

Obituaries

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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.

BARRIE NOWELL GOODE



Barrie Goode, who died on 24 January 2008, was a life member of the BDA. Born in 1935, he studied dentistry at Guy's hospital from 1954-1959, obtaining his LDS and then BDS. He then did his national service in the RAF, signing on for three years so that he could marry Sheila who had studied physics at University College, and so he enjoyed working at RAF Upavon in Wiltshire and RAF Geilenkirchen and Duren in Germany. On returning to England he worked in general practice in Sevenoaks for 21 years and then in Tonbridge for 16 years where he was a very well loved dental surgeon, a gentle giant, who helped many overcome their fear of the dentist. He loved his work and for him it was his Christian service.

During this time he lived in Tunbridge Wells and was active in dental politics for 24 years, firstly on the Local Dental Committee and then on the GDS Committee for the last 15 of these years (only the last nine of these were paid). He was on the executive of the GDSC, a manager of the Dental Guild, on the Women in Dentistry working party and on the Dental Rates study group for five years. He represented Kent on the central committee for LDCs serving as vice chairman and chairman of Conference in 1990. He believed in the NHS, for which he always worked, was delighted with the agreement reached in the new contract when early retirement and a fair scale of fees was agreed and very disappointed when the government reneged

on this and so many dental surgeons then went private and opted out of the health scheme.

It amused him to be a cross delegate to the GMC as his son Andrew became a medical doctor and also studied at Guy's Hospital, qualifying in 1989 and now practising near Reading. Barrie's daughter Kirsten worked with him as a dental nurse for 12 years and now lives in Norway with her family.

A man of enthusiasm, happily married for 48 years, Barrie really enjoyed his family - including four grandchildren - his boat, painting, golf, birds, music and the countryside. Retirement to Ferndown near Poole was a joy and his faith and membership of St Mary's enabled him to face his chemotherapy serenely and to relish every minute of his time with family and friends.

S. Goode

DAVID KALRA



Son of the late Dr and Mrs H. R. Kalra (née Saxton) of Birmingham, England, David Kalra died tragically on 22 September 2007. David was plucked from life in a violent car crash near Merritt, British Columbia, Canada.

David practised dentistry for almost 50 years, first in Bristol and then in the small remote communities of British Columbia in Canada. He travelled long distances to start up and develop dental services in Ashcroft, Clinton, Lytton, Boston Bar, Hope, and also in Robson Street, Vancouver. He was proud

to serve these communities, especially First Nations people.

David leaves wife Rosy, sister Meryle and families Saxton and Kalra who will deeply mourn him. Cremation took place on 29 September 2007 in Vernon, British Columbia and his last journey was attended by Meryle and lifetime friend Jean.

M. Kalra

Friends and colleagues of David Kalra are welcome to contact his sister Meryle Kalra with any shared memories they might like to contribute to David's biography. This will tell the story of his devoted contribution to the development of dental health in the small, remote communities of British Columbia. Write to Meryle at 27 West Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B5 7RR.