

CUA REMEMBERS

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We honour every veteran and current service people. We remember urologists who have served and have passed away. We live today because of your sacrifice.

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Dr. Murray McCulloch Davis

Dr. Davis died on December 6, 2006, at the age of 86. He graduated from Dalhousie University, with a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology. He was born in Truro, Nova Scotia. After medical school, he served in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. Dr. Davis was the first resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Halifax hospitals under the eminent Dr. H.B. Atlee. He delivered over 10 000 babies at Grace Maternity and Old Halifax Infirmary hospitals, where he also served as president of the medical staff. Dr. Davis was the founding director of the Well Women's Clinic in Halifax and developed one of Canada's first gynecological-urology clinics at the Infirmary. He was the first Canadian to serve on the board of the American Gynecological-Urology Society, 1978–1982. He was predeceased by his wife, Esther Hardwicke, after 60 years of marriage.

Dr. Andrew Gerrish Webster II

Dr. Webster died on December 26, 2006, at the age of 92. He was born in Bar Harbor, Maine. Dr. Webster dedicated his life to healing and comforting the sick. He graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1940 and interned at Boston City Hospital. During World War II he joined the US Navy, serving as the medical officer aboard the U.S.S. Hilary P. Jones. After the war, he continued his surgical training at Lahey Clinic and Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts and then moved his young family west to Kennewick. Certified by the American Board of Surgery and Urology, he practised in Kennewick for nearly 30 years. He retired from general surgery in 1980 and moved to Sequim to open a family practice. Dr. Webster touched many lives with his kindness and generosity in both his practice and his private life. He amazed everyone with his drive and love of life. At age 60, he began training to climb Mount Rainer. After the climb, he continued running and over the next 17 years completed 64 marathons, including the Boston Marathon. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Catherine (Cathy) Barrese Webster of Medford, Massachusetts; sister Dorothy Van de Burg of Williamsburg, Virginia; sons Andrew M. Webster of Bellingham, Harrison B. Webster of Fox Island; daughters Caroline W. de Bondt of Richmond, Virginia; Constance W. Brecht of Richmond, Virginia; 11 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 44 years, Catherine "Kay" MacInnes Webster, in 1987, and sister Elizabeth Simmons, in 2006.

Dr. Carl P. Dahlen

Dr. Dahlen died on February 27, 2007, at the age of 87. Dr. Dahlen was a retired urologist with Veterans Affairs. In 1945, he graduated from Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. Dahlen served in World War II and the Korean War. He also served as a urologist at the Long Beach, Calif., VA Medical Center and later at the VA Medical Center in Albany, NY, where he was chief of the urology service. He was associate clinical professor of surgery at Albany Medical College. Dr. Dahlen was a diplomat of the American Board of Urology, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and chief of staff at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, WV, before his retirement in 1983. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou (Taylor) Dahlen, his daughter, his son and his sister.

Dr. George Elmer Bonnell

Dr. Bonnell died on July 26, 2007, at the age of 89, at his home in Fredericton, NB. During World War II, he served overseas from 1939 to 1945 in England, Italy and France and took part in the Liberation of the Netherlands. He served with the Royal Canadian Artillery and was awarded the 1939–1945 Star, the Italy Star, the France and Germany Star, the Defence Medal, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, War Medal 1939–1945 and was twice Mentioned in Dispatches for bravery. Upon return from the war, he upgraded his education at Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. He was subsequently accepted to and graduated from Dalhousie Medical School in 1953. He then furthered his training at McGill University, earning his surgical fellowship in Urology in 1960. During his urological training he was involved, as an assisting doctor, in the first kidney transplant ever performed in the British Empire. Dr. Bonnell set up his practice in urology in Fredericton, becoming Fredericton's first urologist. He was Chief of Surgery at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. In 1992, he received the commemorative medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada in recognition of his service to his community and to his country. Dr. Bonnell was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dr. Mary Calder, and 5 children.

Dr. William Alexander Robb

Dr. Robb died at his home in Calgary on Mar. 28, 2008, at the age of 92. His remarkable life began on Feb. 21, 1916, in Qu'Appelle, Sask., where he was born on the family farm. Dr. Robb received his M.D. degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1943 and was promptly shipped overseas and posted to Italy. Following World War II, he became a family doctor in Assiniboia, Sask., where he met Barbara Green, a schoolteacher, whom he married in 1949. He returned to the University of Western Ontario and obtained his General Surgery Certification in 1953. After further subspecialty training at the Universities of McGill and Manitoba, he earned his Fellowship in Urology in 1954. The Robbs moved to Calgary in 1955 where Dr. Robb practised urology with Dr. Lorne Mitchell and Dr. Jack Noakes. Together they were recognized for their pioneering work in the "art of the practice of medicine" when special tribute was paid to them on Surgeons' Day in 2007 by the Department of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. Dr. Robb retired at age 77 and in his retirement he enjoyed his family and friends, his beautiful backyard, reading history, telling stories and traveling. He was an acclaimed medical practitioner whose generosity and kindness knew no bounds. Dr. Robb's wife predeceased him in 1986. He is survived by their 4 children, Leslie, Angus, Calvin and Carrie, his 6 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews around the world. He was predeceased by his sister, Kay, and by his brother, Jim.

