

Obituaries

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All submitted obituaries should be 400 words maximum in length (apart from obituaries for past presidents of the BDA where the length should be 700–800 words).

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JAMES E. McAULEY



James McAuley was a distinguished dental surgeon and a prominent member of the BDA.

Born in Aintree on 30 August 1911, he first worked for his father, but thanks to a generous benefactor was able to study dental surgery at the University of Liverpool. Graduating in March 1940 he promptly joined the Army Dental Corps volunteering because, in his own words, 'I wanted to play my part'. In late July 1942 he was posted to India for an assignment that was to last 3½ years. A highlight of his service was 15 months with General Orde Wingate's Special Force. He also served 18 months as Senior Dental Officer at the Indian Combined Military Hospital and was demobbed in December 1945.

In March 1946 he moved to Wokingham with his wife Betty and son William. The following year, daughter Elizabeth was born. He joined John Willey's dental practice in 1950 before accepting a position with the hospital service. Thenceforth, he dedicated the whole of his professional working life to the NHS.

James also did voluntary work in his spare time at Broadmoor, Pinewood, and Churchill House hospitals. With the formation of the NHS he joined the Windsor Group of Hospitals as a Hospital Dental Officer. He was formally appointed Consultant Surgeon in 1973. He retired in September 1976 but continued as a locum at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital until 1979. This institution was very close to his heart.

He was active in many professional associations. He served as President of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon branch of the BDA from 1968–69 and Chairman of the Northwest Metropolitan Division, Hospitals Group in 1969–70. He was a member of the East Berkshire Area Health Authority from 1947–74.

He was also an author and editor of several publications. Worthy of particular mention is his history of The Hospital at Windsor and his contributions to many BDA publications including the Centenary History of the BDA (1979). He remained actively involved in professional affairs until 1993 – a service to the profession of 53 years!

James died peacefully at Maryfield Convent and Residential Home in Hook on 18 November 2008. His wife Betty predeceased him in 1995 and he is survived by his children William and Elizabeth.

W. McAuley

JOHN PATRICK BLESSLEY PENGELLY



Patrick died on 22 January 2009, ten weeks after a severe stroke. He was 84-years-old and lived in Dursley, Gloucestershire.

He was born in Penzance on 23 May 1924 and was educated at the Penzance County Grammar School and then Bristol University where he qualified LDS in 1948.

In his student days he was a member of the University Army Training Corps, but having nearly died from bronchopneumonia in early childhood and with

recurrent attacks of chest infection until his mid twenties, he was rejected for full military service.

After graduation Patrick became an assistant in a general dental practice for a year or two: a field about which he was not very enthusiastic. In 1953 he was appointed School Dental Officer with Gloucestershire County Council, a post which he much enjoyed.

In 1971 he was awarded the DDPH by Birmingham University and for two years up to 1974 he was Deputy Principal Dental Officer for the County.

In 1974 the NHS took over the public health dental service and he was promoted to Senior Dental Officer, a post which he retained until his retirement in 1985.

Patrick had a happy retirement with his garden and he used his dental mechanical skills to make jewellery. He enjoyed walking and was interested in the local canals. He leaves wife Margaret, a daughter, three sons and four grandchildren.

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