

## Dr Douglas Evan Bebb 1931–2014



Dr Bebb passed away peacefully at St. Jude's Anglican Home in Vancouver on 25 January 2014 after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer disease.

Dr Bebb was born in Kimberly, BC, spent a brief time in Ocean Falls, and then moved to Victoria where he attended Mount Douglas Secondary School before moving to Vancouver to study chemistry at UBC. He was a member of the second UBC medical school grad class in 1955. After graduation he interned in Calgary, and then returned to Vancouver where he practised until his retirement.

Dr Bebb was a respected general practitioner in Vancouver for many years. Possessing a solid mixture of knowledge, a pleasant disposition, and a tireless devotion to his patients, he set the gold standard for family practice in the days of the full-service family doctor.

Passionate about everything he pursued in life, Doug was an avid skier and golfer, spending many weekends with his wife and family at their cabin in Whistler, where he was first a volunteer ski patroller on Whistler and Blackcomb and later a mountain host.

Doug will be greatly missed by his family and his many colleagues, friends, and former patients. He is survived by his wife of 57 years,

Betty (née Steel), his three sons and their wives (Doug and Franca, David and Diane, Richard and Bernadette), and his seven grandchildren (Ryan, Owen, Hanna, Kayla, Alexander, Charlotte, and Brock).

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Jude's for the exemplary care they provided to Doug during his final years.

—Robert Douglas Bebb, Whistler

—David Bebb, Vancouver

—Richard Bebb, MD, Vancouver

## Dr Edwin Alvar Osberg 1927–2015



Dr Edwin Alvar Osberg passed away on Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at his home in South Granville Park Lodge, one month shy of his 88th birthday. He was predeceased in 2009 by his wife of 58 years, Marjorie Gladys Osberg, and by his only brother, Roy, in 2010. He is survived by three children, Lesley (Jim) Bentein, Ted (Brenda) Osberg, and Elaine (Bruce) Oxenbury; five grandchildren, Shana (Hakan) Drinnan, Rachel (David) Metcalfe, and Krystl, Jeff, and Corey Oxenbury; three great-grandchildren, Jayden, England, and Torran Metcalfe; his devoted sisters-in-law, Joyce Bradshaw and Jean Osberg; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Ed was born on 16 March 1927 and raised in Fort Frances, Ontario.

He received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1952, and his certification as a diagnostic radiologist in 1958. Dr Osberg worked in Winnipeg with Drs McPherson and Child, and associates for 9 years, supplying radiologic services to Winnipeg General Hospital, the Winnipeg Clinic, and the Manitoba Clinic, and concurrently worked in the University of Manitoba's Anatomy Department as a demonstrator and lecturer. In 1966 Dr Osberg and his family moved to Vancouver where he joined Brooke Radiology Associates, which supplied radiologic services to Burnaby General, Richmond General, and Delta General Hospitals, as well as maintaining five offices throughout the province in Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, and Tsawwassen. Dr Osberg was with them until he retired at age 62.

Ed earned his ham radio licence in Winnipeg, and proudly displayed his first call sign of VE4XE, which was changed to VE7AXJ when he moved to Vancouver. Ed loved hunting, boating, and fishing. He and Marge logged over 400 sea days cruising the world on various cruise lines. He was an avid bridge player, curler, lawn bowler, ham radio operator, and dedicated family man. He always had a joke to tell and a tall tale to share.

Special thanks to the staff of South Granville Park Lodge for their caring attention and service. At our parents' request, we will co-mingle their ashes and scatter them in the ocean in tribute to their love of the sea, each other, and their family. The family requests that no flowers be sent. Donations may be made in Ed's memory to the charity of one's choice, or just raise a glass in his memory. He would like that.

—Lesley Bentein  
Mazatlan, Mexico

—Elaine Oxenbury  
Denver, Colorado

**Dr Richard George Pitman  
1921–2015**



Dr Richard G. Pitman, a dedicated physician and a private family man, passed away on 11 February 2015 at the age of 93.

Richard, or Dick as he was known to his colleagues and George as he was known to his oldest friends, was born in Pontypridd, Wales, on 25 June 1921. He was schooled in Wales and went on to study medicine at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital in London. While at Bart’s he was a noted member of the school’s rugby team and held a lifelong love of the sport.

Upon graduation in 1944 Richard joined the Welsh Regiment. As a member of the British forces in Germany, he, sadly, bore witness to atrocities committed at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp when it was first liberated.

In the years after the Second World War Richard studied internal medicine and received his MD and MRCP in 1949 and 1950. He traveled to Canada where he received the FRCPC in 1953. Dr Pitman practised internal medicine in Calgary, returning to the UK to begin a new specialty in radiology. From 1955 to 1958 Dr Pitman was the registrar, radiology, with Liverpool University, and then in London (DMRD 1958) he was the senior registrar, radiology, for Hammersmith Hospital. In 1960 he received his FRCR and became a consultant radiologist at the Welsh National School of Medicine in Car-

diff where he practised until 1966.

Somewhere between his studies and medical practice Richard met Maureen. They married in 1960 and remained so until his passing. Richard and Maureen had three children while in Wales, moved to Vancouver in 1966, and added two more children to the growing family.

In 1968 Richard became head of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology at St. Paul’s Hospital and remained in that role until 1988. Richard specialized in mammography, initiated St. Paul’s Special Vascular Procedures Diagnostic Service, and created the Department of Ultrasound. As clinical instructor and later clinical professor for UBC in diagnostic radiology, he oversaw St. Paul’s undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programs. On retiring from St. Paul’s he continued to work as the consultant radiologist at Squamish General Hospital and the Whistler Medical Clinic.

