BROOK-WILLIAMS, PENELOPE, Maitland, Ont.; University of London (England), 1964; psychiatry. Died Nov. 4, 2015, aged 77. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. John Sturgess, who died Aug. 27, 2015. "Penelope leaves our community with many contributions personally, professionally and spiritually. She will be long remembered for her vision and guidance in implementing the palliative care program at the Brockville General Hospital." A colleague wrote: "Her name will be on the memory wall at Ottawa’s May Court Hospice."

DA SILVA, GUY, Outremont (Qc); Université de Montréal, 1957; psychiatry. Décédé le 16 novembre 2015, à l’âge de 86 ans. Il laisse dans le deuil son épouse, Louise Nadeau, et un fils.

DIMOCK, HENRY B. (BARSS), Trail, BC; University of Alberta, 1948; internal medicine; former chief of staff, Trail Regional Hospital; former member, BCMA Board of Directors. Died Oct. 13, 2015, aged 93. Survived by 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. "Barss worked as an internist at the C.S. Williams Clinic in Trail from 1955 until 1988. He was a member of numerous medical associations, and was awarded lifetime honorary privileges at the Trail Regional Hospital in 2000. He was also a member of Rotary from 1955 until 1988, and maintained perfect attendance for 33 years."

GERBER, JOHAN D. (DAN), Winnipeg; University of the Orange Free State (South Africa), 1980; family medicine. Died Sept. 27, 2015, aged 61. A patient wrote: "He was more than just our doctor — he was a really good friend who always told us lots of jokes, and we loved that big smile of his. In the 10 years we went to him, he always treated us like we were the only patients in the world."

HALPERN, NORMAN N., Westmount, Que.; Queen’s University, 1948; urology; associate professor of urology and professor emeritus, McGill University. Died July 9, 2015, aged 93. Survived by his wife, Gloria Victor, 3 children and 4 grandchildren. "Norman went to Queen’s University to study bacteriology, where he was invited to study medicine. He graduated in 1948 with the Gold Medal in Medicine. After his residency he was appointed to the staff of the Jewish General and Royal Victoria Hospitals in Montréal, and he retired after 55 years as a dedicated and respected surgeon. He was the one to whom everyone turned in times of crisis and celebration."

MURPHY JOHN L., Moncton, NB; Dalhousie University, 1982; vascular surgery; former chief of surgery, Moncton Hospital. Died Nov. 4, 2015, aged 58. Survived by his wife Helen and 5 children. "At their wedding, speeches were given by a future Conservative Justice Minister (Rob Nicholson, Helen’s brother), and by a future Liberal Justice Critic (Brian Murphy, John’s brother). John remained steadfastly loyal to both of their causes to the end, supporting his brother locally and his brother-in-law nationally. He worked with his father, Dr. Frederick Murphy, until the latter’s demise in 2000. They formed a formidable duo of surgical talent, referred to, affectionately, as: ‘God the Father and God the Son.’"

MURRAY, JAMES G., Scarborough, Ont.; McGill University, 1951; anesthesiology. Died Aug. 10, 2015, aged 90. Survived by his wife, Aline.

RAINHAM, DAVID C., Kitchener, Ont.; Welsh National School of Medicine (Wales), 1968; family medicine. Died Oct. 16, 2015, aged 70. Survived by his wife Joyce, 4 children and 3 grandchildren. "When not playing rugby, sailing on Lake Huron or reading books about popular theoretical cosmology, you would find Dave playing a Beethoven sonata on the piano or practising a barbershop chorus for a recital. His medical career was centred in Kitchener-Waterloo, where he practised family medicine for more than 40 years. He died unexpectedly from heart failure while on his way to care for a nursing home patient."


SMEKAL, DRAGAN F., West Vancouver; Palacky University (Czechoslovakia), 1951; Died Oct. 14, 2015, aged 89. Survived by his wife Jarmila, a daughter and a granddaughter. “Born in the Czech Republic, Dragan practised in Prague until 1968, when he immigrated to Canada. After obtaining his medical licences in both the US and Canada, he decided to call Vancouver home, and worked at the Riverview Hospital until his retirement. He loved classical music, antiques, stereo photography and, above all else, his family."

SOWA, EDWARD, North York, Ont.; University of Western Ontario, 1956; psychiatry. Died Oct. 29, 2015, aged 84. “He was a dedicated psychiatrist who had a life-long career in psychiatry and child care at the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre.” A former patient wrote: “It was often said that he had no children of his own, to which I would respond that he had hundreds or even thousands [of children]. He changed lives and improved society, period, and he turned a lot of young people’s lives around and helped them through to a better place."

STURGESS, JOHN M., Maitland, Ont.; University of Western Ontario, 1958; internal medicine. Died Aug. 27, 2015, aged 88. Survived by his wife, Dr. Penelope Brook-Williams (deceased Nov. 4, 2015).