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words; we may edit them for clarity and length. Obituaries may be emailed to journal@doctorsofbc.ca. Include birth and death dates, full name and name deceased was best known by, key hospital and professional affiliations, relevant biographical data, and a high-resolution head-and-shoulders photo.



Dr James (Jim) Harvey Sherstan 1933–2020

Dr Jim Sherstan was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, on 1 April 1933, was raised and schooled in tiny prairie towns, and graduated from the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine in 1960. He trained in general surgery in the celebrated program at the University of Alberta, finishing in 1966.

He met his wife, Betty, while doing a year of surgical training in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1963. She describes him as charming and humorous. They have four children—Michele, Scott, Cindy, and Craig.

I met Jim in 1966 when I started an internship at the University of Alberta Hospital. Jim was just finishing as chief resident in surgery and was going to Cold Lake, Alberta, until he completed the fellowship exams in the fall. In 1969 I met Jim again when I started a 6-year stint in general practice in Kitimat, BC. Most of Jim's professional life was spent there, and he was an indispensable member of the medical community. He was available 24/7 to carry out a wide variety of surgical procedures, including cesarean sections, and he would volunteer to help out the GP covering emergency if the workload was excessive.

Jim also introduced me to curling. Jim was the skip at a rink that was all, or nearly all,

physicians. Thanks to his patient teaching style and a rather busy playing schedule, I managed to learn the game and we often did well. Sometimes two members of the team would be called simultaneously to emergencies, so we would have to forfeit, but we could play one man short and still do well.

Jim died in Quesnel, BC, on 2 February 2020. Those of us privileged to have worked, played, sung, and curled with Jim cherish the time we spent with him. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, Betty, and their children.

—Ian L. Macdonald, MD, FRCPC
Vancouver

Dr Maxwell (Max) Schultz 1923–2020

Dr Maxwell Schultz died on 16 February 2020 in South Delta, BC. Dr Schultz was a Northern Ontario boy (Thessalon, if you know the area), adventurous soul, debater (usually switching tacks 180 degrees at some point just to stir things up), jokester with a wicked sense of humor, lover of nature, raconteur, masterful sketcher, skier, horseback rider, occasional calf rounder-upper, anesthesiologist, and generous loving dad and family man. He graduated from Queen's University (MD 1946) just as the war ended. He was a member of the accelerated wartime class of Meds '47, which completed 6 years of medical school in just 4½ years. Initially a lumber company doctor in Kapuskasing, Ontario, then a GP in Thunder Bay, he then (to quote him) shoved off for an adventure out west. He was one of the first to train in anesthesia at Vancouver General Hospital. There he stayed, enjoying working with his colleagues and the staff in the Associated Anaesthesia Service and the nurses and orderlies and shepherding thousands of patients through their operations with skill and kindness. Max is remembered as



a marvellous colleague. He never made anyone feel bad about asking for advice and was always eager to help. He was a superb anesthesiologist. His sense of humor was unparalleled.

While he maintained his roots and ties to the east and his family, Max loved the west—the mountains, where he taught himself and his kids to ski, the hikes, the trails for horseback riding, and the ocean for boating. Max is predeceased by his wife, Anne, and leaves behind to mourn and miss and be thankful for him his five children, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

—Karen Schultz, MD, CCFP, FCFP
Kingston, Ontario



*Going home
The end of a day
And we're on the way
Over the hill
In the still haze
Of setting sun, work done*