



OBITUARIES

Isobel Anne Tait

Nick Tait, Andrew Tait



Born Isobel Anne Ritchie in Dunfermline, Fife, our mother was encouraged to develop her full potential by her own mother, Jessie, who banned her from learning shorthand or typing, so that she could better resist any pressure to follow a secretarial route.

Educated at St George's School, Edinburgh, she graduated from Edinburgh University in 1959, took a series of placements in the region, and then moved to Liverpool, where she spent the rest of her career and married Robin Tait in 1964.

Working in genitourinary medicine, for a long period alongside her friend Elizabeth Rees, Anne attained the rank of senior registrar and then consultant, gaining an MD from her alma mater in 1982. She worked with enthusiasm, courage, and innovation.

In retirement she returned to Edinburgh, where she combined public service and her Christian faith as a volunteer at St Giles' Cathedral. She died peacefully of renal failure, surrounded by her family. She leaves her husband, Robin; two sons, Nick and Andrew (the authors of this obituary); and a grandson, Walter.

Biography

Consultant in genitourinary medicine (b 1936; q Edinburgh 1959; MD, DOBst RCOG), died from renal failure on 3 October 2018

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