

OBITUARIES



Martin Forrest Brewster

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After registration Martin Forrest Brewster was called up for national service and served as regimental medical officer with the Royal Hampshire Regiment in Germany. Initially he had intended to follow a surgical career, but an accident with a Tilley lamp resulting in a significant burn to an arm precluded “scrubbing up” and forced a change of direction to family practice, a decision he never regretted.

After locum posts in Gullane, Annan, and Carloway, he entered practice in Wigtown as assistant in 1962, became partner on

getting married in 1969, and advancing to senior partner in 1980. Totally dedicated to his patients’ welfare, and gifted with great clinical acumen, he earned not only the respect of his colleagues, but also the admiration and affection of his patients. He had strong views about public health management of AIDS and corresponded vigorously on the subject.

He retired in 1996 but unfortunately not long afterwards he began to develop the symptoms of a neurodegenerative condition, which blighted his final years. Interests outside medicine included gardening, fishing, and an enthusiastic membership of the St Kilda Club, having visited the island in his single days. With a strong Christian faith, he shared the interest of his wife, Donna, in sites associated with St Ninian and pursued with a passion the story of St Gildas also, taking particular delight in the publication of his article on this quite forgotten saint in the *St Kilda Mail*. He leaves Donna, three children, and five grandchildren.

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Retired general practitioner Wigtown (b 1933; q Glasgow 1956), died from sepsis secondary to bronchopneumonia and cerebrovascular degeneration on 15 July 2015.