



Cecil Ernest Gordon Robinson, MD

Dr Cecil “Cec” Ernest Gordon Robinson 1917–2010

Dr Cecil Robinson passed away peacefully on 5 January 2010 in Vancouver, at the age of 92 years, following a short illness.

He was born 10 June 1917 in Chichester, Pontiac County, Quebec, the second of three sons of Joseph and Ada Robinson. Raised on a farm near Pembroke, Ontario, he graduated in medicine from Queen’s University in 1943 and served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in Britain, Italy, and northwest Europe until 1946. Following the war, he completed his internship at VGH and received postgraduate training at Shaughnessy Hospital, Queen’s University, and medical schools in London, England, and the University of Toronto; he became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1950.

Dr Robinson maintained a busy private practice in internal medicine and over the years served as assistant chief of medicine at Shaughnessy Hospital, chief of medicine at St. Vin-

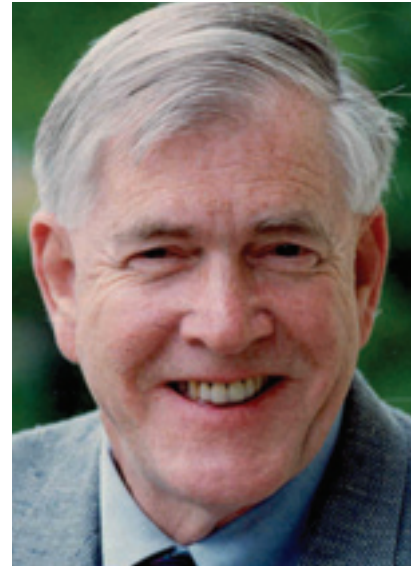
cent’s Hospital, and medical director of G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre in Vancouver. He was also the first medical director of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. In 1959 Dr Robinson was appointed clinical instructor at UBC and eventually became clinical professor and then professor emeritus.

During his career he was also a member of numerous medical societies and associations. He was decorated for his long service by the Canadian Forces in 1952 and appointed Queen’s honorary physician in 1961. He also maintained a long relationship with the militia, most recently as a colonel with the 12th (Vancouver) Field Ambulance.

In 1948 he married Ann Lucell “Sally” Boyd, and in the years following they raised eight children in a very busy home. Dr Robinson is predeceased by his wife (1991); his older brother, Dr Clarence Robinson (1993); son Denis (1952); and granddaughter Ramah (1985). He is survived by his devoted partner of 13 years, Alice Collins, and by his brother Dr Clayton Robinson. He also leaves behind his daughter Margaret, sons Gordon (Daryl), Gary (Bernice), Sean (Sieglinde), Mark (Vivian), Donald (Wendy), and Keith (Kellie), three nieces, five nephews, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The family extends special and heartfelt thanks to Steve Taylor, who faithfully served Dr Robinson in his last years, helping him to remain active and independent. The family also extends its appreciation to the Collins family for their support.

Cec Robinson was a skillful, caring, and dedicated doctor to his many patients. The selfless generosity shown to patients, colleagues, and friends, and his devotion to his family will always be treasured.

—**Donald Robinson, MSc
White Rock**



Peter Finden Stonier, MD

Dr Peter Finden Stonier 1930–2009

On 8 June 2009 the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr Peter Stonier lost a special person who lived life with a vibrant largesse. Peter is survived by his wife, Mona, and daughter; Suzanne, his children, Alan, Susan, Paul, and their mother Jackie; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, John.

Peter was born and raised in Powell River, BC. His parents had emigrated from England and his father worked at the mill in Powell River. Peter was the oldest of three brothers. He attended UBC, graduating from medicine in 1956. Following a rotating internship at St Paul’s Hospital, he entered into general practice and moved to the Sunshine Coast and practised with Dr A. Swan.

Peter left general practice to pursue specialist training in the United States. Although he started in obstetrics/gynecology, he changed to pathology. Following speciality certification, he worked at Merck, Sharpe & Dohme research division in West Point, Pennsylvania. He then moved

to Kamloops to work with Dr Glen Martin in general pathology. His career took him to Edmonton and finally to CJ Coady Associates in the Fraser Valley in late 1980s. Peter worked as a pathologist and medical laboratory director at Delta Hospital and Peace Arch Hospital until his retirement in 1995. He was a long-time supporter of the Diagnostic Accreditation Program both in committees and as a surveyor traveling to laboratories throughout the province.

Peter's character was best described in this eulogy by his son, Paul, as being "a good guy to hang out with." Peter was imposing physically and this, with his loud greeting, could be very intimidating. In one bout of exuberance he picked up a colleague and tossed him into his own pool—fully dressed! He had just learned the colleague was returning to Canada. Usually he was well behaved, but with a dry sense of humour and a deadpan presentation. This, coupled with his retentive memory, made him an entertaining raconteur. He had a wide variety of interests including playing the piano, stamp collecting, and ham radio operations. His social network was very important, with some friends dating back to public school days.

Peter had experienced declining health for a number of years, but his memory and sharp wit persisted until the end. We have lost a physician who was a humanist with a large presence and, with apologies to his ham radio network, one with a truly "broad bandwidth."

—Richard (Dick) Muir, MD
Langley

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of the quadrivalent HPV vaccine, leaving decisions on whether to immunize males ages 9 to 26 years who request the vaccine up to their health care professionals. In addition, the US FDA approved use of the HPV vaccine, Cervarix, the new bivalent HPV vaccine manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, for the prevention of cervical cancer and precancerous lesions caused by HPV types 16 and 18 in girls and women ages 10 to 25 years.

For more news, check our web sites periodically at www.bccdc.org and immunizebc.ca.

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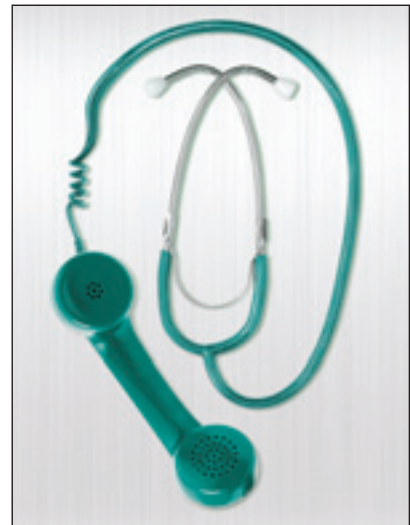
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