

## OBITUARY

### DR. HAROLD TREMAINE JOST

DR. HAROLD TREMAINE JOST, former senior anaesthetist, Ottawa Civic Hospital, died on November 16, 1976, in his 91st year.

Dr. Jost was born in Guysboro, Nova Scotia, in 1885. He acquired his primary and secondary school education in Guysboro where he was both a member of the school hockey team and an essayist at a competitive level. Following graduation from high school he furthered his education and hockey activities at Mt. Allison University at Sackville, New Brunswick. He graduated from Mt. Allison at age 23 years. In 1909 he graduated from the normal school at Truro, Nova Scotia, with a first class certificate in teaching. He then moved to Nelson, B.C., where he taught the subjects of Physics and Chemistry.

He enrolled in McGill University Medical School in 1912 and received his M.D. degree in 1916. He then moved to Ottawa to join the staff of St. Luke's Hospital, where he limited his practice to anaesthesia and where he quickly advanced to the position of senior anaesthetist. In 1930 he moved to the recently opened Ottawa Civic Hospital, where he again assumed the position of senior anaesthetist. He continued his practice of anaesthesia at the Ottawa Civic Hospital for 35 years, retiring in 1965 at the age of 80 – 50 years of practice of anaesthesia – certainly a monumental achievement.

In 1917 Dr. Jost married Florence Beatrice Morse of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, in the Annapolis Valley and they had two sons, Mr. Murray Jost of Ottawa and Dr. Harold M. Jost, an Urologist in Sarnia, Ontario. Dr. Jost had interests outside anaesthesia. He was an avid canoeist, starting as a youth when he built his own canoe in Guysboro and continuing on through his adult life, canoeing throughout the Gatineau Valley of Quebec and the Rideau Valley in Ontario. He was a serious stamp collector and accumulated a large and valuable collection. He also collected clocks of many sorts including grandfather clocks, and at his death had a sizeable collection of these.

Dr. Jost was well liked by his patients and his confreres. Throughout the many years of his life that he devoted to his work, he was often described as a kindly, friendly, reserved, and modest man. His years in anaesthesia were many and he was rewarded by a long and fulfilling life.

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