

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted by email to Kate Maynard at k.maynard@nature.com.

All submitted obituaries should be approximately 350–450 words in length (apart from obituaries for past presidents of the BDA where the length should be 700–800 words).

Content of the obituary is down to the individual author, and the approval of the family should be given for the obituary prior to submission to the BDJ.

JULIA CAMPION



Mrs Julia Champion died on 9 November 2007 after a short illness, at the age of 68. Julia had been Administrator of the Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA)

since 1994, although she was involved with the Association from its inception in 1990.

Julia married David Champion in 1964 and they have one son, Christopher. Whilst she was not from a dental family, David's father was a dental surgeon and both his grandfather and great-grandfather served as Presidents of the BDA. So, Julia was especially proud to have been recognised by the BDA for her work, with the award of entry onto their Roll of Distinction, in the summer of 2007. Unfortunately she died a few days before the ceremony where she was to receive her medal and the citation, so David collected it on her behalf.

Julia was in charge of the day-to-day running of the CDA. She organised and participated in all CDA meetings, workshops and seminars in various Commonwealth countries. Designing the CDA's twice-yearly journal (the *Bulletin*) was her special challenge. Julia was absolutely fastidious with her attendance at meetings – many were long and tedious. In particular, she will be remembered for the active role she played in ensuring the participation of CDA observers at the annual Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting (CHMM) in Geneva.

Julia spearheaded CDA's collaboration with the FDI World Dental Federation, the World Health Organisation and other partners. She participated actively in the organisation of joint collaborative activ-

ities during the Commonwealth People's Forum which preceded the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (CHOGM) in Malta (2005) and in Uganda (2007). Unfortunately, she died just before she was due to travel to Uganda.

To all those involved with dentistry internationally, Julia was a vital figure, bringing extraordinary energy and enthusiasm to her work. She was a 'people person' – treating everybody as equals.

A true lady, Julia will be very sadly missed for a long time to come. The CDA extends our condolences to David and Chris.

A. S. Kravitz & S. Thorpe

ANN FELTON (NÉE SMITH)



Ann died peacefully on 1 October 2007 after a long, courageous fight with breast cancer. She will be remembered for her intelligence, warmth, friendship

and sense of humour.

Born in Bristol in 1942, Ann grew up in the suburb of Knowle, where she met her husband Dave through the church badminton club. After attending Colston's Girls' School, she went on to become a dental nurse.

During their 44-year marriage, Ann and Dave had two children, Sarah and Simon. In 1982 Ann returned to further education and qualified as a hygienist at Bristol Dental School. After qualifying, Ann worked at various practices until settling at Colin Harvie's on the Wells Road where she stayed for 20 years until her illness prevented her from working. Her patients were devoted to her and sent many well wishes.

Ann first developed breast cancer in 1993 which was treated successfully and went into remission. Sadly, 12 years later, she was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer in the bone. Ann had always wanted grandchildren, and thankfully around that time Simon obliged her with two boys, Benjamin and Edward, whom Ann adored.

In 1994, Ann was asked to help on the Oral Health Education course at Bristol Dental Hospital. Ann eventually took over and then set up the course independently as an evening class at St Peter's Hospice in Knowle where she was a volunteer.

Ann also worked tirelessly for what is now the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy. She was a stickler for grammar and spelling, and as well as writing in a hygiene capacity, she wrote poetry, plays and articles. In September Blackwell will be publishing her book *A basic guide to oral health education and promotion*.

Ann was a gregarious person who loved life, and while she preached about good oral hygiene, was also a great believer in two squares of plain chocolate with a cup of coffee in bed after brushing her teeth!

Ann was buried at the Memorial Woodlands, Bristol. Although a lifelong member of the Totterdown Methodist Church she planned her own funeral and decided that a peaceful woodland setting would be a suitable place. Attended by family, friends, colleagues, and patients, over 150 people turned up – a fitting tribute to the wonderful impression she had made on so many. The chapel was overflowing as Ann's good friend, Vicar Gill Evans, read the eulogy. Ann was buried in a wicker coffin amongst the trees, but will remain both in our hearts and in our work.

Alison Chapman