Dr. Grant Angus Farrow

Dr. Grant Angus Farrow, CUA President, 1985–86, died peacefully at home in Toronto on January 5, 2019 in his 85th year. Seven years ago, he married Ruth (Peterson), who joined him at several recent urological events, including the 2017 Past President’s dinner in Toronto. Many members will remember his first wife, Jill, who energetically supported Grant and the CUA and is also fondly remembered as a consummate organizer of urological events, with her distinctive laugh and graceful style.

Grant enthusiastically attended more than 40 CUA Annual Meetings and served the association in many executive positions, including Member at Large, Secretary (1977–82), and successive positions as VP through Past President (1983–87). Among many memorable highlights of his service to our association was the joint British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS)/CUA Annual Meeting in London, U.K. in 1986 (the fifth and last such joint meeting, and first held in 1957, attesting to the deep relationship of BAUS and the CUA), where the CUA presented Mr. John Blandy, then BAUS President, with a replica of our CUA gavel.

Grant was educated and trained in Toronto, followed by a McLaughlin Travelling Fellowship to London and Paris. He practiced urology at the Toronto General Hospital (TGH) for his entire career as a member of the University of Toronto’s Department of Surgery, Division of Urology, where he supported the education of two generations of urology residents and fellows. He performed the first kidney transplant at TGH, which now boasts the largest multiorgan transplant program in Canada. He was a highly regarded clinician and surgeon.

Grant was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, serving as a Governor representing Canada, and an active member of the American Urological Association (AUA), the Northeastern Section of the AUA, BAUS, and the International Society of Urology (SIU), where he made many long-term friendships.

Grant leaves his children, Susan (Blake Hutcheson) and Trevor (Mary Birdsell), and four grandchildren, Camille, Trevor, Morley, and Joseph. He also leaves behind his two brothers, twin George (Diane Adams) and older brother Milt (Mary Bodrug).

We thank Grant for his long-term contribution to Canadian urology and the well-being of thousands of patients. He was a consummate gentleman and clinician who we will miss. His colleagues at the University Health Network hospitals, as well as CUA members, will fondly remember his knowledgeable and humorous commentaries on our wines at social events.