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Stuart Leslie Vandewater



VANDEWATER, Stuart Leslie - MD., FRCPC, DABA, FRCA (England) - Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Queen's University - Peacefully on Monday May 2, 2011 at the Kingston General Hospital in his 87th year. Son of the late Wm. Glynn and Ruth Diamond Vandewater, older brother of the late Paul Glen Vandewater (1935). Beloved husband of the late Mary Elsie (2010). Father of Steven (Christina) of San Jose, California and Leslie (Dr. Ian Burwash) of Ottawa. Gramps of Stephanie Vandewater (Cobourg) and Andrew Burwash (Ottawa). Stuart was raised and educated in Toronto at Frankland Public School and Jarvis Collegiate. He graduated in Medicine U of T,

1947 (graduating class President) and was a life member of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity. He completed his internship at TGH followed by a residency in the newly formed postgraduate program of Anesthesiology in the Toronto Teaching Hospitals. After a year in Edinburgh (1950) at the Royal Infirmary and a R.S. McLaughlin Fellowship (1952 Charter Year), Stu was appointed in 1953 to the Anesthesia staff of TGH and U of T and remained on Active Staff until 1959, specializing in neurological anesthesia and use of induced hypothermia. Moving to Kingston, Stuart established the Department of Anesthesiology at Queen's University and was appointed Chief at KGH from 1960 - 1971. Stu was President of the Canadian Anesthetists Society 1967 - 68 and Honorary Secretary 1972 - 77. He received the CAS Gold Medal for "meritorius" service. Stu was the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Affairs for the Queen's Faculty of Medicine 1973 - 1989; Director of Continuing Medical Education 1973 - 78 and Secretary to the Faculty of Medicine 1971- 90. Stuart was the Director of the Queen's Sesquicentennial Celebration 1989 - 92 and was given the Queen's University Council Distinguished Service Award. During retirement, Stu acted on the Boards of Directors of Associated Medical Services (1993 - 2002), the Seniors Association of Kingston and Region (1993-95) as well as Secretary then President of the Probus Club (1995 - 2002). He served as a Governor on the Board of Directors of KGH (1997 - 2006) and was a founding member of the Retirees Association of Queen's (2002). The family wishes to express their eternal gratitude to his long-time physician Dr. John Stalker, to his dear friends Mrs. Lois Hazlett, Dr. Moussa Cohanim and to wonderful Mrs. Diane Huddle for their loyal and faithful care of Stu. Special thanks also for the medical care, respect and dignity shown in KGH by the Renal Unit, Davies 4 ICU and Connell 3 & 9. The family will receive friends at the ROBERT J. REID & SONS FUNERAL HOME, "The Chapel on the Corner", 309 Johnson Street (at Barrie Street), Kingston, on Friday,

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