BABIUK, MYRON J., Edmonton; University of Alberta, 1959; diagnostic radiology; former chief of radiology, Edmonton General and Grey Nuns hospitals. Died Dec. 24, 2014, aged 80. Survived by 5 children and 12 grandchildren. “Myron provided diagnostic imaging services to many rural hospitals until his retirement in 2006. He is now at peace and no longer worried about which of his tools his kids will be selling to their friends.”

BROWN, BASIL S. (St. John), Halifax; University of London (England), 1951; RAF, RCAF; radiation oncology; former chief of radiology, Grace Maternity Hospital; professor, Dalhousie University, 1967-93. Died Dec. 29, 2014, aged 86. Survived by his wife Ilona, 3 stepchildren, 2 children and their mother, Ann, and 2 grandchildren. “Larry had infinite energy and talent, and a take-charge, get-it-done attitude. Please enjoy a nice meal, raise a glass of wine or good scotch, and say ‘Cheers’ in his memory.”

BRECKON, SYDNEY L. (LARRY), Prince George, BC; Dalhousie University, 1973; diagnostic radiology. Died Dec. 8, 2014, aged 67. Survived by his wife Ilona, 3 stepchildren, 2 children and their mother, Ann, and 2 grandchildren. “Erv practised medicine until his retirement in 2009. One of his proudest moments was [provided by] his granddaughter Krystal, who is now a pharmacist in Edmonton.”

COWAN, DONALD H., North York, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1956; internal medicine; former chief of medicine, Sunnybrook Medical Centre; former associate dean of medicine, U of T. Died Dec. 22, 2014, aged 82. Survived by his wife Norma, 4 children and 7 grandchildren. “Don passed on the gifts of excellence in treatment and compassion toward patients to countless young physicians, and had a profound impact on the way cancer is treated in Ontario.”

CRAMER, BENVON C., Saint John’s; University College of Cork (Ireland), 1974; diagnostic radiology. Died Jan. 2, 2015, aged 64. Survived by her husband, Patrick Parfrey, 4 children and 2 grandchildren. “Three months before her death she received the prestigious Chairman’s Award from Rugby Canada. Newfoundland Rugby Union (NRU) president John Cowan told the Telegram: ‘There is no way to truly measure Benvon’s contribution to the sport and to the community.’ ”

DACRE, A. JOHN, Waterloo, Ont.; University of London (England), 1950; RAMC. Died Jan. 2, 2015, aged 88. Survived by his wife Alison, 3 children, 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. “In 1970 they moved to Canada, where John held senior forensic psychiatric positions with the Ministry of Corrections and the Ministry of Health.”


DORIAN, WILLIAM D., Toronto; Iuliu Hatieganu University (Romania), 1948; internal medicine. Died Dec. 11, 2014, aged 93. Survived by 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. “A man who could tell jokes in 6 languages, he died after a serpentine journey through a . . . Nazi labour camp, medical school, life under communism and a brief stateless few months in France before finally settling in Montreal for 25 years and then retiring in Toronto. For him, learning and ideas were the only currency of enduring value.”

GAUVIN, JACQUES, Pont-Rouge (Qc); Université Laval, 1951. Décédé le 23 octobre 2014, à l’âge de 91 ans.

GILLIS, JOHN G. (JACK), North Vancouver; McGill University, 1949; internal medicine. Died Dec. 30, 2014, aged 89. Survived by his wife Marion, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. “Jack was a dedicated physician for 54 years, and had the gift of creating quality time for people and for uplifting those who are often ignored.”


KLEIN, ALLAN, Edmonton; University of Alberta, 1952. Died Dec. 31, 2014, aged 93. Survived by his wife Pat, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. “Growing up as a typical Alberta boy, he excelled in sports. His great love was hockey. He was approached by the Chicago Blackhaws, but medical school wisely won over. After graduating he went to Viking, Alta., and during his 20 years there he delivered 5 of the NHL-playing Sutter brothers.”

LAKEY, WILLIAM H., Edmonton; University of Alberta, 1953; urology. Died Nov. 23, 2014, aged 87. Survived by his wife Shirley, 4 children and 11 grandchildren. “Bill changed the lives of countless Albertans through his dedication to kidney disease and organ transplantation. He assisted Dr. Lionel McLeod in establishing the first chronic hemodialysis program in Canada in 1961. In 1967 he performed the first kid-
ney transplant at the University Hospital, and with the help of Drs. Rex Boake, John Dossetor and Phil Halloran he developed the hospital’s kidney transplant program.”


MACKNEY, ARTHUR G., Woodlawn, Ont.; McGill University, 1952. Died Jan. 3, 2015, aged 91. Survived by 6 children and 10 grandchildren. “He was a respected GP in the Ottawa region for over 40 years.” A patient wrote: “I remember when he did home visits to my grandfather in the late ’50s, and thought nothing of it — just a great doctor with genuine compassion.”


