

## David J. Ramsay



David Ramsay, Orthodontic Consultant at Guy's Hospital, died after a long illness on 21 September 2006.

David qualified from the London Hospital Medical and Dental Institute in 1965/6. His first appointment was at the London Hospital as a dental house surgeon, spending time in many of the departments of dentistry to gain experience. Subsequently he worked in the community service and general dental practice. A year was spent as a rotating intern at the Eastman Dental Centre in Rochester, New York.

He progressed through basic postgraduate training, holding a junior hospital post at Guy's Hospital and achieving a Fellowship.

He undertook orthodontic postgraduate training at the Eastman Dental Institute and then a Registrar post linked with Winchester. He then completed Senior Registrar training on a Guy's link with the South East Thames Region.

David was appointed Consultant in Orthodontics at Guy's, Greenwich District and Lewisham Hospitals in 1976. He was always a very practical clinical teacher and made a large contribution to the orthodontic education at Guy's, both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Many students qualifying from both Guy's and UMDS will recall the Friday night reflections on the teaching of the day – the atmosphere was smoky and noisy but

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always friendly and congenial! At Greenwich, a very good regional service was provided for general dental practice, the community service and the training of junior staff; at Lewisham, as well as providing a regional service, David developed a special interest in early management of premature babies with the constriction of feeding plates.

David retired from clinical work in January 1998, which unfortunately signalled the start of his long illness.

As a student and after qualifying he played rugby for the London Hospital and later became a referee. He enjoyed travelling and gardening and was devoted to his family, to whom he gave total support in all their undertakings. He was a very intelligent man with a great sense of humour, and a regular churchgoer. A memorial service was held in his local church with large numbers present – evidence of his great popularity.

David is survived by his wife Lynne and his children, Michelle and John, to whom we extend our thoughts and deepest sympathy.

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## Colonel Robert Sidney Halford TD



Bob Halford was born in Birmingham in 1933. On leaving George Dixon Grammar School, he was commissioned into the Royal Army Service Corps for his National Service from 1952 to 1954, when he ran a Staff Car company in York. He left the Army to study dentistry, qualifying BDS from Birmingham in 1958. After a house surgeon's appointment, he worked part-time in dental practice and in a part-time post as a lecturer at the Dental School. It was there that he met Sandra, a

dental student, who became his wife in 1964.

Throughout his student days, Bob had continued to serve in the Territorial Army, was President of the Dental Students Society and was also a keen squash player. In 1966 he was awarded the Territorial Decoration. It was at this time that he decided to combine his career in dentistry with his army service, so he joined the Royal Army Dental Corps. His first posting was to the British Military Hospital in Rinteln, Germany, where he enjoyed the challenge of work in the oral surgery department as well as his duties in general dentistry.

Bob's subsequent postings took him to Cyprus, Hong Kong,

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Northern Ireland and Belgium as well as Colchester, Shropshire and Mill Hill in North London. He was much admired in the Corps as a kind and generous officer, who always made time to look after his staff and patients alike. After a most fulfilling career, Bob retired from the Army in 1993 and returned to part-time NHS dental practice in Isleworth, which gave him great pleasure. He finally retired in 2002 and as he enjoyed his working life, so he enjoyed retirement. He had four happy years, three of which were spent overlooking the water meadows and cathedral at Salisbury.

Sadly, Bob was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer last year. He died on 27 November 2006 after a brave fight. Tributes have poured in about his courage, kindness, generosity of spirit and unflinching sense of humour. His funeral was attended by numerous friends and professional colleagues. Bob will be fondly remembered by all those who knew him and our deepest sympathy goes to Sandra, their daughters Kay and Karen and granddaughter Sophie.

Michael Townsend & John Stockland