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Dr. John Gerald Connolly

r. Connolly died peacefully at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on December 12, 2014. He leaves his son, John Ewart Murray Connolly, sisters, Patricia and Eleanor Connolly, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased in 1991 by his loving wife Evelyn White Connolly and in 2009 by his daughter Bronwen White Connolly, and earlier by brothers Donald and William, and sister Noreen.

Dr. Connolly studied Medicine at the University of Toronto receiving his MD in 1949. For postgraduate training he traveled to Scotland becoming a Senior House Officer at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh and went on to be Senior Surgical Registrar and Research Fellow at the Urological Institute in London, England. In 1964, he returned to North America to be Visiting Research Fellow in Urology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and Mount Sinai in New York.

In his early years, John was certain of his path. He was appointed as a Research Associate, Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation in the Kingston Clinic, at the same time he accepted an appointment as Lecturer at Queen's University, Kingston Ontario. He found his way back to Toronto securing an appointment at Women's College Hospital in 1971 and subsequently became cross appointed at Princess Margaret Hospital and the Toronto General Hospital. John took on clinical administrative duties at Women's College being appointed as Associate Surgeon in Chief in the early 80's and stepped up as interim Surgeon in Chief during a period of turbulence at Women's College Hospital. Within the Division of Urology at the University of Toronto he is remembered as 'a mentor and an original thinker.' He was a constant figure in the hallways of Women's College.

In these 90 years on earth, he lived fully, contributed much, and enjoyed himself tremendously along the way. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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