MARCHAND, ÉMILIE, Montréal (Qc); Université de Montréal, 2010. Décédée le 15 novembre 2014, à l’âge de 91 ans.

MACPHERSON, RONALD T., Barrie, Ont.; University of Western Ontario, 1948; general pathology. Died Dec. 17, 2013, aged 90. Survived by his wife Marie, 2 children and 4 grandchildren. “Interested in microscopic photography, he became medical photographer at the St. Catharines General Hospital. A life member, he was the national competition chair of the Colour Photographic Association of Canada for 15 years.”

MCDOUGALL, ALLAN N., Markdale, Ont.; University of Western Ontario, 1962; family medicine. Died Nov. 18, 2014, aged 77. Survived by his wife Lee, 3 children, 1 stepchild, 1 grandchild and 2 step-grandchildren. A neighbour wrote: “He was a true gentleman, with a passion for this community. [He cared] for all living things, without judgment.”

MCKERNAN, Corinne G., Calgary; University of Alberta, 1986. Died following a skiing mishap Dec. 21, 2014, aged 53. Survived by 2 children. A classmate wrote: “I was heartbroken to learn of her untimely passing. Corinne was a truly wonderful person, and I will always be grateful for having known her.”

PLOURDE, JACQUES, Québec (Qc), Université Laval, 1951. Décédé le 28 novembre 2014, à l’âge de 91 ans.

QUINN, JOHN M., Rothesay, NB; Dalhousie University, 1975. Died Jan. 3, 2015, aged 65. Survived by his wife Betty and 2 children. “He started his family practice in Hampton, NB, in 1976 and was a true country doctor until he closed the practice in 2010 due to illness. Of all of the awards and recognition he received, he was most proud of being designated honorary fire chief in Saint John, NB — only the second time that this honour has been bestowed in 226 years.”

RIVET, ANDRE G., North Bay, Ont.; University of Toronto, 1980. Died Dec. 24, 2014, aged 58. Survived by his wife Kim and 4 children. “He was honoured to serve the people of North Bay for over 30 years.” A patient wrote: “One of the best doctors this city has ever seen.”

ROMAN, TED N., Westmount, Que.; University of Western Ontario, 1959; obstetrics-gynecology; radiation oncology. Died Dec. 25, 2014, aged 82. Survived by his wife Patricia, 2 children and 4 grandchildren. “From 2006, when his nasopharyngeal cancer was detected, until his death, Ted used his determined, positive personality to transition from doctor to patient, and learned to accept the loving care he had given others.”

Roth, Roland R., Montréal; Timisoara University (Romania), 1952. Died Jan. 2, 2015, aged 89.


SCHROEDER, GARRY C., Winnipeg; University of Manitoba, 1985; radiation oncology. Died Dec. 28, 2014, aged 60. Survived by his wife Nina. “He was a staunch defender of human equality. One example was when he worked with female Muslim residents, who would ask if it was OK if they left to say their prayers. His reply? ‘You don’t ask me to say your prayers. You tell me.’ The world is less of a better place because he is no longer in it.”

SIVAGANESANATHAN, ARUMUGAM (ROSA), Scarborough, Ont.; University of Colombo (Sri Lanka), 1975; anesthesiology. Died Dec. 10, 2014, aged 66. Survived by his wife Yogeswary and 2 children. “He enjoyed life to the fullest, carting his wife and children off to many destinations around the globe, and hosting key social events in the Tamil community in Edmonton and Toronto.”

STEIN, JACK, Toronto; University of Toronto, 1962; internal medicine, rheumatology. Died Dec. 27, 2014, aged 76. Survived by his wife Natalie, 3 children and 7 grandchildren. A colleague wrote: “He was a respected and kind chief of medicine for many years. As I got older I started to look like Jack, and I cannot count how many staff and patients mistook me for him. I always took it as a compliment.”

STREET, RICHARD W., Blyth, Ont.; RAF, WW II; University of Western Ontario, 1951. Died Dec. 26, 2014, aged 94. Survived by 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. “He still made house calls even as that practice was becoming rare, and there are many stories of lives saved though his astute judgment and care. To his family, he was a model of integrity and grace under pressure.”


WILLIAMSON, KEITH A., Fredericton; Dalhousie University, 1976; neurology. Died Dec. 17, 2014, aged 63. Survived by his wife Jacque and 3 children. “Despite his illness, the quick wit and joking continued on.”

YAO, JOSE P., Edmonton; University of Santo Tomas (Philippines), 1957. Died Dec. 12, 2014, aged 90. Survived by his wife Keiko, 4 children and 3 grandchildren. “His career as a physician in Fort McMurray, Alta., where he served from 1977 to 2006, was his passion. To the staff who worked at the hospital during his tenure there, thank you for being his extended family — he truly enjoyed working with you.”