



OBITUARIES

Ruth Pollock

Graham Pollock



Ruth Lewty was born in Lancaster, the eldest of three sisters. She had a rural upbringing and attended Lancaster Girls Grammar School. She studied medicine at St Andrews University and subsequently Dundee, qualifying in 1957. There is a notable family link in that her sister (Beth), daughter (Jane), and granddaughter (Iona) all studied at St Andrews too. Ruth kept many long term university chums and managed to attend a 60th reunion as recently as 2017.

During a casualty job in Dundee she met her future husband, Bernard Pollock, who was acting as her locum. After house jobs in Dumfries she married Bernard at Lancaster Priory in 1958 and supported his GP career in north London, Gillingham, and Lutterworth. They had four children (Douglas, Jane, Andrew, and Graham) and in 1968 moved to Lancashire, where she

restarted her career in child health and community paediatrics at Ryelands House, Ashton Road, and Slyne Road clinics in Lancaster. She ultimately became a senior clinical medical officer and ran Longlands Child Development Centre in Lancaster. She was a dedicated, industrious, and well liked paediatrician, dealing with often complex child developmental and social needs.

After retiring Ruth and Bernard relocated to Warton, Carnforth, to pursue her hobbies of botany, ornithology, and walking. Ruth was a consummate cook and a busy photographer and latterly enjoyed art classes and watercolours. She nursed Bernard through his terminal illness until his death in 2014 but stayed in Warton until her own death in May 2019 from pancreatic cancer that developed rapidly. She died peacefully with her family present at St John's Hospice Lancaster, where she received exceptional care. She leaves her four children and 13 grandchildren.

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