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Iain James Mungall

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Iain James Mungall was born and brought up in the Lake District, and a love of open spaces remained with him. He settled in general practice in Bellingham, Northumberland, and remained there until he retired in 2006. This scattered practice—in area the largest in England, stretching from the Scottish border to the River Tyne—fostered a deep

concern for the issues facing rural practice, as secondary care moved to ever larger and more centralised institutions. Iain lobbied passionately for his patients and was a respected trainer and director of the local GP training programme.

Iain was a keen and accomplished sailor and a fine singer—providing a rendition of Bobby Shafto to Clare Balding for Radio 4's *Ramblings*. In retirement, he wrote a book on the wild flowers of the Tarsset Valley and was an excellent walking companion, with an endless fund of amusing anecdotes on life and places in isolated rural Northumberland.

In 2011 he was successfully resuscitated after a cardiac arrest on a yacht off the coast of Montenegro and subsequently, after bypass surgery and the insertion of a ventricular defibrillator, was able to return to full activity. Sadly he developed pancreatic cancer shortly after marrying Gill, his second wife. A packed memorial service at Hexham Abbey reflected the appreciation that the local community had for Iain. He leaves Gill; his first wife, Carol; three children; and seven grandchildren.

General practitioner (b 1945; q Newcastle upon Tyne 1968, FRCGP), died from pancreatic cancer on 23 December 2019