



# OBITUARIES

## Eileen P Kane

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Originally from County Armagh, Eileen P Kane attended the boarding school Cross and Passion Convent, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. Towards the end of her schooling she decided to pursue a medical career. At that time in Northern Ireland, it was not fashionable for a girl to study science, especially biology. Despite this Eileen went to Queen's University, Belfast, where she graduated in 1944.

After initial hospital posts, she decided to specialise in psychiatry and obtained her membership of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the late 1950s. She was appointed consultant at the new Gransha Hospital, Derry/Londonderry, in 1962. Her career continued there until she retired at age 65, with a subspecialty in psychiatry of old age.

She was an enthusiastic member of the BMA and served as chair of the Londonderry, Limavady, and Strabane subdivision, before the 1973 reorganisation of health services in NI. She later served as chair of the Western (NI) Division.

She was a member of the Charles Hastings Wine Club, and she often travelled with the BMA on overseas trips to medical conferences and "associated leisure trips."

Outside medicine, her main interests lay in travel, bridge, fine wines, and the U3A. In retirement she took up painting and became a very proficient artist.

Eileen was not married. She is buried in her native County Armagh and leaves nephews, nieces, grand nephews, and grand nieces.

### Biography

Consultant psychiatrist (b 1921; q Queen's University, Belfast, 1944; FRCPsych), died from old age and mild cerebrovascular disease on 30 August 2016

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