

Pamela Mary Dodson



Former medical doctor, director United Mission Hospital—Tansen, Nepal, and general practitioner Reading (b 1927; q Edinburgh 1949), died from ischaemic heart disease on 18 October 2010.

After qualifying, Pamela Mary Dodson sought to live and work overseas. After time at Ridgeland Bible College, she went to India and then Nepal, where she worked for many years. A skilled linguist, she became fluent in Nepali and could converse in various other languages. She returned to the UK in the 1970s to care for her father and worked as a general practitioner in Reading, which she found rewarding. She remained a keen traveller long after retiring, and by the age of 80 had visited most parts of the world.

Her lifelong strong Christian faith sustained her, and despite severe arthritis in her later years, she remained indomitable and cheerful. She leaves two nephews.

Helen Dodson

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Michael Francis Pilcher



Former consultant orthopaedic surgeon Royal London Hospital (b 1916; q University College London, 1939; FRCS, BA), d 19 August 2010. After qualifying, Michael Francis Pilcher started his training in orthopaedics before four years of national service, including

a posting in Malta. In the early 1960s he became interested in hip joint replacement surgery, as well as the correction of scoliosis deformities in children, presenting his clinical and research work internationally. In 1983 he retired to Malta, becoming a citizen and licensed to practise medicine. He pioneered a scoliosis clinic, introducing a programme for screening and treatment which was eventually backed by the government. He also obtained a BA in history with a specialism in the knights of Malta from London University. Predeceased by his wife, Eleanor (“Pippin”) two years before, he leaves a daughter and four grandchildren.

Heloise Palmer

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William Boal Rodgers



Former general practitioner Auckland, New Zealand (b 1923; q Queen’s University, Belfast, 1946; MRCP, MRNZCP), d 2 June 2010.

After qualifying, William Boal Rodgers (“Billy”) completed house jobs in Belfast and Minehead. He was general practitioner in Aylesbury before doing national service in the Royal Air Force as flight lieutenant. He was then general practitioner in Redruth and Barnsley before deciding that the weather and formalities of England were not for him. With his wife and son, he emigrated to Auckland in 1954. He was in group practice in Browns Bay on the North Shore, but in the last 10 years of his career he worked as a singlehanded GP from his home in Rothesay Bay, retiring at 70. Predeceased by four months by Susan, his wife of 60 years, he leaves four children and 10 grandchildren.

Rodger Charlton

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Roger Martin Ewart Seal



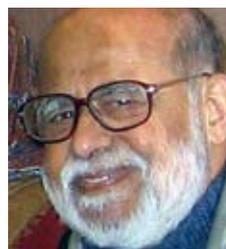
Former consultant histopathologist Llandough Hospital, Penarth (b 1922; q Cardiff 1945; BSc, FRCP, FRCPath), d 5 March 2010.

After qualifying, Roger Martin Ewart Seal did national service in the Royal Air Force, mainly in Egypt. He then trained in pathology and was appointed to South Glamorgan Health Authority, initially at Sully Hospital. An inspiring teacher, he became a national and international expert in pulmonary pathology, furthering understanding of the pathology of tuberculosis, farmer’s lung, and coal dust related emphysema. He was a rapporteur and contributor to the second edition of the WHO Classification of Lung Tumours. His many interests included sailing, and he was a founder member and later admiral of New Quay Yacht Club. Predeceased by his wife, Christine, in 1996, he leaves two sons and four grandchildren.

Allen R Gibbs

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Shaadat Shariff



Former consultant psychiatrist St Catherine’s Hospital, Doncaster (b 1932; q Dhaka 1959; MSc, PhD, DPM), d 19 July 2010. Having lost his father at a young age and relocated to a remote village in Bangladesh, Shaadat Shariff worked hard to educate himself. After qualifying, he completed an MSc before accepting a scholarship

at the University of Edinburgh, where he obtained a PhD. He trained in psychiatry in Yorkshire and became consultant in Doncaster in 1982. After retiring, his passion for learning remained: he loved history and politics, and debating numerous topics with his friends. He kept in touch with his village in Bangladesh, providing funds for the school and helping many of his relatives to start out in life. He leaves a wife, Razia; two children; and a granddaughter.

Amina Shariff

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Gaius Backholer Sutton



Former general practitioner Tongue, Sutherland (b 1934; q Bristol 1957; DObstRCOG, DCH, DA), died from cancer of the prostate on 9 August 2010.

Gaius Backholer Sutton was a singlehanded general practitioner, latterly in Tongue, Sutherland. An enthusiastic “amateur” anaesthetist, he served as principal medical officer anaesthetist in Umtata, South Africa. He had a passion for gospel preaching, which he engaged in wherever he lived, and was a gifted precentor of the psalms. He leaves a wife, Mary; three sons and two daughters; and six grandchildren.

Andrew Sutton

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