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## A Knack for Surgery



*Dr. Bill Mustard had a brilliant surgical career in both orthopedics and cardiology.*

**W**hen William (Bill) Mustard graduated from U of T Medicine in 1937, he was the youngest in his class. Only 22 years old, he was thought to be the youngest physician in Canada.

While still a fledgling doctor, Dr. Mustard began pioneering groundbreaking surgeries. He contrived an operation for use on the battlefield that could save a soldier's injured leg from amputation. He developed a muscle transfer operation for polio victims that restored the children's ability to walk. Later, he invented a way to reconnect transposed blood vessels in the heart, an operation that saved the lives of thousands of children around the world.

But when he was 17, old enough to register at U of T Medicine, he almost didn't. Emotional and soft-hearted, he was intimidated by the university's grand size and sheepish about applying. His older



William (Bill) Mustard

brother Donald Mustard, who was in the Class of 3T4, took Bill under his wing and helped him sign up for medicine.

At U of T, Bill Mustard concentrated on sports, not his studies. He might have flunked out were it not for a classmate who took meticulous notes for him while Mustard competed on gymnastics, swimming, diving, and football teams, or simply fooled around. When Mustard did attend class, he was the class clown. For Daffydil, he wrote and performed risqué skits that brought the house down.

Regarding the practice of medicine, though, he was indifferent.

## About face

After graduating and spending a year in a rotating internship at Toronto General Hospital and a year interning at the Hospital for Sick Children, Bill found his calling: surgery. But as he was perfecting his skills in Toronto and New York, the Second World War was escalating. In 1941, he interrupted his training to join the Royal Canadian Medical Corps.

In the Corps, Mustard, then 26 years old, pioneered an operation that eliminated the need to amputate a limb with severe artery damage. At a casualty clearing station in Europe, Mustard bridged a lacerated artery in the leg with a glass tube and managed the patient with heparin. A few days later, he replaced the tube with a vein graft. While he had minimal success with the operation, American surgeons went on to perfect it during the Korean War.

After returning from war, Mustard, still in uniform, walked into SickKids where he was welcomed, appointed Chief Resident, and continued his training. Soon after, Mustard discovered he had a second calling: teaching.

“We all admired Bill Mustard when we were students and later as residents,” recalls Dr. George Trusler (Class of 4T9). “He was brilliant, a skilled surgeon, and refreshingly humorous.”

Mustard loved to make people laugh and to surprise them. At the university that once terrified him, he would stand on his head to get the attention of postgraduate students. His undergraduate lectures were so full of fun that at the end of class, the students would give him a standing ovation.

More than just funny, Mustard was ingenious. For children with hips paralyzed by polio, Mustard developed an operation for moving the iliopsoas muscle from the front to the back of the hip to stabilize it.

The iliopsoas transfer, dubbed the “Mustard Procedure,” brought him international fame and enabled hundreds of children with polio to not only walk again, but to run and jump once more.

**Dr. Robert Salter** (Class of 4T7), who trained under Mustard and became a renowned orthopedic surgeon, called the operation “by far the best muscle transfer ever devised for the hip.” Mustard found great joy in seeing children who had limped into the hospital on crutches walk out unaided. And although not every orthopedic surgery produced perfect results, the children seldom died. But increasingly, he was doing heart surgeries, which had a high mortality rate.

In 1957, Chief of Surgery Dr. Albert Farmer (Class of 2T7) wanted to introduce surgical specialties. Salter was the obvious choice for Chief of Orthopedic Surgery, and Farmer made Mustard the Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery.

