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**Dr Andre F. Pasquet
1915–2007**

Born in Geneva, Switzerland, Andre F. Pasquet of Terrace, BC, passed away peacefully in June. He graduated from Queens University in 1943 with a specialty in anesthesia. His anesthesia career was perhaps most distinguished by his close relationship with Wilder Penfield in the late 1940s and early 1950s. "In many ways, the modern era of awake craniotomies began more than 50 years ago when Wilder Penfield and Andre Pasquet published their landmark paper on the surgical and anaesthetic aspects of surgery after the administration of local and intermittent sedation and analgesia. Many of the concepts they outlined remain relevant today."

In 1954 Andy joined the department of anesthesia at Dalhousie University in Halifax where he became an integral and respected member of the department. Andre was blessed with a unique teaching ability and a rare common sense approach to medicine. In 1973 he moved to Terrace, BC, where he developed the anesthesia department at Mills Memorial Hospital. In proud appreciation of his work, an operating room was dedicated to Andre at his retirement. He continued to live in "his mountains" with his loving wife, Eula, and continued to make a lasting impression on everyone he met. He will be missed by Eula, his four children, and Eula's children, but the memory of Andre will continue to serve as a reminder of the virtues of honesty, dedication, and love, so wonderfully exhibited by Andy Pasquet.

—Eric Pasquet, MD
Ottawa

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**Dr Ronald Douglas Ellis
1925–2006**

Ron was born in Estevan, Saskatchewan, where he attended high school. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a BSc in biology. He attended the University of Manitoba where he obtained his MD following a one-year internship at the Winnipeg General Hospital.

From 1952 to 1954 he was a resident in internal medicine at Shaughnessy Hospital in Vancouver. He practised in Taber, Alberta, and North Burnaby before joining the Underhill Clinic in Kelowna in 1957. He completed his internal medicine specialty at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal in 1960–1961. Ron was on the staff of the Kelowna General Hospital until he retired in 1997. He was a man who enjoyed his work and the many challenges it brought. No matter what time of day or night, Ron always tried to meet the needs of his patients.

Ron loved to play the piano. His passion for music led him to embrace the challenge of playing the bagpipes, which often kept his family up all hours of the night. He was a proud member of the Kelowna Legion Pipe Band for 43 years. In his memory the band has established the Dr Ron Ellis Scholarship for eligible young pipers.

He was a long-standing contributing member of the Gyro Club. Sport also played a big part in Ron's life. He was a season pass holder at Big White since 1964 and enjoyed not only downhill but cross-country skiing. Golf was an ever-challenging game that he endured with his family, friends, and colleagues. A man who had many interests, Ron especially enjoyed dancing, boating, hiking, bird-watching, and road trips in the company of family and friends. Everyone will remember how much Ron enjoyed making puns, which usually resulted in laughter or groans from family or friends.

Ron embraced life to the max. He

was a very positive and supportive husband, father, brother, and friend. His smile, compassion, and sense of humor were ever-present. He was proud of his family.

Ron was predeceased by Lois, his beloved wife of 52 years. He is survived by his sisters, Ruth and Gwen, and by his loving family, Ann (David), Doug (Jane), Jocelyn (Ken), Bruce (Kelly), and nine grandchildren.

—Cliff Henderson, MD
Kelowna

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