OBITUARY

Dr Robert George Durant Whitehead

Dr. Robert G.D. Whitehead, a retired member of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society died in Victoria, B.C. on June 28, 1979, following a lengthy illness.

Bob Whitehead was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on August 3, 1915. He attended the University of Manitoba, graduating with the Degrees of B.Sc. in 1936 and M.D. in 1941.

Following internship in Winnipeg, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, and served with distinction until his discharge in 1946. Upon his discharge from the Navy he completed his training in Anaesthesia in Winnipeg, received his certification in Anaesthesia, and practised in Winnipeg.

In 1950 Bob moved to Victoria, B.C. where he joined the Active Staff of St. Joseph's Hospital (now the Victoria General Hospital) of which he was a valued member until 1970, when a drastic illness ended his professional career.

During his active career, Dr. Whitehead was one of the dedicated members of the specialty who promoted the development of the specialty practise of Anaesthesia in Victoria, and especially the concept of Dental Day Surgical Facilities. He was an active member of the Victoria Medical Society, the Canadian and B.C. Medical Associations, and the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. He was also active in many Service Clubs in Victoria. His hobbies were golfing, fishing and gardening.

Bob Whitehead will be remembered by many of us as a truly fine member of our specialty. The "cerebral accident" he suffered nine years ago was the ultimate cause of death.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Irene, and one son in Victoria, B.C.