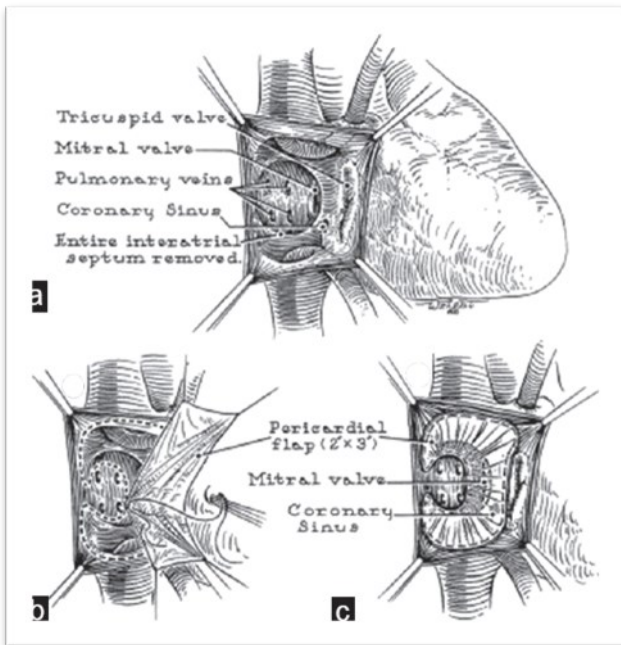
## Life on a rollercoaster

The congenital heart defect field was filled with ups and downs. Mustard was ecstatic when a heart operation saved a child, devastated when a child died. Sleepless nights followed sleepless nights. He developed two medical conditions that may have been caused by the enormous stress he was under. In his 40s, Mustard had a heart attack and nearly died. Later, he required two blood transfusions for a bleeding ulcer.

In the surgical theatre, though, Mustard was buoyed by those around him. There were always eager residents, and Mustard trained more than 60 cardiac surgeons. The anesthesiologists he worked with told good jokes. And, increasingly, skilled surgeons were at his side.

“I joined the staff of the Hospital for Sick Children in July 1958 to do general children’s surgery but also cardiovascular surgery to support Bill who was otherwise on his own,” recalls Trusler, who became partners with Mustard, sharing both financial matters and patients.

“Those were exciting days,” Trusler continues. “Open-heart surgery had been going on in some centres for four or five years, but mortality was fairly high. When I started with Bill, we increased our volume to one open-heart patient per week. That represented a lot of work. There was no ICU, and we were having to learn on the job.”



*Mustard operation. Pericardial baffles are used to direct vena caval blood to mitral valve and pulmonary venous blood to tricuspid valve. (a) Atrial anatomy. (b) Suturing of pericardial baffle. (c) Completed procedure (Reproduced with permission from: Mustard WT, Surgery; 1964;55:469-72.) © Annals of Pediatric Cardiology*

The minimal resources didn’t stunt Mustard’s creativity. He invented the atrial switch operation for patients with transposition of the aorta and pulmonary artery. The congenital heart defect caused a low blood-oxygen level, causing the infant’s lips and skin to be blue. These “blue babies” had less than a 20 per cent survival rate. But with the “Mustard Operation,” survival to adulthood shot up to 80 per cent.

“Looking back now, it is amazing to me that Bill Mustard devised and performed his repair of the transposition of the great arteries as early as 1962,” says Trusler. “It was a brilliant operation at the time. Cardiac surgeons and cardiologists worldwide welcomed the operation immediately, and Bill Mustard was famous in that community. Many surgeons visited, and we were busy.”

In Mustard’s later years, his eyesight began to fade, forcing him to retire in 1976. Then in 1986, he was diagnosed with aortic valve stenosis. He declined surgery. On December 11, 1987, the internationally renowned cardiac surgeon died of a massive heart attack. ■



Portrait from Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

# The possibility of nuclear war



## *The existential nuclear threat is intensifying*

“**T**he war in Ukraine is devastating and disturbing, and the risk of nuclear war is unnerving,” says **Dr. Vinay Jindal** (Class of 9T5). “Nuclear weapons are being used to intimidate and threaten, and with each new threat I am on edge.”

“There are over 12,000 nuclear warheads on the planet and approximately 2,000 are on high alert, ready to launch within minutes. We were never safe, and now with the war in Ukraine, the situation is critical.”

Jindal is a member of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). In 1980, at the height of the Cold War, doctors in the United States and Soviet Union came together and formed IPPNW to address the increasing risks of a nuclear confrontation. In 1985, IPPNW won a Nobel Peace Prize. Today, it’s a non-governmental organization of national medical groups representing medical students and health care professionals in 63 countries. Its goal: to abolish nuclear weapons.

The organization states that the only way to ensure that nuclear weapons are never used is to abolish them. “With nuclear weapons, the only number that really matters is zero,” says Jindal, the Past-President of IPPNW Canada.