Dr. John Hall Maus

Dr. Maus died on Nov. 1, 2008, at the age of 90, in Windsor, Ont. Dr. Maus graduated from the University of Toronto, specializing in radiation oncology, in 1942. After completing his medical degree, he used his skills to serve in World War II. Upon his return, he joined the Windsor Cancer Clinic in 1953 as the staff radiologist and surgeon. Ten years later, he was named the clinic director, a position he held for 20 years. During that time, the facility expanded significantly to accommodate the growing number of cancer patients in the region. Even after his retirement, his knowledge and expertise were still sought after. Dr. Maus was a former director of the Ontario Cancer Foundation Clinic (now the Windsor Regional Cancer Centre). He was involved in the local health care community even after he retired. His son Roger remembered him as a hard-working doctor, “tirelessly devoted” to his patients and their families. Dr. Maus and his wife, Shirley, who died in 1999, had 5 children (Roger, Elizabeth, Linda, Natalie, Peggy and Laurie). Dr. Maus was also a grandfather and a great-grandfather.

Dr. Helen Alice Bean

Dr. Bean died on Feb. 8, 2009, at the age of 86 in Vancouver, BC. She graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1943, specializing in radiation oncology. She served in the Canadian Army during World War II, with the rank of Captain from January 1945 to April 1946 when she returned to reserve status. She was an extremely accomplished woman who worked as a radiation oncologist, researcher and educator. She began her professional practice at the Allan Blair Memorial Cancer Clinic in Regina, Sask., in 1946 and served there until 1972. She moved to Toronto in 1972 and joined the medical staff at the Princess Margaret Hospital with a cross appointment to the University of Toronto, School of Medicine. In addition to her professional accomplishments, Dr. Bean was a dedicated mother to her 3 children. She is survived by a daughter Carol (Bean) Gibson, her spouse Byran and son Thomas; a daughter Barbara (Bean) Ledger, her daughter Robin, her son Andrew and his spouse Stella; a son Robert, his spouse Barbara and daughter Una.

Dr. Alan Irvine

Dr. Irvine died on June 25, 2009, at the age of 84 in Ottawa, Ontario. He died after a long struggle with complications resulting from prostate cancer. Dr. Irvine joined the Canadian Army at 18 and served in Europe in World War II. After the war, he returned to Canada and enrolled in medicine at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1952 with postgraduate specializations in surgery and urology. Dr. Irvine returned to Ottawa to start his urology practice at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in 1958, becoming Chief, Division of Urology in 1978 and Surgeon-in-Chief in 1983. Active in his professional community, he served as President of the Canadian Urological Association and the Canadian Academy of Urological Surgeons. He received the 1992 CUA Award. He also served as President of the Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association and worked for several years on testing committees and examination boards for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is predeceased by his daughter Leslie, and leaves behind his wife of 58 years Elizabeth (Buff), his son Joe (Christine) and his daughter Peggy (Richard).

Dr. Lorne Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell died on September 7, 2009, at the age of 94. He graduated from Queen's University in 1942, enlisted in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps and survived as a Captain during World War II in Calgary. In Calgary, he met and married Agnes Freebairn from Pincher Creek, Alberta. Together they raised 8 children, 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Dr. Mitchell practiced as a urologist in Calgary for over 50 years. In 1954, he returned to his love of raising Hereford cattle when he purchased the Flintrock Ranch near Pincher Creek. After retiring from the practice of medicine at 75 years old, he concentrated on rebuilding antique tractors and farm equipment, and helping out at Heritage Acres. For the past four years Lorne and Agnes have been residents of Vista Village in Pincher Creek. He is survived by Agnes (Freebairn), his wife of 66 years, his children Rob (Maureen), John (Bonnie), Joan (Wulf) Gerhardt, Mary Freebairn, (Walter Pasioka) Gordon (Lola), Lorna (Darrell) MacLachlan, Philip (Elizabeth) and Carol Borrett.

Dr. Louis Manning Mador

Dr. Mador died on October 8, 2010 at the age of 92. Born in Toronto and a graduate of the medical school at U of T, he served as a medical officer in the Canadian forces at Halifax during WW2. After the war, Dr. Mador practiced family medicine alongside his father-in-law in rural Hastings County, Bancroft, Ontario. He qualified as a urologist and went to Sudbury to work in his specialty and to raise a family. Dr. Mador later returned to Toronto as a dedicated activist within the medical profession. He ultimately served as president of the Ontario Medical Association and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. In retirement, he worked to benefit medical students through the University of Toronto Medical Alumni Association. Dr. Mador was predeceased by his wife (2001). He is survived by their 5 children: David (Janet) of Edmonton, Charles (Amanda) of London England, Janet of Toronto, Joseph of Vancouver, and Martha (Ray) of London England. Nine grandchildren will dearly miss "Doc": Jordan, Brett, Rachel, Lauren, Lana, Penelope, Naomi, Nathan, and Gabriel.

