



OBITUARIES

John Lang Taylor

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John Lang Taylor was born in Kenya, the son of a colonial medical officer and a nurse. He was brought up in Stourbridge and went to Old Swinford Hospital School. At St Thomas'

Hospital Medical School he was fly half and captain of rugby in 1975. After a senior house officer job in general surgery at Derby City Hospital he joined the Birmingham rotation and specialised in breast and paediatric surgery. He made many friends, none more so than a group of St Thomas' students ("the Trygone"), who have met and travelled together regularly for 43 years. Before retiring he visited Australia many times, initially following his son's school rugby tour. The family fell for the Antipodes. John's wife, Jane, was offered a surgical nursing job in Perth, and subsequently John became "Uncle John," a much loved clinical skills lecturer at Notre Dame University. Soon after arriving they were hit by a drunk driver while crossing a junction: both were severely injured, and John only just survived. There was little of the great continent unexplored by the Taylors before John eventually succumbed to the illness that plagued his last two years. He leaves Jane and a son, Niall.

Biography

Consultant general surgeon Coventry Group Hospitals; clinical skills lecturer University of Notre Dame, Fremantle, Western Australia (b 1952; q St Thomas' Hospital, London, 1976; FRCS, MS), died from disseminated adenocarcinoma of the lower oesophagus on 18 March 2018

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