Banning nuclear weapons under international law represents one step along the path to abolishing them. The United Nations 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons provides the legal and moral foundation for the eradication of nuclear weapons and makes nuclear weapons illegal. Canada has not signed it.

Despite the treaty, nine countries own nuclear weapons. Russia has the most with approximately 5,977 nuclear warheads. The United States has 5,428 nuclear weapons. Recent research concludes that a full-scale nuclear war between the States and Russia would kill 5 billion people worldwide within two years.

The other countries that possess nuclear weapons are China (350 nuclear warheads), France (290), Great Britain (225), Pakistan (165), India (160), Israel (90), and North Korea (20). Twenty-seven countries, including Canada, endorse the possession and use of nuclear weapons through defensive alliances such as NATO.

Unfortunately, even countries with impoverished economies consider investing in pricey nuclear weapon programs. While working with Médecins Sans Frontières in Myanmar (formerly Burma), Jindal experienced the challenges of providing care in one of the most underfunded, inequitable health care systems in the world. While on mission, he was shocked to learn that Myanmar was considering developing its own nuclear weapons. This inspired Jindal to continue his work with IPPNW when he returned to Canada.

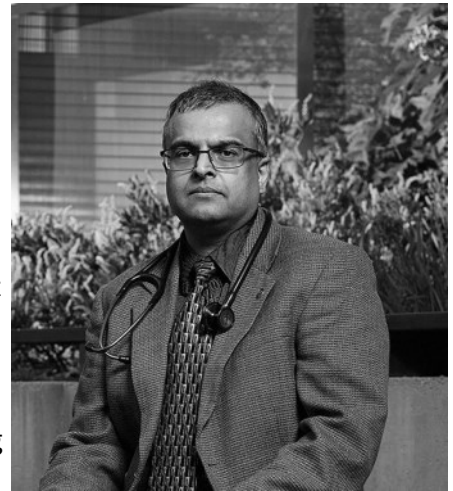
There's nothing cheap about nuclear weapons. IPPNW estimates that worldwide, it costs more than \$120 billion a year just to maintain and modernize the existing nuclear arsenals. This is money that could be used for health care, education, combating poverty, and disaster relief.

## Can you picture it?

It's difficult to imagine the devastation that today's nuclear weapons can cause. Our only reference points are the two nuclear bombs that the United States dropped on Japan 77 years ago. The bomb that detonated over Hiroshima caused more than 100,000 deaths and about 75,000 injuries. The bomb dropped on Nagasaki three days later caused approximately 75,000 deaths and 75,000 injuries. Although the images from 1945 are horrific, the devastation pales compared to what a modern nuclear bomb could do; modern nuclear weapons are up to 3,000 times more powerful than those dropped on Japan.

Today, even a limited nuclear war with 100 nuclear weapons anywhere in the world would not only initially kill millions of people, it would disrupt the global climate and agricultural production so severely that over 2 billion people would risk

starvation according to an IPPNW report published this year. The average global temperature would drop about 1.3° C, with the most severe environmental impacts occurring at high latitudes in the northern hemisphere, in countries such as Finland, Norway, and Canada.



Dr. Vinay Jindal  
Photo: Michael Barker  
Image from [The Peace Builders](#).

Jindal believes it's important to remember the devastating effects that the atomic bombs had on Japan. "The atomic bombings introduced the world to the nuclear age, and their images of suffering and destruction continue to haunt me," he says.

As Co-Chair of Toronto's Hiroshima Nagasaki Day Coalition, Jindal works with local peace and community groups to commemorate the lives lost and educate on the unacceptable risks associated with nuclear weapons. The day is marked annually on August 6 or 9, and the group is active throughout the year with local grassroots activism on nuclear disarmament.

"Nuclear weapons are the most horrific, deadly weapons that ever existed," Jindal continues. "It is not normal to live under the constant threat of nuclear war, and I must be involved and part of a solution."

