



Dr Nigel Hubert Clark 1927–2014

I still remember the first time I spoke with Dr Clark, 35 years ago. It was over the phone and I had never in my life heard such an intelligent, relaxed, and effortlessly comprehensive stream of human communication. He was so cool. I recall wondering whether I could ever be like that (I couldn't).

As a family physician at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dr Clark was universally liked and respected among colleagues. He was active in hospital politics and teaching, and practised entirely in the full-service style to which we are now struggling to return: office, care in the hospital, surgical assists, obstetrics, nursing home, and on-call. He spent many years as a chair of the Workers' Compensation Board Medical Review Panels. When I did a locum for him in my first year of practice, I found an office that was beautifully equipped, efficient, and welcoming.

A graduate of the first medical school class at UBC, Dr Clark was—as well as a fine physician—an accomplished yachtsman, student of the arts, humanist, practical joker, and stealthy hunter dreaded among the widgeons and mallards of Richmond and Delta.

Dr Clark retired in his 70s and traveled the world with his wife, Liz, enjoying summers at Roberts Creek and contributing wonderfully to the lives of his grandchildren. We were fortunate to be able to house him and Liz in their beloved waterfront cabin at “camp” during the several years of their frailty. Dr Clark died at home on 5 November 2014.

I am late into my own career, and only now do I fully understand how much of the art of medicine and life I learned from my uniquely accomplished father-in-law, Dr Nigel Clark.

—John Sloan, MD
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Dr Douglas Alleyne Grant 1938–2014

Dr Douglas Grant died in Lions Gate Hospital on 31 October 2014 following a short illness. Sincere thanks to the palliative care team at Lions Gate Hospital on 7W.

Born in Vancouver on 31 December 1938, Doug graduated from UBC in chemistry (1961) and medicine (1965) and interned at Vancouver General Hospital before starting his general practice in North Vancouver, a career he enjoyed for 40 years until his retirement in 2006.

Apart from his office practice, Dr Grant served his profession in various capacities over the years, both on the North Shore and with the BCMA/Doctors of BC. He became director of education at Lions Gate Hospital at the time when the hospital was preparing to establish a rotating internship program and helped to arrange funding from the Ministry of Health. The program began in 1984 and Dr Grant remained the director of education throughout its 10-year duration, providing support, encouragement, and direction to 12 new interns each year.

Dr Grant was a man of character, looked up to and admired by his friends, peers, and patients. Always loyal and fair, he was deeply loved by his family. His five grandchildren were the delight of his later life, and his love for them was obvious to everyone. His lifelong interest in photography, spanning home darkroom processing to digital techniques, has left behind an enduring catalogue of beauty, form, and pattern captured in images seen through his eyes.

Dr Doug Grant had an innate sense of fairness and an intense loyalty to his family and friends. His gentle, kind, and selfless manner is inspiration to all. Dr Grant is survived by his wife, Lois; son, Stephen (Irma); daughter, Karen Sucra (Alex); and numerous extended family members.

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