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Keith Budd was born to Violet and Hampton in Bournville, Birmingham. He was educated at King's Norton grammar school before reading medicine at the University of Leeds. After his house years, he worked in casualty with the legendary "Father" Ellis and found time to write and perform in the hospital pantomime. He trained in anaesthetics in Leeds, gaining FFARCS (later FRCA) in 1968. He spent two years as physician in clinical research with Pfizer (1968-70), when he became a founder member of the Pain Society. He returned to Leeds before being appointed as consultant in Bradford in 1972.

He set up first the obstetric epidural service and then the pain service in Bradford, which became internationally renowned, finishing his career as consultant in pain management and director of pain management services, Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust. Before he retired in 1997, he held many prestigious posts, including member of council, Royal College of Anaesthetists 1988-97; president, Pain Society 1976-77; president, Intractable Pain Society, 1987-89, examiner for the fellowship, Royal College of Anaesthetists, 1981-94; founding editor, *Pain Reviews*, 1990; member, specialist advisory committee on

palliative medicine, Royal College of Physicians, 1991-94; honorary secretary, Intractable Pain Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 1976-82; to name but a few.

He was the author of many publications (over 100) on analgesic pharmacology, anaesthesia, and pain management. He also wrote several books on pain management topics, and he became an acknowledged international expert on opioid analgesics. He acted as a consultant adviser to a number of organisations, including Macmillan Cancer Relief and Reckitt and Colman. He featured nationally and internationally in films, TV and radio presentations, press and magazine articles on the management and control of both acute and chronic pain. He was made honorary fellow of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists in 2007.

He was a committed and respected teacher and was honorary lecturer in pharmacology at the University of Bradford, honorary senior lecturer in anaesthetics at the University of Leeds, and visiting professor in pharmacology at Melbourne's Monash University in 1985. He was a subdean for admissions at the School of Medicine at the University of Leeds and was examiner for the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

He had high professional standards and expected those working or training with him to maintain the same levels of professionalism. He had formidable reputation with the surgeons in Bradford, in terms of his requirements for preoperative patient preparation, and any failure to provide investigations in a timely manner inevitably lead to operations being cancelled. He was the consultant who sat quietly at the back in department meetings, listening and evaluating the topic under discussion, before interjecting with an informed question or suggested way forward. He was one of the first to volunteer to support trainees when rotas were short.

Despite his busy life, with its clinical work, worldwide lecturing and research, he found time for numerous other activities, including squash, steam trains, sailing, music (especially jazz), and, more latterly, dry stone walling. He was a Yorkshire Dales National Park volunteer in 1997-2007 (including chairman, coordinator's committee, Yorkshire Dales National Park 2002-05) and a member of the Rotary Club (Rotary Club of Ilkley, Wharfedale, 2006-20; honorary secretary, 2007-15; president, 2015-16).

He died peacefully at Airedale General Hospital, with his family present. He is survived by his much loved wife, Christine (he met her on Ward 6, Leeds General Infirmary, and then did "the best thing I ever did" and married her on 14 July 1962); two children (one a doctor); and three grandchildren.

Consultant in pain management and director of pain management services Bradford Hospitals NHS Trust (b 1937; q Leeds 1962; FRCA, FFPMRCA), died from pneumonia and congestive cardiac failure on 27 July 2020