



*Gordon Gatward (Bud) Lott, MD*

## **Dr Gordon Gatward (Bud) Lott 1924–2009**

Dr Gordon Gatward (Bud) Lott was born in Victoria on 19 May 1924 and died there, unexpectedly, 24 September 2009. For many years he was very active in the BCMA and, as well, with MD Management.

Born and raised in Victoria, his schooling was also in Victoria, including attendance at Victoria College (the predecessor to the University of Victoria) in the early years of the Second World War. Bud was an ardent rugby player for Victoria's Crimson Tide Rugby Club and was vice-captain and scrum half for the Victoria College rugby team. At Victoria College he joined the Canadian Officers Training Corps and transferred to the Canadian Army in 1943. Following discharge from the army at the end of the war, Bud attended UBC to complete his premedical years and then went to McGill, where he received his MD in 1953. Internship at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria was followed by 7 years of general practice in Port Alberni. His general surgical training began with a rotating surgical internship at Shaughnessy Hospital, fol-

lowed by 1 year of pathology at the Royal Jubilee. He completed his general surgical training with 2 years at the University of Iowa. General surgery specialty recognition was granted by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1965 and was followed by his American College of Surgery Fellowship in 1968. His entire surgical career was spent in Victoria.

Bud was a surgeon with very high standards. He was self-effacing and well liked. His abilities and his comfortable manner were appreciated by both his patients and his fellow physicians. He served his profession as president of the Victoria Medical Society for 3 years.

In 1973 Bud became a director of the BCMA, a position he held for 4 years. He also joined the Negotiating Committee in 1973, which was only the second year that the BCMA had a Negotiating Committee and the first year that negotiations actually took place. Prior to that, fiscal agreements between the BCMA and the government were developed in meetings between the health minister and the executive director of the BCMA, with no involvement of the membership. In 1974, Bud became chairman of the Negotiating Committee, a post he held for 8 years.

As chairman of the Negotiating Committee, Bud set a very high standard for future negotiators to emulate. The membership found he was an energetic advocate who achieved significant results. In his initial negotiated agreement (1975), he managed to obtain a 26.9% raise in fees, and in 1981 he led the committee to an agreement that increased fees by 39.99% (a 2-year settlement), the highest settlement ever obtained in the country. In fact, these raises were an indication of how far the fee schedule had fallen behind inflation during the 1970s. Bud

had a reserved, low-key manner in negotiations. He was also trusted by the negotiators for the government, who respected his forthright but firm manner and his consistent honesty during the negotiating process. Such settlements helped significantly in offsetting the inadequacies of agreements from earlier years. The medical profession in BC owes Bud a deep gratitude for his achievements on the profession's behalf. Dr Lott was awarded senior membership in the CMA in 1990.

In his private life, Bud was very active in many sports, and particularly enjoyed golfing at the Victoria Golf Club. He was continuing his exercises just days before his untimely death.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Pat, their son, Jamie, their daughters, Lori, Lesli, and Shelley, their three grandchildren, and his older brother, Joe. As well, our sincere gratitude is extended to his family for allowing Bud to devote so much time and energy to the interests of the BCMA membership.

—M. Graham Clay, MD  
Vancouver

—Norman D. Finlayson, MD  
Shawnigan Lake

## **Dr George Edward Cragg 1915–2010**

George Cragg was the first white child born in Peace River, Alberta, where his father built a prize-winning ranch house as well as the one-room schoolhouse that George and his two sisters attended. He grew up on a farm, milked cows, herded cattle, and enjoyed the many chores and pleasures of rural life. He also learned to play the violin. Well.

George studied arts at the University of Alberta and obtained a teaching certificate. He began teaching in a public school and for the next 3 years some of his students were older than

he was. He then became the principal of Fairview High School in northern Alberta.

Like many of his age, he had his life interrupted by the Second World War. These years included sorties in Lancaster bombers.

Peacetime found him enrolled in medical school at Queen's University. During his undergraduate years he was appointed chief justice of the Aesculapian Court for 2 years. In his final year he was class president and gave the valedictory address. He graduated MD CM.

In 1951, after interning at St. Paul's Hospital, George set up a solo practice on Marine Drive in North Vancouver. He immediately became the local physician for the Department of Indian Affairs. His practice grew quickly and by 1953 it was a two-man practice, and soon three and then four. He practised in North Vancouver until 1986.

George's life included much hard work, many joys, but also tragedies. His oldest son, Geoffrey, who worked in general practice with his father for a short time, was nearing the end of his specialty training in Calgary (orthopaedics) when he was murdered in front of his wife and four children. Geoff was 45. Five years later, George's dear wife Margaret died, and 3 months later their grandson Damon died in a tragic accident at the age of 17.

George served a term as chief of staff at Lions Gate Hospital as well as a North Shore representative on the BCMA Board of Directors. He was a senior member of the CMA.

We will remember George for his cheery personality, his deep concern and devotion to his patients, and his love of family. We offer condolences to his sons George, Greg, and Peter, and to his daughter Judy, as well as his sister Ena. George's other sister, Kay, passed away 1 week before his celebration of life.

—**W. James Corbett, MD**  
West Vancouver

### Dr John (Jack) Henry Baldwin 1916–2010

Jack Baldwin was born 17 May 1916. He graduated from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick in 1937, then went on to study medicine, receiving his medical degree from Dalhousie University in 1941.

After RCAF service, he and his wife, Betty, moved to Nanaimo, where he practised family medicine and surgery until his retirement in 1987. A founder of Caledonia Clinic, he lived his nearly 94 years with integrity, humility, dignity, and grace, and he was truly loved, respected, and admired. He was gentle, kind, and honest, and had a wry and crazy sense of humor that was so endearing.

While always proud of his Maritimes roots, Jack loved Nanaimo. He was a founding member of the Nanaimo Lions Club and was active in the Yacht Club, Ski Club, Tennis Club, and Golf Club, and he and Betty greatly enjoyed many wonderful times and activities with family and friends.



John (Jack) Henry Baldwin, MD

Jack slipped gently away at home under the watchful, loving care of family. Predeceased by granddaughter Cynthia Pink in 1972, son Bob in 2003, and soul mate Betty in 2006, he is survived by daughters Dianne Pink and Cynthia McGhee, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

—**Dianne Pink**  
North Vancouver

## Recently deceased physicians

The following physicians have died over the past year; please consider submitting a piece for our In Memoriam section if you knew the deceased well.

Andrews, Dr William John  
Baldwin, Dr John Henry  
Brunton, Dr Lawrence Jackson  
Campbell, Dr Margaret Elizabeth  
Chetwynd, Dr John Brian  
Chen, Dr Ferdinand  
Duffy, Dr John Peter  
Goh, Dr Anthony Poh Seng  
Ireland, Dr James Richmond  
Kalyanpur, Dr Vasant Raghav  
Lamplugh, Dr Charles Mann  
McAdam, Dr Ronald  
Milobar, Dr Tony

Percheson, Dr Peter Brady  
Pinkerton, Dr Alexander Clyde  
Puttick, Dr Michael Paul Ernest  
Rigg, Dr John Michael  
Smaill, Dr William Donald  
Telford, Dr Kerry Margaret  
Thomas, Dr Ifor Mackay  
Watson, Dr Alvin Byron  
Wilkinson, Dr David  
Young, Dr Du-Lee