

OBITUARIES

David Watkin Davies

Martyn Davies

General practitioner High Wycombe (b 1933; q Westminster Hospital 1957; DCH, DObst RCOG), died from cholangiocarcinoma on 2 September 2013.

David Watkin Davies was born in Aberystwyth. He spent the first few years of his life growing up in Machynlleth, where his father, Tom, was physician at the local chest hospital. The family moved to Swansea when David was 5 years old.

After schooling at Wycliffe College he went on to Kings College, completing his training at Westminster Hospital in 1957. His wife, Mary, trained there as a nurse. After house jobs he spent a year in Birmingham, doing mainly paediatrics. Deferred national service saw him complete three year postings to Cyprus and Germany, before settling in general practice in High Wycombe in 1966.

David spent 30 fulfilling years as a GP in his Wycombe practice (now Tower House Surgery) and brought in several innovations, including child health and clinics for patients older than 65. He had a hospital appointment in asthma and spent many years supporting the DMHE as GP physician. He enjoyed being a

family doctor and all that it entailed, including home midwifery and weekends on call. He retired from practice in 1996, although continued to do some work for a further three years.

Throughout his career he maintained an active interest in medical politics, with local BMA involvement. He was a keen member of the Chiltern Medical Society and took his turn as president in 1988.

He had many interests which he continued to pursue well into retirement. These included singing with the Wycombe Choral Society, walking, golf, music, and passionate support of the Welsh rugby team. He was actively involved in various local charitable causes.

He had a wide network of friends, and the social diary was never empty. He was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, and father in law, and he leaves his wife, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Cite this as: *BMJ* 2014;348:g309

© BMJ Publishing Group Ltd 2014