

IN MEMORIAM

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DR. THOMAS EID 1933–2023

Dr. Thomas Cyril Eid, loving husband, father, grandfather, dear friend to many, and a highly regarded Canadian urologist, passed away peacefully in his home with family by his side on December 28, 2023.

A graduate of the Université de MoHe is mourned by his wife Jeanne, his children (Erick, Elisabeth, and Diana) and their spouses, as well as his grandchildren. Tom will be deeply missed by his many friends and patients whose lives he touched.

Tom was born in Mannheim, Germany and was brought as a baby by his parents to live in Macklin, Saskatchewan. Tom attended Vancouver College (a residential boy's school) and then Champion College in Regina. He was known as a brilliant student with a photographic memory and great sense of humor.

Tom completed a pre-med degree at the University of Saskatchewan and then his medical degree at the University of Toronto Medical College, graduating in 1956. After graduation, he interned at Sick Kids in Toronto. He subsequently returned to Macklin in 1957 and practiced medicine along side his father for a year.

Tom then went on to complete a two-year general surgery residency program at the University of Alberta Hospital and then a three-year urology residency at the University of Minnesota. It was in Minneapolis that Tom met his wife-to-be, a beautiful nurse. They married on May 26, 1962, resulting in a loving partnership. They would return many times to Minnesota to visit Jeanne's family.

Tom joined the Canadian Urological Association (CUA) in 1963 and moved to Edmonton in 1964 to practice urology at the University of Alberta Hospital, where he was recognized as an outstanding academic urologist. He practiced multidisciplinary medicine with his close colleagues and friends. Perhaps the greatest lessons he provided to his many trainees came through his demonstration of the human side of medicine. He is remembered fondly by his residents and his patients, who expressed gratitude. Many appreciated his quick wit and humor, and his ability to tell stories and hilarious jokes.

In addition to Tom's very busy life as a urologist, he and Jeanne enjoyed an incredibly rich life, working and "playing hard" while raising three children. They hosted many social gatherings at their beautiful home. They also savored many holidays with family and friends, especially snow skiing and hiking in the Rockies. In the later years, they enjoyed spending recurring winters in Scottsdale, Arizona, and eventually Tom and Jeanne moved to Nanaimo, BC, in 2015 to escape the Edmonton winters and to be close to family.

Despite losing his vision, Tom retained his incredible sense of humor and ability to regale wonderful stories. This intelligent and generous human will be deeply missed.

— *Contributed by Dr. Ronald Moore and Elisabeth Eid*