"Physicians have a unique and trusted voice that can transcend borders and move beyond politics to emphasize the health and humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons. As a physician, I add my voice to all the voices around the world that reject these weapons of mass destruction and call for abolition." ■



## Class Notes

*News from your classmates*

### An important message about your @utoronto.ca email

Do you use your @utoronto.ca email? U of T is updating the email system. If you graduated before 2012, your @utoronto.ca address has changed to @alumni.utoronto.ca and your messages have been migrated to your new address. See details [here](#). Let the MAA know your new email at [medical.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:medical.alumni@utoronto.ca) so you won't miss any important news!

#### CLASS OF 5T4

**Dr. Richard VAN PRAAGH**, a professor emeritus with the Department of Pathology, Cardiology, and Cardiac Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, has completed a comprehensive textbook – *Congenital Heart Disease: Clinical, Pathological, Embryological, and Segmental Analysis*. The 1,096-page book, published this year by Elsevier, is a culmination of a lifetime of research and teaching at Harvard Medical School. Richard undertook this analysis of the developmental patterns of the heart and great vessels to present a new approach to understanding congenital heart defects.

#### CLASS OF 5T7

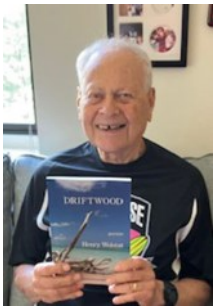
**Dr. John DEADMAN** retired from his appointment in the Psychiatry Department at McMaster University in December 2020. He was given a retirement luncheon that was held on Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. "So many colleagues filled the screen that I could hardly make out some faces," John reports. "It was a heartwarming and emotional time for both my wife and me." He writes that he is enjoying life and that his "health is good for someone in his 92nd year." John and his wife, Beatrice, are maintaining their social connections

through regular visits with friends and relatives, and by continuing their involvement in local clubs.

#### CLASS OF 5T8

**Dr. Ronald LEVY** is now practising in a private office in Great Neck, New York. “My offspring in Brooklyn and California are very, very accomplished,” says Ron.

#### CLASS OF 5T9



**Dr. Henry WOLSTAT** has just had his first poetry collection, *Driftwood*, published by Kelsay Press. It’s available on Amazon and at Kelsay Books and Brookline Booksmith. “I recently made a brief visit to Toronto after the COVID restrictions were

modified and spoke with several classmates,” he writes. “Hopefully, another visit will happen soon.”

#### CLASS OF 6T2



**Dr. Peter BERNDT** is nearing completion on his memoir of his years in general practice in Oakville, Ontario, and his work in psychiatry in Texas. Also, he is changing the name of his practice to Trauma Resolution Center. “This name

change will reflect the course that my psychiatry practice has taken over the past several years,” he says. In addition, Peter is now the psychiatric consultant to the Women’s Therapy Clinic in The Woodlands, Texas.

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#### CLASS OF 6T3

**Dr. Jerome EPSTEIN** has retired after 50 years of practising ophthalmology. Now 88 years of age, he enjoys golf, painting, attending lectures and concerts, and visiting with family and friends.

#### CLASS OF 6T6

**Dr. Vladimir HACHINSKI** is a professor at Western University in London, Ontario, and this year’s winner of the Potamkin Prize, commonly referred to as the “Nobel Prize of Alzheimer’s research.” In Vladimir’s Potamkin Lecture, he said, “To stem the tide of the terrible triad of stroke, heart disease, and dementia, we need a broad but focused approach. We need to continue the search for target-specific drugs but expand both the number and nature of targets to include the aging process itself.” For his full lecture, which was originally published in *Alzheimer’s & Dementia*, visit [Potamkin Lecture](#)

#### CLASS OF 6T9

**Dr. Harold P. DRUTZ** retired from clinical practice on March 31, 2022, and his position at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine changed to Professor Emeritus. The Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at Temerty Medicine posted a tribute to Harold’s [career](#).

#### CLASS OF 7T0



**Dr. Jack NEWMAN** announces that his latest book, *What Doctors Don’t Know About Breastfeeding*, was published on July 1, 2022. Print and electronic versions of the book are available on Amazon, or a print version can be ordered from [Praeclarus](#).