Dr. Michael A. Russo

Dr. Russo died on December 14, 2010 at the age of 71. Dr. Russo was born in Rochester, N.Y., Rochester, to immigrant Italian parents. He is survived by his wife, Mary Russo; his children Gia Russo, Tony Russo, and Christopher Russo. Dr. Russo received his medical degree from State University Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1966. He completed his residency in Urology at the University of Rochester. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1972-1974 as a Lt. Commander at Chelsea Naval Hospital, Boston, Mass., treating returning veterans and POWs from the Vietnam War. In 1974 he accepted a position in the Department of Urology at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Sacramento. He served as Chief of the Department of Urology for 30 years where he was a long standing advocate of patient care. Michael was an Associate Clinical Professor at the UCD Medical Center involved in the training of urology residents. After stepping down as Chief of the Department of Urology, he concentrated his practice to the treatment of cancer of the prostate with brachytherapy for the entire Northern Calif. Kaiser Region, not only providing the treatment, but also educating prostate cancer patients on the most recent treatment options.

Dr. George Stewart Murchison Wilson

Dr. Wilson died on May 30, 2011, at the age of 96. Dr. Stewart Wilson dedicated his long life to ensuring south Niagara residents had the best health care they could get. He spent 40 years of his life working as a physician in Welland, Ontario. Dr. Wilson born and educated in Edinburgh, Scotland and joined the British Army Medical Corps early in World War II serving in France, Nigeria and India. In 1951, he immigrated to Canada and then came to Welland to practice with his late partner and close friend, Vic Railton. He served the community in numerous capacities, including as Chief of Staff of the Welland Hospital, Medical Chairman of the Welland Hospital Building Committee, and President of the Welland Club, Welland Curling Club and Lookout Point Golf and Country Club. He was a lifelong student of urology, including as a member of the Buffalo Urological Society where he regularly participated in lectures and rounds. He was also a senior member of the Canadian Urological Association. Dr. Wilson, who had been a surgeon in the British Army before moving to Canada, began his career in Welland working as a general surgeon at the old hospital on Riverside Drive. Although Dr. Wilson was the first urologist to set up practice in Welland, he ensured he wouldn't be the only one. Railton said he went on to recruit additional urologists to the city, including Dr. Hagop Mazmanian and the late Dr. Ken Murray. He was instrumental in efforts to build the current Welland hospital which opened in 1960, serving as the medical chairman of the Welland Hospital Building Committee in the 1950s.

Dr. Wilson remained dedicated to improving his own knowledge and skills throughout his career, which led him to positions of increasing responsibility at the hospital ranging from chief of urology to chief of staff. Despite his commitment to his profession and his patients, Dr. Wilson also had time to dedicate to personal interests—including his large family, woodworking and sports, including golfing, curling and sailing.

Dr. William Ward Kendrick

Dr. Kendrick passed away peacefully on August 13, 2013 in Victoria, BC, at the age of 88. He earned a degree in Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1949, and a fellowship in Urology in 1956. While working in Regina, he met Joan Macfarlane, an operating room nurse. They married in 1958 and relocated to Victoria in 1962. Dr. Kendrick's medical practice can best be summed up by the parade of patients who would drop by every Christmas to bring him presents. Fixing urological problems always came with a steady mix of anecdotes, humour and advice that endeared him to patients and the medical community alike. Once, when asked why so many of his patients remembered him, he replied, "you never forget the man who helps you pee again." Bill had a "retirement" in 1994, but worked as a surgical assistant until he was 80 years old.

A veteran of World War 2, he served with the RCAF as flight engineer of a Lancaster bomber. He walked away from a plane crash during training. When the war ended he entered medical school and promptly broke his neck playing football. After spending a year in a body cast, he resumed his studies. He was a gentle and generous man, sincerely amazed that he'd raised 4 children and not one of them had done prison time. He and his wife enjoyed 55 years of a happy marriage described by her as "never a dull moment." Dr. Kendrick is survived by his wife Joan; 4 children, Kathleen (Dan Holte) and Victoria (Gary Bugeaud), of Calgary; Robert, of Columbus, OH; Michael (Eliza Coblenz), of Portland, OR. He is also survived by 5 granddaughters; Rachel, Zoe, Parkes, Rennie and Lucy; 2 stepgrandsons Tyler and Chase; and former daughter-in-law Kealy Wilkinson of Victoria.