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DR. COLIN ARCHIBALD SANDS

THE SUDDEN and untimely death of Dr. Colin Archibald Sands occurred in the Vancouver General Hospital on Wednesday, May 20, 1970. Dr. Sands was a Senior Anaesthetist at the Vancouver General Hospital, a senior partner of Associated Anaesthetic Services, and a member of the teaching staff of the University of British Columbia Medical School.

He was born in Alameda, Saskatchewan, and received his B.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1938. His medical training was at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Toronto; he graduated from the latter institution with the M.D. in 1943. Following internship in Toronto, he enlisted and served with the R.C.A.M.C. in Canada and northwestern Europe. At the cessation of hostilities he was Regimental Medical Officer with the Algonquin Regiment and was discharged with the rank of Captain in 1946.

He will be remembered among his classmates as a better than average student, with a conscientious and stable application to his responsibilities. He was a popular member of his class, with an abounding optimism and healthy sense of humour.

Dr. Sands conducted a general practice in Toronto for a short period following his Army discharge, and then enrolled in the postgraduate course in anaesthesia at the University of Toronto and its affiliated hospitals, and received training at the Hospital for Sick Children, the Toronto General Hospital, and the Christie Street and Sunnybrook Veterans' Hospitals.

In 1950 Dr. Sands joined the staff of the Vancouver General Hospital, and he became a member of the Attending Staff of that hospital in 1951 after receiving his Certificate in Anaesthesia from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1951. He was also a member of the Active Staff of the Vancouver Children's Hospital from 1951 to 1967, and was Chief of the Anaesthesia Service of that hospital for two years.

A very competent physician and anaesthetist, the late Dr. Sands was highly respected by surgeons, nurses, and other hospital personnel as well as by his anaesthetic confrères and postgraduate and undergraduate students. He was a fine teacher and a gentleman.

Outside of medicine, he had many hobbies which included gardening, especially flowers, boating, and travel.

His untimely death has created a great void in the medical profession in British Columbia, and especially among his close associates at the Vancouver General Hospital, and among the members of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society.

He was a member of the B.C. Medical Association, the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, and the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Sands is survived by his wife, Audrey, a daughter, Linda, of Vernon, B.C., and a son Ian, a student at the University of British Columbia. A sister and two brothers also survive.

Dr. Sands was fifty-three years of age, and the cause of death was massive myocardial infarction.

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