

Obituaries

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All submitted obituaries should be 350 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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IAN W. M. JEFFREY



Ian Jeffrey died after a short illness on 25 April 2011 at the age of 80. He was well known to literally hundreds of former students as Senior Lecturer in the Conservation

Department of Dundee Dental School where he taught from 1959 to his retirement in 1992.

Ian was born in Edinburgh and was educated at George Herriots before moving to Wales. In 1954 he qualified as a distinguished graduate of Edinburgh Dental School and after National Service in Egypt, where he met his wife, Jenny, he spent three years in the Colonial Service working in Uganda.

During his tenure at Dundee Dental School he was one of the first to be involved in research and was awarded his PhD in 1975 for his work on spring cantilever bridges. Ian became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and was a member of the Board of Examiners until his retirement. He was a gifted lecturer and clinician with a great attention to detail. Many of his former students will remember him for his fairness and his sense of humour, not to mention his constant washing of hands! In 1978 he returned to Africa for a six-month sabbatical where he helped set up the Dental School in Nairobi. Towards the end of his career he was appointed Postgraduate Dental Dean for the East of Scotland.

Unbeknown to most of his students, Ian was a keen motorbike enthusiast

and possessed two large machines on which he toured round the roads of Angus on sunny summer days until relatively recently. He was also a keen wood turner and involved himself in many local organisations.

Ian was a modest man, hugely respected and adored by all. He was a pleasure to work with as a man who never changed and was consistently nice to everyone.

Ian is survived by his wife Jenny, children Michelle, Chris and Douglas, and four grandchildren.

C. C. Yule

ALBERT GEOFFREY ALEXANDER



Albert Geoffrey Alexander (1932–2010), known to all as Geoff or AGA, was a caring clinician, a compassionate teacher and a meticulous research worker.

Geoff was born in Hull and obtained a scholarship at Bridlington School, where he became Head Boy. He was the first member of his family to attend university when he entered University College Hospital Dental School, University of London, where he collected the Sinclair Medal for the best student in his cohort. He obtained LDS in 1955, BDS in 1956, FDSRCS in 1961 and MDS in 1968.

After graduating he held House Surgeon posts at The National Dental Hospital, did National Service in The Royal Army Dental Corp, ran the Student Dental Service at University College and had a year in private practice in Kent.

In 1960 he became a full-time Lecturer in Conservative Dentistry, a Senior Lecturer in 1962, and an Honorary Consultant in 1967. He became Vice Dean of Dental Studies in 1974 and Dean, UCL Dental School and Vice Dean (Dental) of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences in 1977, a position he continued to hold until 1992.

Geoff, with his wife Connie, then went to Hong Kong for two years as Head of Conservative Dentistry and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. As well as working, they enjoyed showing visiting friends and colleagues the highlights of Hong Kong, especially the sky-scape of Hong Kong Island as seen, over a cup of tea, from the Terrace of the Peninsular Hotel on Kowloon.

Geoff and Connie found time to go walking in Switzerland and Austria and later visited 'long haul' destinations such as Canada and Japan. When he retired, despite his long standing ill health, bravely borne, he developed an interest in computing and photography and continued his long standing enjoyment of music.

Geoff had a significant impact on a whole generation of dental students who went through UCH Dental School. He was a kindly man who raised students' standards by professionalism, persuasion and example. He is survived by his wife Connie, his daughter Susan and two granddaughters, Christine and Elizabeth.

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