



## IN MEMORIAM

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### Dr. Norman Nelson Halpern

**D**r. Norman Nelson Halpern passed away peacefully on July 9, 2015 at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Gloria Victor, and his children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews.

He served on the staff of both the Jewish General and Royal Victoria Hospitals in Montreal as a respected and dedicated surgeon for 55 years before his retirement. He was also as an Associate Professor in the department of Urology at McGill University and was subsequently awarded Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Halpern graduated from Queen's University in 1948 with the Gold Medal in Medicine and completed his residency in urology at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. He was a community leader, active in his synagogue and many other causes and will be fondly remembered by all those whose lives he touched.



Photo taken around 1950/51.

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### Dr. Michael P. Laplante

**D**r. Laplante graduated from McGill University Medical School in 1962 and completed urology residency at the Montreal General (MGH) and Royal Victoria Hospitals in 1968. He was awarded the McLaughlin Travelling Fellowship to pursue postgraduate training in renal transplantation at UCLA and in urologic oncology at New York Hospital, Cornell University.

He joined the MGH Department of Urology in 1969 to begin his long academic career at McGill University. During his tenure, he was instrumental in developing the kidney transplantation program at the MGH, modernized the urologic management of patients with spinal cord injuries or congenital anomalies, and together with Dr. E.C. Reid, developed the urologic oncology program, with a particular interest in testicular cancer. He was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Surgery at McGill University and was site Chief of Urology at the MGH from 1990–2005. He was the vice-chair of the MGH executive committee and towards the end of his career, was appointed Medical Examiner.



In recognition and gratitude of his many years of invaluable service to the MGH, the urology department conference room in the Livingston Building was named the Michael P. Laplante Urologic Oncology Conference Room.

Dr. Laplante was a deeply valued and cherished member of the clinical faculty, a respected professor of urology at McGill University, and committed almost 50 years of his life to the compassionate care of patients and to the medical culture at MGH. For many years, he was the “backbone” of urologic care at the MGH.

Dr. Laplante was a teacher and mentor to over 120 graduating urologists from McGill, many of whom now have successful careers around the world, as well as to many here in McGill Urology today. Above all, Dr. Laplante was a true “gentleman” and epitomized professionalism. His love of the arts and culture was refreshing and infectious. Finally, he could always be counted on to provide unconditional support and many have repeatedly benefited from his generous nature. He will be sorely missed.

*Respectfully submitted by Armen Aprikian, on behalf of the McGill Division of Urology Faculty*

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### Dr. Jules Charron

**D**r. Jules Charron passed away on December 7, 2015, at the age of 87. He leaves behind his wife, Joanne Quesnel, his daughter Louise (Kevin Peterson), his daughter, Danielle (Raymond Knight), his son Pierre (Daniela Polanco), and his grandchildren, Marc André Charron Ouellet, Gabrielle and Yannick Chevalier.

For more than 35 years, Dr. Charron practiced urology at Hôpital Notre-Dame in Montreal. During his years in practice, he actively participated with medical associations, notably for the Canadian Urological Association (CUA), as a member of the Board of Directors from 1967 to 1971, then as treasurer from 1972 to 1977. He continued to serve as a CUA committee member until 1983. He also played a role at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as Medical Examiner.



**L**e 7 décembre 2015, à l'âge de 87 ans, est décédé le Dr Jules Charron. Il laisse dans le deuil son épouse, Joanne Quesnel, sa fille Louise (Kevin Peterson), sa fille Danielle (Raymond Chevalier), son fils Pierre (Daniela Polanco), ses petits-enfants Marc André Charron Ouellet, Gabrielle et Yannick Chevalier.

Le Dr Charron a travaillé comme urologue à l'hôpital Notre-Dame de Montréal pendant plus de 35 ans. Durant ses années d'exercice de la profession, il a joué un rôle très actif au sein d'associations médicales, notamment l'Association des urologues du Canada (AUC), dont il a été membre du Conseil d'administration de 1967 à 1971 et trésorier de 1972 à 1977. Il a ensuite été membre de comités de l'AUC jusqu'en 1983. Il a aussi été examinateur pour le Collège royal des médecins et chirurgiens du Canada.