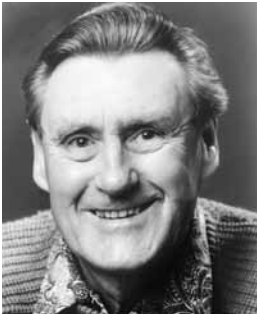


Obituaries

We welcome original tributes of less than 300 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 Angus Rae 1929–2020

Dr Angus Ian Rae passed away peacefully on 9 July 2020, in Victoria, British Columbia, at the age of 91. Angus's enthusiasm for life, enquiring mind, wicked sense of humor, and interest in everyone he met were the defining characteristics of his personality.

Angus was born in London, England, on 7 May 1929, the first child of Blodwen Rae (née Williams), a nurse, and Lawrence John Rae, a radiologist. He grew up in Surrey, England, with his siblings, John, Bobbi, and Suzi. Because of bombing raids during World War II, he and his brother were sent to school in North Devon and later to Bishop's Stortford College in Hertfordshire, where he excelled at water polo, rugby, and short-distance running. In 1948 he enrolled in the London Hospital Medical School, and in 1953, he qualified MBBS.

After junior posts in several London hospitals, Angus completed his compulsory 2 years of national service as a first lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps with the 17th Gurkha Infantry Division in Malaya (now Malaysia). On returning to Britain in 1956, he was recalled in October of that year during the Suez Crisis to care for war casualties—those who were transported to the aircraft carrier HMS *Theseus*, moored off Port Said, Egypt. Following

this assignment, he returned again to England and did further medical training to qualify as a consultant in the Royal College of Physicians (London), specializing in nephrology.

In 1965, Angus took a research posting in San Francisco. He later worked in Seattle, and then took a position in a hospital run by the Sisters of Providence in Spokane. In 1968, the Sisters of Providence recruited him to set up and run a renal unit at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

Angus was instrumental in setting up the first program in the province to have patients perform their own hemodialysis at home. With nurses, technologists, and other members of the team, he ran the renal unit for 7 years before taking on his first partner, Dr Clifford Chan-Yan. When Angus retired from St. Paul's Hospital in 1994, the partnership had expanded to seven physicians. Throughout his years in practice in Vancouver, Angus also provided a consulting service to Yukon by visiting Whitehorse every 3 months. He held his last clinic in Whitehorse in 2007. One of the hallmarks of Angus's medical practice was his bedside manner, focusing on patients as individuals, each with their own fascinating life experiences.

Shortly after Angus arrived in Canada, he met and married Dr Ann Skidmore, and they had two daughters, Rowena and Elspeth. Family life included swimming, hiking, bicycling on the Gulf Islands, picking blackberries, and traveling frequently to Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands where Angus and Ann owned a holiday home. Angus also maintained close ties to England, visiting his family and friends annually.

In retirement, Angus pursued several passions: learning to speak Spanish, traveling extensively with Ann, and helping to form the University Clinical Faculty Association in 1998

(now the Doctors of BC Section of Clinical Faculty). He believed passionately in equal partnership between academic researchers and clinical physicians in training the next generation of physicians. His retirement was enriched by the arrival of five grandchildren, Melissa, Luke, Genevieve, Tristan, and Madeleine, whom he entertained with his playful antics and mischievous humor.

Angus spent the last 7 years of his life in Victoria with Ann, enjoying frequent visits with his daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, and one remaining sibling, Suzi.

—Ann Skidmore, MBChB, FRCPC
Victoria

—Rowena Rae, MA, PhD
Victoria

—Elspeth Rae, BSc, BEd
Vancouver



Dr Alan Bass 1929–2020

Dr Alan Bass (22 March 1929–12 February 2020) was a renowned and internationally respected specialist and pioneer in sports medicine and arthroscopy.

He was a member of the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission and head of the Medical Committee for FIFA (the world's governing body for football). He was a founding board member of the International Arthroscopy Association and founding secretary of the Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA). His specialist qualifications were in physical medicine, and I believe he was the only nonsurgeon to become an active member of AANA. During his career he treated many national and international

athletes, celebrities, and movie stars, including Sean Connery.

Alan's career highlights included being the team doctor (in the dugout with manager Sir Alfred Ramsey) for England's victory over West Germany in the 1966 FIFA World Cup final. That win is considered the greatest sports achievement in British history. Alan is credited with keeping the team at an optimal level of health and fitness during the marathon journey to winning the trophy.

