



Dr Leagh Wallace Hartwell 1928–2015

Dr Leagh Wallace Hartwell, BA (1949), MD (1954) from UBC, was born on 22 March 1928 in North Vancouver and passed away on 1 September 2015 at the age of 87 after many lengthy illnesses.

After completing his internship at the Royal Columbian Hospital, Dr Hartwell entered the Royal Canadian Army Main in 1955 and served in Canada, then in Germany, in the Queen's Own Canadian Field Ambulance Division, returning to Canada in 1964. A short time after he returned Dr Hartwell joined the City of Vancouver Health Department, and soon became the director of Vancouver City Occupational Health Services. He remained in that position until he retired at the age of 60 in 1988.

Dr Hartwell is survived by many relatives, including his wife, Lilie; sons, John and David; and daughter, Anne; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His first wife, Myrtle, died in 1976 from a variety of chronic illnesses. Dr Hartwell remarried in 1983 to Lilie, who has two sons, Anthony and Pat McCord, and one daughter, Kathleen, from her previous marriage, all of whom work and reside outside of Canada (in France and New York) with their spouses and children but who became an active part of his immediate family.

Dr Hartwell missed and spoke

fondly of his old army buddies, City of Vancouver staff (especially in the police and fire departments), and countless bridge games, especially after retirement, and mentioned that most of his closest friends had already passed away.

A family-only memorial will be held at a later date.

—**Lilie Hartwell
Richmond**



Dr John Ashburnham Pratt-Johnson 1929–2015

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Dr John Pratt-Johnson, who passed peacefully in the comfort of his own home on 9 September 2015 with his beloved wife, Mae, at his side. Dr Pratt-Johnson is survived by his sons, Brian (Diana) and Doug (Madeleine); his granddaughters, Lucy, Asha, Meg, Heather, Elyse, Chanelle, and Marine; his stepdaughters, Teresa (Matt) and Erin (Mike); his stepdaughter-in-law, Patti; and his step-grandchildren, Olivia, Hannah, Jordan, Ellen, Rebecca, Sam, and Max. Dr Pratt-Johnson was predeceased by his parents, John and Madge; his twin sisters, Betty and Jean; his former wife, Betty; and his stepson, Paul.

Dr Pratt-Johnson was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he received his early education. After

qualifying in medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1951 he completed his postgraduate residency in ophthalmology in London, England, in 1955, and obtained his FRCS in Edinburgh the same year. John completed fellowships at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University in 1956 and at Stanford University in 1957. During this time he met and married Betty (Stimson). After practising medicine for 2 years in Jamaica, where his two sons were born, John and his family immigrated to Vancouver in 1961. John married Mae Runions in 2001.

Dr Pratt-Johnson served as professor and head of the Department of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus at the University of British Columbia from 1967 to 1992. During this time he also held positions as president of the International Strabismological Association, president of the American Association of Ophthalmology and Strabismus, founding member of the Canadian Orthoptic Society, president of the Canadian Orthoptic Council, and member of the American Orthoptic Council. He was also an examiner in ophthalmology for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr Pratt-Johnson published prolifically and received many honors. He was coauthor of a textbook on strabismus and amblyopia, first published in English and translated into Italian and Chinese, and he was invited to speak on pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus to countries around the world.

Dr Pratt-Johnson also volunteered his services in many developing countries. In 1992 he founded the Pratt-Johnson Foundation. He endowed a yearly fellowship to train a pediatric ophthalmologist from a developing country at the University of British Columbia. In 2002 he became an honorary member of the Nepal Ophthal-

mic Society for outstanding contributions to eye care services in Nepal.

Dr Pratt-Johnson was Canadian National Tennis Champion 1992 (men's doubles) and also Vancouver International Tennis Tournament Champion 2004 (men's singles over 75 years).

