Dr. Gary Edward John Steinhoff

This past February, the urology community mourned the loss of Dr. Gary Edward John Steinhoff. Dr. Steinhoff is survived by his loving wife, Carolann, his sister Debbie (Tsuyoshi Hasegawa), and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born in Kitchener, ON, Dr. Steinhoff completed his surgical residency in Ottawa, after which he decided to set up his practice in Victoria, a city he had fallen in love with while travelling.

During his long career, he served as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery and in the Department of Urologic Sciences at the University of British Columbia. He was also the Urology Surgical Tumor Group Chair, part of the Surgical Oncology Network Tumor Group at BC Cancer Agency, and served as Chief of Urology, Vancouver Island Health Authority, for 24 years.

Dr. Steinhoff was also active within several organizations, including the Canadian Interstitial Cystitis Society, Urology Quality Assurance Committee (as Chairman), Vancouver Island Health Authority, and the Credential Committee for Canadian Urology Research Consortium. From 2003–2006, Dr. Steinhoff served on the Canadian Urological Association Board as Member at Large – British Columbia & Territories, and was a member of the CUA Guidelines Committee.

In 2000, Dr. Steinhoff and Dr. Charles Ludgate founded the Island Prostate Center (IPC) in Victoria to provide education and care to prostate cancer patients and their families.

An avid traveller, he spent much time seeing the world and sailing the west coast whenever he was not in the office or operating room.

In his 34-year career, Dr. Steinhoff dedicated himself to serving the people of Victoria BC, and beyond. He was a caring and compassionate physician whose legacy will continue to live on through the many he cared for and the initiatives he created to improve patient care.