



IN MEMORIAM

CUAJ honours its members and friends who have passed away. We invite colleagues of the deceased to submit brief remembrances. Please limit your notice to 200 words. Send your notice to journal@cua.org or fax it to 514-395-1664.

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Dr. Norman William Struthers

Norman Struthers passed away on March 21, 2015, at the age of 87, after a full and productive life. As members of the Canadian Urological Association (CUA) will remember, he was a loving husband to Barbara (predeceased in 2012) for 54 years. He will be sadly missed by his sons (Sandy [Kate] and Ian [Ella]) and his grandchildren (Jack, Peter, Emma and Norman).

Dr. Struthers was born in Kilbarchan, Scotland and graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1950. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a medical doctor and spent 2 years in Canada. He returned to Scotland and completed his urology training at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow and the Hammersmith Hospital in London.

He was a member of the team that performed the first renal transplant at the Hammersmith Hospital and soon after performed the first renal transplant in Glasgow. Norman moved to Toronto in 1969 and worked with the late Bill Kerr as a research fellow at the Banting. The following year he joined Tommy Russell and Vince Colapinto on staff at St. Michaels Hospital where he stayed until he retired in 1997.

Although he continued to pursue his interest in renal transplantation, his true research passion was in urodynamics of both the upper and lower urinary tract. He established a urodynamic laboratory and also collaborated with the Division of Neurosurgery and Neurology managing patients with spinal cord injuries and multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Struthers was a CUA Member-at-Large between 1982 and 1985. He was also CUA Historian from 1985 to 1994. He will be remembered as a warm and kind man with an infectious smile. He was a remarkable surgeon and a natural teacher.

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Dr. Rolf Ackermann

Dr. Rolf Ackermann died on February 11, 2015. Dr. Ackermann's clinical and scientific training included education in Germany and the United States. He was "instrumental in making German urology visible beyond the borders of the German-speaking world in the post-World War II era."

Born in Ulm, Germany, he trained in Vienna, Austria, and Würzburg, Germany. He continued his training in Joe Kaufman's Department of Urology at the University of California Los Angeles. Having completed such an excellent education in clinical and scientific urology, Dr. Ackermann was well placed to take on a position as professor and chairman of the Department of Urology at the University of Düsseldorf (1983–2007). Apart from his clinical and surgical work, he focused his clinical and scientific research on uro-oncology and immunology. In 1989, he was elected as an international member of the prestigious American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons. He was a well-respected and well-liked urologist in Canada and internationally. He will be remembered as a dear friend of the Canadian Urological Association.

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