

Obituaries

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Dr Harold James (Jim) Rhodes

1944–2023

Jim was a family doctor, husband, father, grandfather, skipper, and great friend. He was a son of Vancouver but grew up in Port Alberni. He attended UBC for a Bachelor of Arts in 1965 and a Master of Science in 1970 and finished with a Doctor of Medicine in 1973. He interned at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta.

He opened his medical practice on West Hastings in Burnaby in 1974. He shared a practice with Dr Juergen Rauh during his first years at that location. Jim was a competent, compassionate, and caring physician, generous of time and spirit. The practice gradually grew into a five-doctor clinic. He enjoyed all aspects of medicine and was appreciated as a colleague, friend, and mentor.

He served as chief of staff at Burnaby Hospital. He spent many years on the board of the Section of General Practice, as it was known in those days (ultimately morphing

into the Society of General Practitioners). That is where Jim and I became well acquainted. Jim had an innate sense of fun and mischief that evolved into many escapades and adventures, often involving the BCMA (now Doctors of BC).

Jim was also on the board of Pacific Blue Cross and was a medical advisor for Parkinson Society British Columbia. He retired from practice in 2004.

While Jim had time for many interests, his biggest passion was sailing. He was an active member of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club for over 40 years. His boat, the *Stovepipe*, was often one of the smallest boats in the harbor, with the most people in the cockpit. There were many cruises, including to the Gulf Islands, Barkley Sound, Broughton Archipelago, and beyond.

Jim's life was celebrated with his friends and acquaintances with an Eight Bells Service at his yacht club on 3 January 2024.

He will be deeply missed by Brenda, his wife of 57 years; his children, Kent, Ariel, and Janice; his grandchildren, Danielle, Oscar, and Robin; his siblings, Michael, Malcolm, and Julia; and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was the kind of person who made your life richer simply by knowing him.

—Al Kallas, MD
Vancouver



Dr Judith Naylor

1937–2024

Sadly, Dr Judith Naylor, a highly respected pediatrician in Kamloops, passed away suddenly on 10 January 2024, with a good friend at her bedside. She was predeceased by her parents, William and Ethel Naylor, and her brother, Derek Naylor. She leaves behind many close friends.

Judith was born on 9 February 1937 in Banbury North, County of Oxford, England. She graduated from high school and medical school in England. After completing her medical degree at the University of London, she completed an internship at King's College. Before leaving England, she completed several diplomas relating to child health.

Eager to become a pediatrician, Judith immigrated to Canada and started a residency program in pediatrics at Vancouver General Hospital. Her 5-year residency training also took her to Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Ohio.

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After completing her residency, she moved to Kamloops, where she spent her entire medical career caring for children and their families. As head of the department of pediatrics, she was instrumental in starting a neonatal intensive care program at Royal Inland Hospital.

In her early years, Judith was a competitive swimmer. She lived for her dogs, and over the years she enjoyed the company of many female black Labrador retrievers. She was always interested in everything to do with her homeland.

She loved the outdoors. In her spare time she enjoyed cross-country skiing, hiking, fishing, and grouse hunting. Her favorite vacation was an annual getaway to the Chilcotin to camp and hunt grouse.

At her request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, donations to one of the following organizations in memory of Judith Naylor would be appreciated: BC SPCA, a local food bank, or the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation.

—Susan Endersby
Kamloops
—Sharon Frissell
Kamloops

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Malaysia to Vancouver on her own to visit us, the diaspora. To this day, I still have no idea how she completed her point-of-entry airport card.

“Yes, I know that brand. It is the rooster brand. Sriracha sauce,” I said. I could tell he was smiling.

“It should be here.” But it was not. I gestured for him to wait while I asked. It turned out they had none because of a supply chain issue and spoilage of chili peppers in California. He wanted to know if it would be another few days before the sauce arrived. “No. Many weeks. They cannot make more at the factory!”

I suggested alternatives—garlic chili paste, sweet Thai chili, Jamaican Tabasco sauce? He shook his head at every option.

“I like rooster. It is the only one,” he said, and wandered off with a bag of bananas.

At the till, the cashier was smiling. She had watched the exchange and now joined in on the discussion. “There is no substitute! The others are too sweet. We cannot use that on our food. We are Indians! We need spice. Our mouths need to burn!”

I had come in to get potpies. Instead, I was given a sweet memory of my mother.

In the parking lot, the guy beside me looked over, probably wondering why a middle-aged woman was laughing by herself in her hot car on a super hot Kamloops summer afternoon. I was thinking of my mom in heaven and how she doesn't need to go by the picture of the rooster anymore because she can finally read. ■



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