**Dr. Eugene TURGEON** recently co-wrote “[Not A Perfect Country](#),” a song about residential schools and reconciliation. View the music video. Eugene was honoured to present it at a gathering of the Children of Shingwauk, an association of survivors of the residential school in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Over 200 survivors and their families from across Canada and beyond attended. Eugene is also a member of the musical comedy group The Comedics, which is composed of doctors and



“associates.” The group has helped raise more than \$2 million for Sault Ste. Marie charities. “We are in our 26th year and are happy to have upcoming gigs after a two-year COVID hiatus,” he writes.

### CLASS OF 7T3

**Dr. Peter BARRECA** is looking forward to the class’ 50-year reunion next spring. After 42 years of solo family practice in Toronto, Peter semi-retired, maintaining only his work at St. Michael’s Hospital. On June 1, 2023, he will fully retire having completed 50 years at St. Mike’s. “I loved my life then and now, and I hope I am still recognizable at the reunion,” he writes. “Remember all those 50-year class photos we would see in *MAA Matters* – such old guffers? Well, we are them now!” Married in 1979, Peter and his wife have two children and four young grandchildren.

### CLASS OF 7T7

**Dr. Gerard LIPPERT** is active in community health as the Medical Director of Tompkins County Mental Health Center in Ithaca, New York. After many years of living and practising in downtown Toronto, his wife’s academic career took them to the Finger Lakes region. “We enjoy a laid-back but active life living in a quiet rural community,” Jed writes. “Retirement? This does not seem to be in the cards for the time being. The shortage of psychiatrists in rural areas is

dire and besides, I still enjoy what I do.”

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### CLASS OF 8T9

**Dr. Anna BANERJI** recently won two awards. The Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario honoured Anna by choosing her as the Ontario Pediatrician of the Year. At the University of Toronto, Anna received an Arbor Award in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service to the university community.

### CLASS OF 9T1

**Dr. Beth LOFCHY** will soon be celebrating 30 years as a community-based family practitioner in Vancouver. As well, she works with the Older Adult Mental Health Team, which serves Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside. “I feel fortunate to have the west coast for my playground,” she writes, “and I’m looking forward to resuming a life that includes frequent travel.” ■

## What’s your news?

[Email](#) your class news and photos for the next issue.

Digital submissions preferred, or send submissions by mail to:

MAA Matters, Medical Alumni Association, 1 King’s College Circle, MSB Rm 3249, Toronto ON M5S 1A8.

Mailed photos will be returned if requested.

## Class Reunions

### CLASS OF 6T3

The class will celebrate their 60th anniversary with a reunion on the June 3 and 4, 2023, weekend. There will be a reception and dinner at the University of Toronto Faculty Club on Saturday, June 3. It will be followed by a Sunday brunch on June 4. In honour of their 60th anniversary in 2023, the class will award the first bursary from the MAA Class of 6T3 Bursary Fund.

### CLASS OF 6T9

The class’ Reunion Committee has decided to forego a reunion in 2024 to celebrate their 55th anniversary. Instead, the committee has chosen to donate their remaining reunion funds to the MAA.

### CLASS OF 7T2

It will be a belated 50th anniversary celebration for the Class of 7T2 at its class reunion on June 2 and 3, 2023. On

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## CLASS OF 7T0

# In Memory of Dr. Nancy McKee

DR. NANCY HUNT MCKEE CONDLIFFE, AT AGE 75, ON AUGUST 1, 2022



*by Dr. Christopher Forrest, Class of 8T3*

**M**y memories of Nancy run deep. It was 1979 when I had my first experience with the specialty of plastic and reconstructive surgery. I had started my first year in medical school, and a lunchtime lecture series was being held. Attendance was not mandatory, but the title “Microsurgery and the plastic surgeon” sounded intriguing. Nancy was the scheduled lecturer, and she arrived in her trademark green suit, prim and proper. I thought to myself that this is not what I thought a plastic surgeon would look like. She then proceeded to engage and enthrall the audience with an hour-long dissertation on the relatively new subspecialty of microsurgery.

Her style was disarming and friendly. She was generous in her ideas and concepts. I was struck by

how humble and down to earth she was.