Dr Pitman was a driven academic who never stopped learning. A car enthusiast, a fan of British comedy, and a lover of full English breakfasts, any spare time he had was devoted to his vegetable garden, his family, and his dogs (in that order!).

—Sian Pitman  
West Vancouver

**Dr Sydney M. Friedman  
1916–2015**



Our dear friend and teacher, Dr Sydney Friedman, died on 16 February 2015, 1 day before his 99th birth-

day. We, along with countless others, very much benefited from his teaching, friendship, and wonderful *joie de vivre*.

Dr Friedman grew up in Montreal, completed medical school at McGill University and, after a period of service in the Royal Canadian Air Force, his PhD there as well.

Married in 1940, he and his loving wife of over 70 years, Dr Constance Livingstone Friedman, both began their careers teaching anatomy at McGill. Dr Constance Friedman (Connie) died in 2011. In 1949, while still in their early 30s, they were both recruited by UBC to take on the challenge of helping to grow and develop the newly created UBC Faculty of Medicine. They did so with their characteristic drive and energy. In 1949 Dr Friedman was appointed professor and head of the Department of Anatomy and the first class of 60 UBC medical students, graduating in 1954. He was one of the people primarily responsible for the medical school developing into one of the world’s best. Dr Friedman won many prestigious academic and research awards and, together with Connie, published over 200 academic papers, primarily on the role of sodium in hypertension. He was also an outstanding and dedicated teacher of generations of students in medicine, dentistry, and graduate studies.

Dr Friedman was a formally educated and very accomplished artist, and his ability to draw with both

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physicians**

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hands simultaneously was a feature of his teaching technique. His three-volume set of books, *Visual Anatomy*, was valued by students of anatomy all over the world.

The Friedmans' participation in the growth of UBC as an internationally renowned university extended beyond the medical school, and the Department of Anatomy was a breeding ground for leaders in the university. The Friedmans created the UBC Friedman Foundation, and the Friedman Scholar and Travel Awards in support of graduate students. They donated an extremely valuable collection of Bill Reid artwork to the UBC Anthropology Museum and their award-winning home to house visiting UBC faculty.

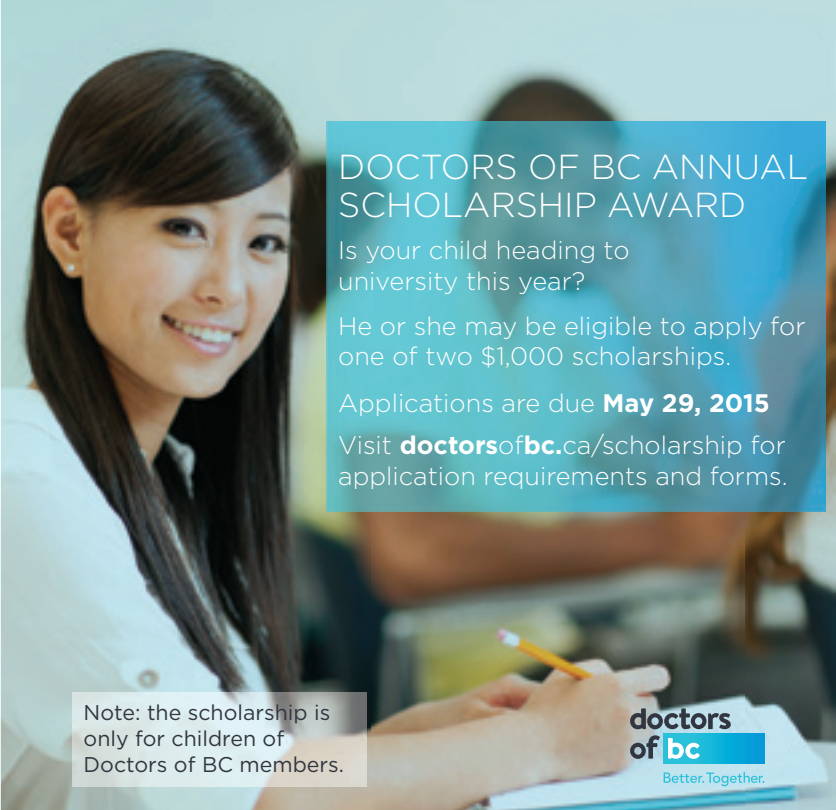
Dr Friedman will be greatly missed by his friends and supporters. His wit and intellect remained with him to the end. He appreciated the close friendship and loving care he received from Rizalyn Ramos after Connie had passed away. He also enjoyed a special bond of friendship—and received much support from—Dr Charles Slonecker and his wife Jan.

I (BD) must also acknowledge the dedicated and special care that Dr Brad Fritz gave to the Friedmans. Like an old-time family physician, Brad made countless house calls to their home and cared for them with great skill and compassion as they became less able to make office visits.

Dr Friedman was also predeceased by his siblings, Horace, Isabelle, and Wolfe. His sister-in-law, Ruth Friedman, and many nieces and nephews survive him. Dr Friedman requested that no memorial service take place. Please consider supporting his legacy through a gift to the Friedman Scholars Program at UBC.

—**Brian Day, MB**  
**Vancouver**

—**Brad Fritz, MD**  
**Vancouver**



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