

Dr Gurmeet Singh (Gary) Randhawa 1953–2008

Dr Gurmeet Singh “Gary” Randhawa, past member of the BCMA Board of Directors and president of the Kelowna Medical Society, died 24 January 2008, in New Delhi, India, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 54.

Dr Randhawa was a pathologist in Kelowna and a leader in the medical community, always advocating for patient care and his colleagues. He stood by his principles, at times even to his personal detriment. He was actively involved in the BC Medical Association, serving on the Board of Directors for 6 years and on the Executive Committee for 3 years, and worked on several committees relating to laboratory medicine. He led the Kelowna Medical Society with energy and enthusiasm and was well known for the health fairs he established.

Dr Randhawa was also a philanthropist who dedicated his life to improving his community, including building a Sikh temple in Kelowna. He touched the life of everyone he met; his positive outlook on life and his high-spirited manner will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Sujata; son, Jason; and daughter, Jasmin.

The BCMA is establishing a perpetual memorial fund in his memory. Donations to the fund may be made to the BC Medical Foundation in memory of Dr Randhawa and sent to the BCMA offices.

—**Brian Brodie, MD
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Dr Basil Cartwright Boulton 1938–2008

It is with great sadness that I announce the untimely and accidental death of Dr Basil Boulton, pediatrician, child

and youth advocate, and dedicated family man, at the age of 69. Basil fell from a ladder at his home in January 2008 and did not recover.

Basil was born in Consort, Alberta, as the youngest of seven children. He grew up on Gabriola Island and developed a love of nature at an early age. He went to high school in Nanaimo and was then off to UBC for pre-medicine and medical school, graduating in 1963. His pediatric residency was done at Montreal General Hospital, Charlotte Memorial Hospital in North Carolina, and Vancouver General Hospital. Basil did a year of pediatric cardiology fellowship training in 1968. He established a pediatric consulting practice in Victoria in 1969 and stayed there until he retired from active practice in 2004. During his training he worked with underprivileged populations and continued to do so throughout his career. Basil was truly a consulting pediatrician and cared for the complex health care needs of children and their families in the areas of Aboriginal health, child maltreatment, and fetal alcohol syndrome, to name a few. He was active on many boards and committees that promoted the interests of children, including the R.E.A.D. Society, SALTS, the local hospital board and medical staff, and the BCMA Board and its Child and Youth Committee. He took a year out of practice to work on a child health study that laid the groundwork for the excellent child and youth services that are currently offered in Victoria.

He had many honors bestowed upon him including the Queen’s Jubilee Medal, UBC’s Wallace Wilson Leadership Award, and the BCMA Silver Medal of Service. He was a Life Member of the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children’s Health. Throughout, Basil was a teacher as a clinical professor of pediatrics and was active in the Facul-

ty of Medicine alumni association.

Over the last 9 years he became increasingly active in the Township of Esquimalt and was elected to the municipal council from 1999–2002 and again in 2005. Here, he continued to advocate for children in his broader community on the Capital Region Family Court Committee and the Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth.

Basil and his wife, Marilyn, had four children and nine grandchildren, and were blessed to see them often. They stole time away from Basil’s practice to go to their cabin on Ruxton Island whenever possible.

Basil always enjoyed meeting people and hearing about important issues. His actions supported his convictions to improve the community as a whole, especially for children and youth.

At the time of his death, he was working on a Child Health Care Bill of Rights and a pilot program in the schools that combined a mental health team, medical team, and educators to better support children.

I would ask that we all remember Basil by doing what we can to improve the lives of children and youth in our own lives and in our communities.

—**Todd Sorokan, MD
New Westminster**

Dr Albert Henry Phelps 1920–2007

Al (as he was affectionately known to family and friends) died of metastatic prostate cancer after a few months of loving care from his wife, Linda, family physicians, consultants, home care and hospice support, and was able to stay in his home until the end. He had successfully survived cecal carcinoma of a few years previously. He maintained his mental capabilities until a day or so before he died, and visitors were welcomed graciously and gratefully into a home where peace and tranquility were evident.