Nancy’s representation of the scope and practice of the specialty resonated deeply and made me desperate to be part of this remarkable group of surgeons. It was an amazing and inspiring introduction to the special and creative world under the 10X lens. Over the years, I found Nancy to be a tremendously supportive mentor and colleague, and passionate about what she thought was best for Mount Sinai Hospital’s Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Her broad clinical interests covered the gamut of reconstructive surgery, but her focus and true love was hand surgery. In this day of crowded and jammed clinics, she was unique in spending

whatever time was necessary with a patient, an appointment often extending over an hour. She functioned as surgeon, therapist, and sometimes psychiatrist for her patients. Until the end of her career, she continued to engage in basic science research projects and mentor students from medicine and other health disciplines. Her enthusiasm for attempting to uncover the potential of any student she interacted with never waned.

Nancy's contributions to the research profile and well-being of U of T's Division of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery cannot be overstated. For years, she continued to run research supper clubs at her house, allowing opportunities for the research community at U of T to get together in a collaborative, collegial fashion.

In 2016, Nancy's outstanding and remarkable career was recognized by U of T with the Chair's Lifetime Achievement Award and by the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons with the Lifetime

Achievement Award at the annual meeting in 2017.

She retired in June 2016 after 37 years in practice as faculty at Mount Sinai, representing our specialty as an "n of 1." She had a remarkable and rich career as the first female surgeon to join the division.

Nancy was guided by the principles of "what is right." For the patient. For the student. For the young staff person. For the division. It is a legacy that continues to run deep.

With Nancy's stories around the dinner table about the rewards of helping others, it's not surprising that all three of her children entered medicine, including Dr. Elizabeth Grace Condliffe (Class of 0T8).

### [Family's memorial](#)

For a full description of Dr. McKee's professional achievements, click [here](#). ■

## Reunions

June 2, of 7T2 at its class reunion on June 2 and 3, 2023. On June 2, there will be a reception and dinner at Hart House. On Saturday, plans are underway for an afternoon campus tour.

### CLASS OF 7T8

In celebration of the class' 45th anniversary, there will be cocktails followed by a dinner and dance on Saturday, June 3, 2023. In addition, there will be a CME on the morning of Sunday, June 4. Both events will be held at the Bayview Golf and Country Club in Thornhill, Ontario. For more information, including the cost of the two events, and to register, click [here](#). The deadline to register is May 1, 2023.

### CLASS OF 8T3

Planning is underway for the class' 40th anniversary reunion. It is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023. Details to follow.

### CLASS OF 9T2



More than 90 classmates celebrated the class' 30-year anniversary at a reunion on October 15 in Toronto. The evening of reconnecting, reminiscing, and remembering ended with the classmates excitedly planning their 35th anniversary! ■



## In Memoriam

### *Lives Well Lived*

#### CLASS OF 4T4

**Dr. Charles Gordon CAMERON**, at age 100, on August 5, 2022, in Toronto. During the Second World War, Gordon was a Captain in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. He then interned at Toronto Western Hospital and did an internal medicine residency at Wellesley Hospital and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. In 1954, he joined the medical personnel founding Scarborough General Hospital. Gordon served as the hospital's first Chief of Medicine and ended his career as the hospital's Director of the Crockford Pavilion, which provides geriatric services. Regretting the speed at which he passed through university because of the war, he took undergraduate humanities courses at York University's Glendon College after retiring in 1987. He graduated with a BA at age 80.

[Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 4T9



**Dr. John William RIDGE**, at age 96, in July 2022. Dr. Jack, as he was fondly called, was a family physician in Mount Hope and Binbrook, Ontario, with his father, Dr. William Ridge (Class of 2T4), and brother Dr. Robert Ridge (Class of 5T6). Jack liked fishing, football, curling, and especially flying. He began flying in 1941 and flew his 1968 Piper Tri-Pacer until age 84. He was a member of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, the RCAF Association 447 Wing, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association. In 1967, Jack was named the most proficient and gentlemanly pilot of all Peninsula Air Service graduates.

[Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 5T0**

**Dr. Joseph Ernest GOLUMBIA**, at age 95, on November 15, 2022, in Saanichton, British Columbia. Joe started out as a family physician in Nipawin, Saskatchewan; in 1953, he purchased a family practice in Melfort, Saskatchewan, also

practising at Melfort Union Hospital, where he was appointed Chief of Staff in 1965. Then in 1971, Joe became a family practitioner in Saskatoon, spending the majority of his time at Saskatoon City Hospital. Later, he was appointed the hospital's Chief of Emergency Medicine and Chief of Family Practice. He retired in 1995, after 45 years of practice. Joe enjoyed curling, playing until age 89; his team won the Canadian Medical Curling Championships twice. He also liked helping out at the family farm inear Macrorie, Saskatchewan. Joe and his wife, Colleen, moved to Vancouver Island in 2003 to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

**Dr. Edward Derry HUBBARD**, at age 94, on January 25, 2021, in Vernon, British Columbia. After graduating, Derry continued his medical training in Saskatchewan. On returning to Ontario in 1954, he settled in Bowmanville where he practised until the early 1990s. Derry was the hospital's Chief of Staff and the region's coroner. He lived in Alabama for several years before moving to Vernon. Derry enjoyed scuba diving, skiing, snowmobiling, cycling, and square dancing. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 5T1**

**Dr. Merle Eleanor Luck HOWES**, at age 94, on October 20, 2021, in Winnipeg. Merle and her husband, Bill, began their lives together in Muskoka, Ontario, moved to Niagara Falls, Ontario, and then Toronto. They eventually became the owners of the Badjeros General Store in Badjeros, Ontario. After retiring, they moved to Clarksburg,

Ontario, and then Collingwood, Ontario, before relocating to Winnipeg. Merle was a founding member of Parkwoods United Church in Don Mills, Ontario. Later, she was an active member of Grace United Church in Thornbury, Ontario, and Charleswood United Church in Winnipeg. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 5T3**

**Dr. Charles Mark GODFREY**, at age 104, on July 24, 2022, in Madoc, Ontario. Charles worked until he was 102, making him one of the oldest people to practise medicine in North America. At the time, he was working at four different

medical clinics in Toronto, four days a week.

Charles was a pioneer in physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R). After graduating, he was the Director of Toronto East General's PM&R department and worked at Toronto General Hospital, the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre prior to being appointed the Head of Wellesley Hospital's rehabilitation clinic. Charles was also a political activist who focused on the environment. He was active in the "People or Planes" campaign that opposed the construction of the Pickering, Ontario, airport. As a director of CARE/MEDICO, he volunteered as a visiting doctor in more than 20 countries, including Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 1989, he was appointed to the Order of Canada. [News article](#)

**Dr. William Emerson PAGE**, at age 98, on June 1, 2022, in Brantford, Ontario. During the Second World War, Bill was a member of the Intelligence Corps of the No. 1 Canadian Special Wireless Group in Darwin, Australia. After interning in Hamilton, he became a general practitioner in Cobourg, Ontario.

In 1966, he sold his practice and went back to university to earn a public health diploma. Then for 22 years, he was the Medical Officer of Health for Brantford and Brant County. Bill enjoyed fishing, golfing, and gardening. [Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 5T4

**Dr. Peter BLUNDELL**, at age 92, on August 4, 2022, in Cowansville, Quebec. Peter trained in general surgery and cardiovascular-thoracic surgery at Toronto General Hospital under the guidance of Dr. William Bigelow (Class of 3T8). Peter did further thoracic training in Bristol, England, followed by a research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Montreal General Hospital and McGill University then recruited him to advance the new specialty of open heart surgery. Peter was an avid skier, golfer, and gardener. He played tennis into his 90s. [Family's memorial](#)

**Dr. Jack MATVENKO**, at age 94, on July 6, 2022. After additional medical training in Vancouver, Jack opened a general practice in Burns Lake, British Columbia. Jack embraced the area's outdoor life, hunting, fishing, curling, and flying his Super Cub. In 1965, he moved to Saskatoon to study ophthalmology. Then in 1969, he settled in Victoria to practise ophthalmology. He continued to practise well into his 80s. Jack was a proud Rotarian, serving as President in 1987. [Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 5T5

**Dr. Murray HERST**, on October 9, 2022, in Toronto. Murray practised family medicine at College Concord Medical Clinic in Toronto in addition to serving as a Medical Director at Baycrest, Doctors Hospital, and Metro Homes for the Aged. He was also the founding Medical Director at Kensington Gardens. Murray enjoyed woodworking and sailing. [Family's memorial](#)



