

# 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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## THOMAS ROBERT PEACOCK



Born in 1941, Tom was brought up in Manchester and attended Chethams School. He loved to play rugby and football and was an ardent supporter of Manchester United.

He was a chorister at Manchester Cathedral, played the flute and always had a great love of music.

Tom followed his mother and father into dentistry and qualified BDS from King's College in 1966. His father Jack was Secretary of the BDA from 1959 to 1971 for which he received a CBE.

Tom was an Army dental cadet while at King's College which allowed him to indulge his passion for cars, and where he met his wife Lottie, working as an assistant nurse at the neurosurgical unit.

Tom had a distinguished career in the Royal Army Dental Corps initially in general practice then later specialising in oral surgery and in orthodontics. He served in Harrogate, Malaysia, Cyprus, Berlin, Ireland, Wroughton and Rinteln. He reached the rank of Lt. Colonel and with changing times in the Army decided to leave and try his hand in orthodontic practice.

After two years in Norwich, he opened his own specialist orthodontic practice in Stratford and Gants Hill where he worked very successfully for the next 18 years.

He continued his interest in cars and enjoyed holidays at their villa in the South of France.

Sadly he only enjoyed two years of retirement before being diagnosed with a

malignant astrocytoma, which progressively transformed to a glioblastoma. Despite surgery and radiotherapy and the enormous support of his wife and family, Tom died on 13 September 2011 just short of his seventieth birthday.

He will be remembered for his dry humour, his love, kindness and support as well as his total enjoyment of life and for a lifetime of service to his many patients.

He leaves wife Lottie, daughter Mary, and grandchildren, Jack and Emily.

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## RICHARD WILLIAM PORTER



Richard William Porter, retired dental surgeon, died at home with his family on 2 July 2011, and was interred at Kilmorack Cemetery near Beaulieu.

He was 93.

Born on 11 January 1918 in Tattershall, Lincs, he was the eldest son of Bernard Porter, farmer and Justice of the Peace, and Constance Mary Meggitt. He was educated at The Sir John Neltorpe Grammar School in Brigg from 1928 to 1935 (representing the school in cricket and swimming), then at Leeds University School of Dentistry studying under Professor Talmadge Reed, graduating in 1940.

During WWII he volunteered to join the RAF Dental Service from 1941 to 1946, at one time attached to Bomber Command where, with other colleagues, he helped initiate methods to reduce pain experienced by pilots flying at high altitude. In this time he met his future wife Barbara Norris, a practising

SRN and midwife in Hampshire. Later sent overseas to India in 1943, he organised the setting up of dental surgeries for the troops.

After the war he returned to Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire where he purchased a dental practice. In 1948 he was Secretary to the Lincoln Dental Group and helped form the NHS Dental Service. Over 33 years, with the help of his wife, he established a large rural dental practice where he was highly regarded. They had four children.

Following his retirement in 1976 and being an accomplished sportsman he and his wife moved to Braevallich on Loch Awe on the West coast of Scotland to pursue their sporting interests, also becoming active members of the community around Loch Awe over 20 happy years. He was a member of SSAFA, The British Legion, Royal Air Forces Assoc, The Loch Awe Improvement Assoc and Rotary Club, among others.

In 1998 for health reasons he and his wife left Loch Awe to live in Beaulieu in Inverness-shire. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Barbara Porter