



## **OBITUARIES**

## **Edward Wilson Knox**

## Robert Stout



Edward Wilson Knox ("Eddie"), the last survivor of the first generation of consultants in geriatric medicine in Northern Ireland, died on 13 January 2018 aged 93. Brought up above his father's grocery shop off the Shankill Road, Belfast, Eddie qualified in medicine from Queen's University Belfast. After three years in general practice in Kilkeel, County Down, he trained in chest medicine. He spent a year in Philadelphia and then changed course, to be appointed the first consultant in geriatric medicine at the Ulster and North Down hospitals. For the remainder of his career he was responsible for 340 beds in five hospitals, as well as outpatient clinics, domiciliary consultations, and, later, a day hospital. Eddie was a skilful, conscientious, and caring doctor and a popular teacher, highly respected by his patients, colleagues, students, and friends. One of his sons predeceased him, and his wife, Mabel, died three months before him. Eddie leaves three sons.

## **Biography**

Consultant in geriatric medicine (b 1925; q 1947; FRCPI), died from prostate cancer on 13 January 2018

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