

Dr Kenneth Cambon 1923–2007

Dr Kenneth Cambon, born in Quebec City, died in February in Vancouver following a 7-year struggle with dementia. Ken is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dr Eileen Nason Cambon, sisters Noreen and Margaret (Bunny), brother Austen, daughters Noreen and Marie, and grandchildren Sybrand and Harrison.

After matriculation in Quebec City in 1940, Ken worked at the Citadel Cigar, until a broken coffee pot cost him half of his meagre wages. Ken proceeded directly from the Citadel to the closest recruiting centre where he signed up as a member of the Royal Rifles the day before his 17th birthday. After rifleman's training at Val Cartier, Sussex, and Gander, Ken shipped out with his regiment to defend Hong Kong from the advancing Japanese. Ken was captured in the fall of Hong Kong on Christmas Day 1941, the youngest Canadian Hong Kong POW. The next 44 months were spent in the depravity of several camps in Hong Kong and in Japan, an experience documented in his book, *Guest of Hirohito*. Ken suffered the extreme hardships of coal yard labor and starvation. Later, he became a medical aide and, at times, a nascent physician in several camp hospitals, the last of which was in Niigata. Ken was liberated by the Americans in August 1945, and returned home via Manila, Honolulu, and Victoria, where Canadian POWs were placed under observation for several weeks.

After returning to a hero's welcome in Quebec, a former boss from Ken's days as newspaper carrier for the *Gazette* encouraged him to go to university. The Canadian government offered war veterans a free university education, which gave Ken an opportunity he would otherwise not have had. After only 2 years of pre-med studies at McGill, Ken began medical school in 1947. There, after second year, he married classmate Eileen

Nason. Upon graduating in 1951, the young couple interned at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and then took a 2-year contract as physicians for the Demerara Bauxite Co. in British Guinea (now Guyana). From 1954–1955, Ken completed 6-month house jobs at the ENT hospitals at Earl's Court and Golden Square. Afterward, he headed to the University of Texas at Galveston to complete his residency in otolaryngology and Eileen hers in ophthalmology. Their daughter Noreen arrived in 1957, the year before the Cambons settled in Vancouver. Another daughter, Marie, was born in 1962. Ken held a faculty position at the University of British Columbia, an office practice with Eileen, and positions at VGH and Children's Hospital. Ken's early interest was in children's ENT disorders while in his later years he became a respected ear surgeon and mentor to many specialists in training. In his recreational time, he enjoyed winemaking and crabbing at their property in Robert's Creek, and honing his tennis skills at home and in Manzanillo, Mexico.

Memorial gifts may be given to a children's charity of your choice, or to the Pacific Otolaryngology Foundation.

—Graham Bryce, MD
Vancouver

Dr Cecile Nanette Menzies (nee Broster) 1922–2007

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our cherished wife and mother.

Nanette passed away suddenly at her West Vancouver home with her ever-loving husband, Albert, on their 57th wedding anniversary. Survived by her devoted husband Dr Albert Menzies; daughters Heather Bruce (Dave), Anthea Poskitt (David), Michele (Michael Overton) and Bronwen (Theo Verbaarschot); son Neil (Martine Blier); and grandchildren Brione, Colleen, Nicola, Cameron, Emma,

Philip, Sophie, and Adele. Family in England include her sister Joy, and nieces Penny and Wendy.

Born and raised in Cheshire, England, Nanette began her medical career at the University of Liverpool, receiving her medical degree in 1944 in family medicine.

She migrated to Canada to complete her medical training, and met her husband Albert while interning at the Ottawa General Hospital in 1948. Later, in 1952, she earned her diploma in public health from the University of Toronto.

A traditional family physician, Dr Menzies was well known in the Vancouver area for her caring and sensitive style. Always providing patients with as much time as they needed, she loved house calls and truly getting to know her patients and their families. Dr Menzies also worked for many years in public health, both in neighborhood clinics and as a school physician. Always interested in people, she made friends with everyone she met, and will be fondly remembered by many for her caring and friendly personality.

Nanette was a remarkable person who raised five children at the same time as running a medical practice. She gave so much of herself with warmth and generosity. She will be dearly missed by all she touched.

—Neil Menzies
Vancouver

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