017)

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Toronto — Feb. 24, 2017. The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) is saddened to share the news that Jack Gray, who was the driving force leading to the creation of the WGC in 1991, has died.

Jack committed 25 years of his life to working on behalf of Canadian screenwriters. He was the first writer-president of ACTRA, serving two terms from 1978-81, and was the last chair of the ACTRA National Writers Council.

Jack believed that screenwriters needed to be represented by a writer-driven organization, and he galvanized fellow screenwriters, resulting in writers leaving ACTRA and forming the WGC. As Jack said just last year, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the WGC, "What we got was complete control over the craft affairs that mattered most to writers."

WGC president, Jill Golick says, "Jack cared deeply about writers and was a leader in the international community of screenwriters. He will not be forgotten."

In 2002 Jack Gray was given the WGC's "Writers Block Award for Service to Canadian Screenwriters." That legacy continues today. Without Jack Gray, there would be no Writers Guild of Canada. We remember him, and thank him for his significant contribution to screenwriters in this country.

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