

Obituaries

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Dr Mary Hallowell
1926–2023

Dr Mary Hallowell graduated from Leeds Medical School in 1950. She worked in many United Leeds Hospitals, mainly in

internal medicine and pediatrics, while preparing for higher qualifications in these subjects. Official training programs were non-existent, and higher qualifications in internal medicine were necessary to become a pediatrician in England. In 1956, she was admitted as a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and a few years later she was elected to the fellowship. She subsequently worked for 2½ years in Birmingham Children's Hospital, renowned at the time for its work on celiac disease. Intestinal biopsy had just been introduced, and she carried out many of these procedures.

Dr Hallowell immigrated to Canada in 1960 and set up the first consulting pediatric practice in New Westminster. Initially she worked mainly in the hospitals in New Westminster, Surrey, and occasionally Maple Ridge. She treated many sick children with acute gastroenteritis, respiratory infections, meningitis, leukemia, and complications from infectious diseases. It was a great time to work, as hospital beds were easily accessible. As many childhood diseases became controlled by immunization and medicare became universally available, the incidence of very sick children decreased. Allergic disease became more common, and in 1976 children's allergies became the focus of her practice. Dr Hallowell finally retired from solo practice in 1986. A few months later, she started part-time work at Care Place Medical Clinic in Surrey, where she worked for the next 12½ years.

Part-time work allowed her to pursue her love of tennis. In 1996 Dr Hallowell won the Canadian seniors doubles championship in the 70+ age group, and in 2002 the singles championship in the 75+ age

group. She won many seniors tournaments in BC and some in the Pacific Northwest. She was privileged to play in two seniors Friendship Cups, in Suzuka, Japan, in 1997, and in Pörschach am Wörthersee, Austria, in 2002. She was president of the BC Senior Women's Committee, represented BC on the PNW Senior Women's Committee, and was on the board of the World Medical Tennis Society for 25 years. The latter enabled her to compete with doctors from many different countries. At age 88, Dr Hallowell sustained a bad shoulder injury and had to give up playing, but she was fortunate to find an excellent physiotherapist and returned to the court 17 months later. After 80 years on the court, she finally hung up her tennis racket.

Dr Hallowell traveled extensively both with and without her tennis racket. Much to the surprise of her travel agent, she continued to travel until age 94, when COVID-19 saw the cancellation of a final trip to Portugal.

After moving to Vancouver in 2002, Dr Hallowell began attending courses at Simon Fraser University's downtown campus and joined the SFU Seniors Lifelong Learners Society. She took courses in history, geography, comparative religion, economics, and art history. She also enjoyed attending operas and concerts at the Orpheum. She always remained interested in advances in pediatrics and changes in medical practice and was a member of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada.

Dr Hallowell also enjoyed wining and dining her friends, using the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club as her venue. She held a last soiree on 7 July, which was a celebration

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of life with her in attendance. Suffering from chronic renal failure and no longer living the active life she loved, she remained in charge, deciding when she would leave the Earth. She did so peacefully on 18 July 2023, surrounded by friends.

Dr Hallowell was a local trailblazer. She trained and worked in times when women in medicine were by far in the minority. The concept of work life–home life balance did not exist, and she often worked 24/7, looking after very sick children. She leaves behind many grateful parents whose children’s lives were saved by her dedication and care. She will be missed.

—Shelley Ross, MD
Burnaby



Dr Andrew “AJ” Moore
1942–2023

On 14 June 2023, Dr Andrew J. Moore, in his 81st year, passed away peacefully at Hilltop House hospice in Squamish, BC, surrounded by his loving wife and family. He was affectionately known as “Andrew” to his beloved wife, Pru, and as “Andy,” “Doc,” or “AJ” to family, colleagues, and friends, near and far.

AJ was born in Fife, Scotland, and immigrated to Canada in August 1952 at age 10, settling in London, Ontario. AJ’s academic prowess started early; he earned accolades at every school he attended. While he planned on a career as a fighter pilot, AJ

changed direction and graduated from the University of Western Ontario’s Faculty of Medicine, class of ’66. AJ did his internship in Winnipeg before caring for patients across northern Canada as a medical officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. He concluded his military service at the National Defence Medical Centre in Ottawa and then moved his family to Vancouver, where he completed his residency in urology at Vancouver General Hospital.

AJ established a large and flourishing practice at St. Paul’s and Mount Saint Joseph Hospitals and enjoyed teaching interns and residents as an associate clinical professor in the UBC Faculty of Medicine. I was personally privileged to have Andy as my mentor, partner, and friend. Together with the late Dr Zelick (Zeke) Perler, Andy welcomed me into his practice as a young faculty member, and we spent 10 years together managing many interesting, challenging, and satisfying surgical cases. He was a master surgeon and was loved and respected by his patients and all the OR and ward staff members. I don’t know of anyone who ever disliked the man!

Outside of medicine, AJ participated in a wide range of activities, athletic and otherwise. He loved football, golf, and hockey, the latter as a long-time member of the “old-timers” Vancouver Flames Hockey Club, playing in tournaments across Europe and North America. He was a highly accomplished alpine skier, one of the “originals” at Whistler Mountain in the early 1970s, when he would coax his Seville to conquer the winding road from Vancouver, listening to a wide variety of tunes. AJ created deep friendships and fond memories hosting large, wild gatherings at his home, filled with warmth and generosity, and became a well-known member of the West Vancouver and Whistler communities. His home and its backyard oasis became the cherished gathering place for anyone who wanted one, including annual parties for all the urology residents and students, many of whom were newcomers to the West Coast.

AJ is predeceased by his parents, George and Margaret. He is survived by his wife,

Prudence; sons, Scott and David, and their mother, Barb; son, Christopher (Daviana); grandchildren, Riley, Maddison, Theodore, and Harper; beloved brother, Jim (Joan); sister-in-law, Jan; nephew and niece, Brad (Carrie) and Andrea (Dean); and their families.

AJ’s family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Hilltop House hospice for their compassionate and competent care and for making his last days as comfortable and peaceful as possible for him and his family. A celebration of AJ’s life was held at Gleneagles Golf Course & Clubhouse on 20 August 2023.

Dr Andrew Jenkins Moore was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandpa, uncle, loyal friend, teacher, and colleague. His was a life well lived.

—Larry Goldenberg, MD
Vancouver

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