Dr. James (Jim) Phillips

The Canadian urological community is mourning the loss of Dr. James (Jim) Nelson, who passed away on January 15, 2022, at the age of 91. Dr. Nelson is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, his children, Michael (Sandra), Jeff (Janet), Anne, and Cathy, his grandchildren, Daniel, Emily (Mark), Robert (Sam), Rachel (Sia), Vicki, Ian, Eric, Nicole, and Alexis, and his great granddaughter, Gwen. A graduate of Queen’s University School of Medicine (class of 1957), Dr. Nelson went on to specialize in urology at McGill University (1963), and launched his urology practice shortly thereafter in Guelph, ON.

Throughout his career, he served as President of the Medical Staff at Guelph General Hospital; Chairman of the Urology Section of the OMA; Chief of Surgery and Chief of Medical Staff at St. Joseph’s Hospital. He cared deeply for his patients, often travelling to serve those in remote parts of the province. Following his retirement, Dr. Nelson remained active, doing the things he loved: golfing, playing clarinet in a local band, enjoying extended family at the cottage, attending church, and mixing a gin and tonic for any visitor.

He will be remembered as a positive, enthusiastic, caring man, who always believed one must be aware of and value the experience of others, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.