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IAN MCINTYRE

Air Vice-Marshal
Ian Graeme
McIntyre MSc
BDS FDSRCS(Ed)
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DDPHRCS(Eng)
RAF(Retd), who
was born on 9 July
1943, was educated

at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Bushey, Hertfordshire, where he was one of the most successful of his generation, not just academically but in the wider aspects of school life.

From quite early, Ian proved to be a competitive boy and a good leader. In the school Army Cadet Force he became RSM. He was good at athletics generally and an excellent hurdler in particular. He was a hard-tackling wing forward. As a boxer, he reached the ABA boys' semi-final. He held the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, was Head of his House and a School Prefect.

Ian left school in 1961. He was commissioned into the Royal Air Force and went up to Newcastle, then part of Durham University, on an RAF scholarship to study dentistry. It was here that he met and married Joan Middlemiss. They were blind dates for the Nurses' Ball in 1964, became engaged the following year and were married in October 1966.

After qualifying, Ian's first posting was as a station dentist at RAF West Raynham in Norfolk. Subsequently he served at several stations in the UK and in Germany. Wherever he was posted, Ian always played a full part in station life. His wide contribution to RAF life and his potential to achieve high rank in his branch were recognised by his

selection to attend RAF Staff College at Bracknell. This was a rare achievement for a dental officer and Ian was very proud of it.

After Staff College, Ian had important roles in framing the future of RAF and, later, tri-Service dentistry. He was one of the forensic dentists after the Lockerbie disaster. He was Officer Commanding the Institute of Dental Health and Training at RAF Halton, became the senior RAF dental officer, and was an Honorary Dental Surgeon to Her Majesty the Queen.

In 2001 Ian retired from the top job of Chief Executive of the tri-Service Defence Dental Agency, and took up a position as Consultant in Dental Public Health with the Solihull and Warwickshire Health Authorities. In 2002 he was appointed Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Birmingham. He served on the Central London MGDS Study Group and as a committee member of the UK Conference of Advisers in General Dental Practice, and was a past president of both the British Society for General Dental Surgery and the Anglo-Asian Odontological Group.

Ian was an enthusiastic and energetic supporter of the British Dental Association. He was elected the Association's President in 2003 and represented his profession with great dignity. He always maintained strong links with his local BDA branch and with the Middlesex and Hertfordshire branch where he and Joan attended many branch presidential trips and branch dinners.

Ian joined the Board of Trustees of the BDA Benevolent Fund and was elected onto the executive committee as treasurer in 2001 before being elected chairman in 2005.

Ian died on 8 May 2011 following a typically courageous and uncomplaining struggle against cancer. He will be remembered as a man of principle, courage and determination, and as a modest, fun-loving and generous companion. He is survived by Joan, his beloved wife for over 44 years, by sons Mark and Angus, their wives Jo and Julia, and by grandchildren Jack and Olivia.

M. G. W. Fisher