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# **OBITUARIES**

## **Hubert Campbell**



Emeritus professor of medical statistics University of Cardiff (b 1920; q Durham 1959; FRCP, FSS), died from a cerebrovascular accident on 7 October 2007.

**Hubert Campbell started studying** mathematics at Leeds in 1938 but in 1940 joined the Air Ministry and then the Admiralty in operational research. After the war he completed his degree at the University of London while working as a trainee actuary. He then joined Durham University Medical School in Newcastle as the only lecturer in medical statistics. In 1963, after qualifying in medicine, he joined the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff as a joint appointment with Archie Coltrane's MRC Epidemiology Unit. In 1970 he became the foundation professor of medical statistics in Cardiff and was editor of the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health. After retirement he began a second career as a county councillor for South Glamorgan. He leaves three children and eight grandchildren. Michael J Campbell

## **Alexander Murray Farrell**

Consultant immunologist Glasgow (b 1959; q Liverpool 1982; FRCPath), d 18 April 2007.

Initially attracted to surgery, Alexander Murray Farrell developed an interest in tissue typing and then immunology. After a brief locum consultant post in Leicester, he became the consultant immunologist in Glasgow in 1992,

running both the immunology and histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratories, one of the last to be qualified in both disciplines. Alex fought hard for his service and spent the past decade planning a new joint department of immunology and tissue typing to unite the two components. He also set up the clinical primary immunodeficiency and home immunoglobulin therapy programmes and contributed nationally through roles with the Royal College of Pathologists. His many interests included a love of languages—he was learning Japanese and was a fluent Welsh speaker. He leaves a partner, Christina, and two children. **Christina Ross** 

## Dilip Raje

Former medical director Myton Hamlet Hospice, Warwick (b 1936; q Gajara Raja Medical College, Gwalior, India, 1961; FRCS), d 7 September 2007.

Dilip Raje came to England to do his fellowship in surgery. After qualifying he went to the West Indies, where he had a distinguished career. He was consultant surgeon and dean of the faculty of medicine at the University of West Indies, Jamaica. Later he became medical director of Myton Hamlet Hospice. A keen cricketer in his younger days, he avidly followed the game in India, England, and the West Indies. He leaves a wife, Maureen, and a daughter.

#### **Basil Seltzer**

Former general practitioner Maryhill, Glasgow (b 1926, q Glasgow 1948; MRCP), died from renal failure and ischaemic heart disease on 7 February 2007. After house jobs in London and Lancashire, Basil Seltzer went into



practice in one of the less affluent areas of Glasgow. He became one of the driving forces in setting up Glasgow's Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, which opened in 1983, when hospices were still a novelty. As chair of the friends of the hospice, he promoted the idea of palliative care, as well as raising funds. After retiring, he travelled extensively until forced to stop by ill health, but his capacity for inventive thought and lengthy conversation persisted. He leaves his second wife, Fiona, and a daughter by his first marriage. **Abigail Seltzer** 

# David Kermac Macmeikan Thomas



Former general practitioner Windsor (b 1929; q University College Hospital, London, 1953; DObstRCOG, MRCGP), died from metastatic carcinoma of the prostate on 9 April 2007.

David Kermac Macmeikan Thomas ("Kerry") played in the junior championships at Wimbledon in 1947 and rugby for the 1st XV at University College Hospital. He completed national service in the Gold Coast before settling in general practice in 1958 until retirement in 1993. He did all his own night calls throughout his career, lectured for the St John Ambulance for 35 years, and was president of the Windsor and District Medical Society. Despite being red/green colour blind, he was an expert ornithologist. He leaves a wife, Tricia, and two sons.

# **David Eric Worsley**



Former commander Army Medical Services, Territorial Army (b 1929; q Bristol 1952; DIH, MFOM, FFPH), died from adenocarcinoma of the lung complicated by vasculitis on 21 December 2006.

Initially a reluctant conscript to the army for national service, David Eric Worsley readily took a permanent commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1955. Early in his career he published on chloroquine resistance, and researched the physiology of climate stress and disturbance in circadian rhythm. David became director of army health in 1980 with responsibility for preventive medicine and training involved staff; he was also course organiser for several training modules for membership of the Faculty of Community Medicine, and a Queen's honorary physician. He resigned from his last post in 1987, unhappy with the reduction in RAMC staff to what he considered to be unsafe levels. He leaves a wife, Sylvia; three children; and seven grandchildren.

Simon D Worsley Sylvia N Worsley