He was devoted to his community, his church, his profession and, most of all, his family. He traveled extensively and was a great adventurer. A memorial service was conducted on 19 September at St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church in Vancouver. Memorial donations may be made to SEVA Canada or to the Pratt-Johnson Healing Fund at St. Andrew's-Wesley Church.

—**Doug Pratt-Johnson**
Ottawa



**Dr David Lloyd George
("Red") Howard
1922–2015**

Dr Howard passed away peacefully at 93 years of age on 19 August 2015 in Victoria, with family at his bedside. Dr Howard ("Red") survived his much beloved wife, Helen, by 16 years. Red loved his humble rural roots; he was the youngest son of pioneer Saskatchewan homesteaders Margret and William Howard of Harris. Red finished his medical training in Toronto (MD, 1948) and the Mayo Clinic (1953–1954). He proudly trained with Dr Philip Hench, who shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1950 for the discovery of cortisol. Dr Howard returned to Canada for further clinical training, obtaining his FRCPC in 1955, and practised in Calgary as one of Western Canada's first rheumatolo-

gists. He founded the first rheumatic disease unit in Calgary at Calgary General Hospital in 1955. Dr Howard was also a founding physician of the University of Calgary (Cumming) School of Medicine, which I proudly attended (MD, 1985).

Red was renowned for his wit and wicked sense of humor, his devotion to his family and his patients, and his never-ending admiration and love for his wife of 50 years, Helen. In 1983 Red and Helen retired to Victoria, where he continued to practise medicine part time for another decade. Red and Helen loved being surrounded by their children and grandchildren on the Island. He was a respected colleague, an outstanding diagnostician, and a mentor and friend to many doctors and nurses throughout his long career. His legacy continues in those who have chosen to follow in his footsteps.

Dr Howard will be greatly missed by his children, Dave (Laura), Catharine (Doug), Charlotte, Bill (Jennifer), Bob (Heather), Gord, and Margaret (Bruce); his five grandchildren, James (Lisa), Allison, Kory, Lindsay, and Katelyn; and his many nieces and nephews in Canada and overseas.

At Dr Howard's request there will be no public funeral. Dr Howard's ashes will be laid to rest with Helen's in Royal Oak Burial Park in Saanich.

—**Catharine Dewar, MD**
North Vancouver



**Dr Chung Ngar Wong
1933–2015**

Dr Chung Ngar Wong was born in Hong Kong on 13 June 1933. An only child, he lived with his parents in a one-bedroom apartment during

the war years, eventually graduating from Pui-Ching High School in Hong Kong in 1952.

Dr Wong studied medicine at National Taiwan University, graduating in 1960, and emigrated in 1961 to intern at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis. Dr Wong completed a second internship at the Grey Nuns Hospital in Regina, and then started a surgery internship in Winnipeg before deciding to begin his own practice.

Dr Wong married Pui-King Chan in Winnipeg in 1963 and went into practice in the small town of Grand Rapids in northern Manitoba. His first child, Nancy, was born in Winnipeg in 1964. Dr Wong then established another practice in Michel, BC, where his son, Victor, was born in 1965.

A year later Dr Wong moved his family and practice to Maple Ridge, where he established himself as a family physician and stayed in harness for 34 years until his retirement in 2000.

He and Pui-King moved to Port Coquitlam and were active with the Coquitlam Chinese Baptist Church, where Dr Wong served as church councillor.

Throughout his life Dr Wong was an enthusiastic photographer, taking snapshots of his family's adventures; a travel enthusiast, with his family on annual road trips during his working career and more extensively with Pui-King during his retirement; and a keen walker, keeping in shape by taking walks in the park across the street from his Port Coquitlam home.

Dr Wong died of acute respiratory distress syndrome at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster at age 82. He is survived by his wife, Pui-King; his son, Victor; his daughter, Nancy (married to Andrew Ranger in 1992); and his grandchildren, Heather, Geoffrey, and Paul.

—**Victor Wong, CD, MLIS**
Ottawa