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## DR. E. MICHAEL OXLEY

Dr E. Michael Oxley, a long-standing urologist on Vancouver Island, passed away on January 8, 2026.

He was born as Michael Sinclair-Clabby in Johannesburg, South Africa, shortly before the start of World War II. When the war ended, his mother remarried, and it was from this marriage that came the last name Oxley. Michael moved to England, where he attended school in Wem, Shropshire, and spent his weekends working on a local farm. Ambitions to be an RAF fighter pilot were replaced by a desire to study medicine. He was accepted at the Westminster Hospital Medical School, part of King's College, London. He finished medical school in 1962 and after a few house jobs, became a registrar in general surgery, obtaining his FRCS in 1967.

Around that time, while being reprimanded by a Ward Sister at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, England, a young nurse, Anne, took pity on him and they soon started a relationship that would result in marriage in 1966. Sadly, he would die weeks shy of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

In 1968, they moved to Ottawa, where Michael completed a residency in urology (FRCSC), and they had two sons. Soon after, the family moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, and a year later continued their

move west, settling in Nanaimo, BC, where Michael would maintain a practice for the next 39 years, retiring in 2011.

For many years, Michael was the only urologist north of Victoria on Vancouver Island and his offices spanned from Chemainus to Comox. He was always a community urologist, devoted to the needs of his patients. He was dedicated to his hospital and served as Chief of Surgery for many years.

Retiring in 2011, he turned his attention to his family, his long-ignored sailboat, and travel. One of his great moments was watching his beloved Springboks play in the Rugby World Cup live in 2015. Unfortunately, in 2012, he started a years-long battle with lymphoma and was forever grateful to the staff at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, who helped him through this.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed heated debates and discussions on almost any topic.

Michael passed away peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, where he had been on staff for almost four decades. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Anne, two sons, Peter and Paul (Calla), and his three grandsons.



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