

OBITUARIES

Sidney S Rose

Victor Maxwell

Former consultant in vascular surgery (b 1917; q Manchester 1941; FRCS), d 29 January 2014.

Sidney Rose was born in Manchester and educated at Manchester Grammar School, where he distinguished himself. He went on to study medicine at the University of Manchester and would often talk about the fact that he was taught by Victorian trained teachers.

He joined the Royal Air Force in 1942, and during his service he visited some of the newly liberated prison camps in Europe—an experience that affected him deeply and about which he would never speak.

After further training under Professor Boyd at Manchester Royal Infirmary and gaining his FRCS, Sidney was appointed as consultant in vascular surgery at Withington and Wythenshawe Hospitals in south Manchester—both teaching hospitals. His original work on arterial grafts attracted international attention, and he was a frequent speaker at conferences worldwide.

In addition to his deep interest in his work, Sidney was a multitalented man: a fine pianist, a good after dinner speaker, and an active freemason, with—perhaps his most passionate interest—a lifelong love of football—he even became where

he became honorary life president of Manchester City Football Club. He often told the story of how, as a child, he would go into the match at the interval because he could get in without paying. In his later life he was a collector of fine pictures, ivories, and snuff bottles and built up a very fine collection.

He married Golda Cohen in 1943, and the couple had three children—Angela, a psychotherapist; Paul, a solicitor; and Caroline, an educational film maker. Sidney travelled widely and had a large international circle of friends. The closest and most important of these was his partner for the latter half of his life—Truis de Feyter, was herself a former theatre sister, who was able to provide for all his many needs. Sidney finally settled in South Africa and, until fairly recently, divided his time between Manchester and the Cape. He outlived most of his friends, but a memorial service held in Manchester a few weeks after his death was attended by over 200 people who had known and loved him, and the eulogies were a moving tribute to the man.

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