

OBITUARY

DOCTOR JAMES ALEXANDER GIBSON

Doctor James Alexander Gibson, Chief of Staff of St. Mary's Hospital, New Westminster, B.C.; and former Chief of Anaesthesia of that hospital, passed away on 14 February 1971, in New Westminster, B.C.

The deceased was born in Victoria, B.C., and at an early age moved with his family to Fredericton, New Brunswick. He graduated from the Fredericton High School; the University of New Brunswick with B.Sc Degree; and from Dalhousie University in 1954 with his M.D. Degree.

Following internship at Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, he enrolled in the Post-Graduate Course in Anaesthesia at the University of British Columbia and its affiliated hospitals, which included training at Shaughnessy Veterans' Hospital, the Vancouver General Hospital, and as Research Fellow in Physiology and Pharmacology at U.B.C. He received his Certificate in Anaesthesia from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1958.

Establishing practice in the New Westminster area in 1959, he became a member of the active staffs of the Surrey Memorial and St. Mary's Hospitals. He was Chief of Anaesthesia of the Surrey Memorial Hospital from 1959-1961, and at St. Mary's Hospital from 1961-1970. He was Chief of the Medical Staff of St. Mary's Hospital at the time of his death.

The late Dr. Gibson was a good citizen and was active in many community affairs outside the field of Medicine. He was President of the St. Michael's School Board from 1966-1968, and a dedicated member of that Parish Church. His many hobbies included skiing, sailing, tennis and golf. He was a low-handicap golfer and was winner of the New Westminster Medical Golf Tournament in 1969. He was an active member of the Canadian Medical Association, the B.C. Medical Association, the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society and the New Westminster Medical Association.

Dr. Gibson was survived by his widow, Catherine, five daughters, and one son; his mother in West Vancouver; two sisters; and a brother, Dr. William Gibson, a paediatric specialist in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

Jim Gibson's death at the age of forty-three years was a great loss to the medical profession of B.C., and especially the New Westminster area. The primary cause of death was a malignant brain tumour.

In his memory, his colleagues and friends have established an educational memorial fund for his children.

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THE COLIN A. SANDS MEMORIAL FUND

To provide an annual award to a post-graduate research and teaching fellow in Anaesthesia. Friends and members of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine and staff of affiliated hospitals who wish to contribute to the fund may send cheques directly to the University of British Columbia, office of the Dean, or to Dr. L. C. Jenkins, Department of Anaesthesia, Faculty of Medicine. Cheques should be made payable to the Colin A. Sands Memorial Fund. Contributors will receive receipts for income tax purposes.