

Ahmed Uthman



Ahmed Uthman died on 14 December 2005 in the USA, after a long illness. Born in Sulymanniyh, Iraq, in 1931, Ahmed was truly a gifted man. He was successful academically, professionally and politically, and was greatly loved and respected by many. He was the very model of a self-made man, pulling himself through life by his own boot straps.

Ahmed's outstanding performance at high school earned him a scholarship to study dentistry in the UK. In 1957 he graduated from Leeds Dental Institute, returning to Iraq to teach in 1961, but continuing his postgraduate study and becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1964.

In 1970 Ahmed was appointed Dean of the Dental School in the University of Baghdad. Three years later he moved to the USA and was appointed Professor of Oral Medicine at the University of New York State in Buffalo. As an academic Professor Uthman lectured, researched and authored many scientific papers, for which students across the world are grateful.

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As he was born in the Kurdish region of Iraq, Ahmed felt for his people and the cause of the Kurd. He was involved in many organisations both in Iraq and elsewhere; he was co-founder, Secretary and later Executive Vice President of the KNC (Kurdistan National Congress) and was also a human rights activist. He was a natural public speaker with a good sense of humour, always a popular figure at meetings and conferences.

Ahmed led a very good life and leaves a great legacy behind him for his family. He leaves behind loving wife Barbara, daughters Joan, Vian and Susan, and son Alan. He is also survived by his many siblings, including older brother Abdul Rahman and younger brother Mahmoud Uthman. May God bless Ahmed's soul and let him rest in peace.

Kameran Al Naib

Waclaw Ludomir 'Stan' Rumun



Stan was born in Poland. Caught up in the maelstrom of the Second World War, its aftermath saw him as a displaced person who then settled in England.

Working his way through college he qualified at The London Hospital Dental School in 1958 and a year later took British citizenship.

Blessed with the twin virtues of a clear mind and a sound understanding of dental procedures, Stan joined the staff of

The London initially as a part-time demonstrator in the Conservation Department. He later opted for general practice in Hounslow, West London. From the outset Stan embraced the philosophy of the National Health Service through which he channelled his considerable clinical skills.

Stan continued to follow his special interests of radiology and endodontics to the extent of keeping meticulous records of his more interesting and complex treatments. He was particularly concerned with the resolution of peri-apical areas when calcium hydroxide [Biocalex] was used as a root canal dressing. Some of these clinical records appeared in standard textbooks of the time as illustrated case studies. He was also among the first to recognise the inherent potential of acid etch procedures and he kept abreast both

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academically and clinically of the rapidly expanding field of composite restorative materials.

Stan took an active part in the proceedings of his local Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow Dental Committee and represented that Committee at annual conferences of LDCs.

A keen, active and popular member of the Association, he held many posts in the Hounslow and Twickenham Section, did much work for the Benevolent Fund and was elected President of the Middlesex and Hertfordshire Branch in 1982. A very successful meeting in Malta followed which also forged ongoing links between the Branch and the Maltese Dental Association.

Stan was a religious man. Colleagues and friends found him a man of sincerity and integrity with a warm sense of humour. All extend their deepest sympathy to Marysia, his wife, friend and lifelong companion - and to their families.

M. Frazer

Death notice

Dent-O-Care is sad to announce the death of much loved Director, Ian Herman. Ian died peacefully in the Hospice of St John and Elizabeth in London on 4 February following a six month battle with cancer. Ian had been integral to the development and success of the company since its inception over 16 years ago. His warmth and sense of humour will be sorely missed by colleagues and friends. He is survived by three sons.