Alan is survived by his wife, Nesta; five children; three grandchildren; and two sisters. He was a great leader in our field, and his contributions will always be remembered.

—**Brian Day, MB**
Vancouver



Dr William Sterling Haynes 1928–2020

Sterling was born in Edmonton, Alberta, to Elizabeth Sterling, a teacher and actor, and Nelson, a dentist. He completed a BSc in biology/chemistry and an MSc in zoology at the University of Alberta. After a stint as a dam builder and fish farmer in northern Nigeria, Sterling returned to Edmonton where he met his wife, Jessie McKiddie. He followed his older sister, Shirley, into medicine, receiving his MD in 1958.

After an internship at Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital, Sterling completed a residency at Oakland's Kaiser Permanente emergency room. In 1960, he joined the practice of Dr Barney Ringwood and Dr Hugh Atwood in Williams Lake, BC, later partnering with Dr Donald McLean. After studying urology at UBC, Sterling returned to rural family practice, joining the Burris Clinic in Kamloops. In 1980 Sterling moved to Alabama, where

he worked for the health department bringing services to underserved patients. In 1988 Sterling retired for the first time, settling in Kelowna. However, his love of medicine got the best of him and he joined WorkSafeBC in Kamloops. He then took up doing locums in rural BC, retiring for the third and final time in 1992.

Sterling was often on call, mentored many young doctors, delivered thousands of babies, and never said no to anyone in need. He also played a mean game of tennis and was an accomplished badminton and squash player. In his 70s, Sterling took up writing, recounting his years practising medicine; many of his works were published in medical journals and by Caitlin Press.

Sterling leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Jessie; his daughters, Elizabeth, Melissa (Steve), Jocelyn (Steve), and Leslie (Randy); two grandchildren, Carson and Rachel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

—**Gordon Olson, MD**
Kamloops

—**Elizabeth Haynes**
Calgary



Dr Ali Bouaziz 1930–2020

Dr Ali Bouaziz died quite suddenly but not unexpectedly on 2 March 2020, just a few weeks shy of his 90th year, in his beloved Drummond Drive house in the trees. He had a unique personality and will be missed by all, especially Gloria and her daughter Emmanuel.

Dr Bouaziz was born in Tunisia in 1930 and saw firsthand the atrocities of World War II Nazi occupation, which marred him for life. As a teenager he moved to Paris to complete a medical degree and a fellowship in

gastroenterology, never to return to Tunisia or have contact with people there. He was able to support himself in Paris by teaching tennis—a game he had started to play fairly late in youth, but one at which he nevertheless excelled.

One day while pulling his car out of his parking space at the hospital (licence marked MD) he was stopped by a policeman who demanded, "Vos papiers!" After all was found to be in order, the policeman said, "Vous comprenez, Docteur," and Ali knew immediately that he had to leave France and its North African "situation." He wound up in the city hospital system in Queens, New York, in a surgical training program. After completing the program, he found a job as a teaching fellow in French-speaking Quebec City. After a few years in a surgical indentured servant position, which was unfortunately all too common in a past era, he visited Vancouver and knew that there was room for him here.

And he did create quite the room for himself at Mount Saint Joseph Hospital, where he operated every Tuesday and Thursday for many years as a solo-practice general surgeon. There were many medical colleagues of note at that hospital in those days, including his long-time family doctor and sometimes surgical assist, Dr Tony Otto. Other than Ali's surgery practice, his tennis, his tennis clubs, and his friendship with the Molnar family kept him busy.

When I was a freshly minted anesthesiologist, I was impressed with his conservative attitude toward surgical intervention. At the time (1986), I was amazed how, somewhat in opposition to conventional teaching at the academic institutions, he would sit and wait on appendicitis and inflammatory bowel disease until things really were bad. Now, 34 years later, this seems standard practice; he definitely was ahead of his time.

Ali's knowledge of the equity markets, politics, history, and philosophy (especially his fellow North African existentialist and Nobel Prize-winner Albert Camus) was remarkable. As it was for Camus, the world for Ali was absurd in the face of human rationality, but the struggle between the two was the most important thing to continue.

—**Mark Elliott, MD, FRCPC**
Vancouver