**Dr. C. Scott RUSSELL**, at age 91, on October 11, 2022. Scott was a founding physician at North York General Hospital and helped bring countless babies into the world. He enjoyed boating and gardening. [Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 5T7



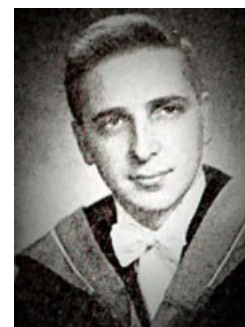
**Dr. Barney GIBLON**, on November 22, 2022, in Toronto. A family physician and surgeon, Barney was Head of Family Medicine at Scarborough General Hospital, a medical educator at the Temerty

Faculty of Medicine, and a leader in the Toronto medical community. Barney was a staunch supporter of the MAA, a Past-President, and a member of the Board at the time of his death. He will be missed. [Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 6T0

**Dr. Robert John McCALDON**, at age 84, on March 3, 2021. Robert was a psychiatrist in private practice who also worked in prisons. An avid athlete, he competed in the Kingston, Ontario, triathlon for 25 consecutive years and in international shooting competitions for many years. Robert liked hunting, fishing, classical music, reading and writing novels, and a good meal. [Family's memorial](#)

#### CLASS OF 6T2



**Dr. David NAIBERG**, on July 21, 2022. David was Chief of Otorhinolaryngology at Scarborough General Hospital before retiring in 2014. He enjoyed travelling, skiing, golfing, and music. David's wife, Sharon Naiberg, died on

the same day. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 6T3**

**Dr. Eric ALTENBERND**, at age 85, on December 1, 2021.

**Dr. Jane Frances ROSEBOROUGH**, on October 11, 2019.

**Dr. Jack SHUBER**, on May 11, 2022. [Family's memorial](#)

**Dr. Seymour TOZMAN**, on May 25, 2022.

**CLASS OF 6T5**

**Dr. Martin E. BLACKSTEIN**, at age 81, on October 12, 2022, in Toronto. Martin was an oncologist at Mount Sinai Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital, and taught in the Temerty Faculty of Medicine's Department of Medicine. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 6T6**

**Dr. Barrington Augustus GAYLE**, at age 92, on June 29, 2022. He practised medicine for 51 years. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 6T9**

**Dr. Jacqueline Wynne MOORE, née Howard**, at age 76, on June 27, 2022. To help ease the stress of practising medicine, Jackie turned to music. She joined her colleagues as a singer in the rock band On Call, which performed at special events. Jackie enjoyed tending to her garden. She believed that anything could be cured by a long drive with the windows down and the music up.

[Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 7T0**

**Dr. John Charles Sherwood CAMERON**, on July 29, 2022. John was an orthopaedic surgeon. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 7T1**

**Dr. Howard M. KRIEGER**, at age 76, on August 16, 2022, in Barrie, Ontario. He strongly believed in equitable health care and helping the

disenfranchised. In addition to a full family practice, he advocated on behalf of midwives, birthing centres, methadone clinics, geriatric and palliative care, HIV/AIDS, women's access to abortion, nurse practitioners, and medical assistance in dying (MAID). Most recently, he was devoted to providing health care to the transgender community. On evenings and weekends, Howie enjoying live music from around the world. He was always easy to spot with his trademark Hawaiian shirts. [Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 7T5**

**Dr. Shirley EPSTEIN**, at age 72, on August 23, 2022. Shirley cared for thousands of patients in her midtown Toronto family medicine practice that spanned 42 years. She leaves behind her husband, Dr. Brian Silver (Class of 7T5), and their

four children.

[Family's memorial](#)

**CLASS OF 7T8**

**Dr. Robert William READER**, on August 5, 2022, in Midland, Ontario. While raising cattle and chickens on his 50-acre farm, Bob shared a family practice in Bolton, Ontario, and did outreach medicine with Anishnawbe Health Toronto. In 2000, he moved to Cawaja Beach, Ontario, where he practised family medicine part-time in Midland and on Christian Island. A man of many interests, Bob enjoyed steam trains, carpentry, history, and dogs. [Family's memorial](#) ■

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