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## KEITH DAVID WILLIAM FRASER



Keith David William Fraser (1920-2012), who was in private practice between 1947 and 1966 and subsequently worked in the NHS until his retirement

in 1985, died on 10 January in Eastbourne. He was 91.

Keith was born in a nursing home on Lavender Hill, South London, in 1920. He was educated at Emmanuel School, an education which lent him considerable erudition in some surprising subjects. His first intention had been to enter medicine, but in the event he decided on a dental career, training at the Royal Dental Hospital (later part of King's College Hospital). Keith was a distinguished student. His dexterity and striving for perfection resulted in his winning a number of prizes as a student, notably for work in surgery.

On qualifying in 1943, Keith took up an appointment as a house surgeon at the Royal Dental and worked as dresser to Frank Coffin, who died some years ago. Keith volunteered for service with the Royal Navy in the summer of 1944, becoming Surgeon-Lieutenant (D) before he left in 1947.

After his naval service, Keith at first combined private practice (in Sutton, Surrey) with teaching at the Royal Dental as a demonstrator, joining the NHS dental service in 1948. In 1966 he left practice to take up a post as a Dental Adviser at the Dental Estimates Board where his talents were soon recognised and he was promoted to Senior Dental Adviser. In this capacity part of his

duties were to travel round the country fostering links between the Board and practitioners, a task which he tackled with enthusiasm and greatly enjoyed, and practitioners may remember him in that role. Keith's delight in associating with fellow practitioners led to his being active in the Epsom, Sutton and District and later the Eastbourne sections of the BDA, and he was chairman of the former in 1965-1966.

Keith married Margaret ('Peggy') in 1944 and they had one son, Ross: both Peggy and Ross survive him, and have lost a devoted husband and father. Keith had one brother, Ian, whose career was also in dentistry but who sadly died in 1986.

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## SIDNEY KLYNMAN



Sidney Klynman died on 28 January 2012 after a short illness which he bore with characteristic courage and dignity. Sidney was born in 1926; educated

in Hackney, he studied dentistry at the Royal London and graduated LDS in 1948. In his final year he was awarded the Howard Fink prize. After graduation Sidney served his National Service in the RADC in Trieste, Italy, falling in love with Italy and its language.

He began practice in Southend-on-Sea in 1951 and then in Westcliff-on-Sea. He was joined by Graham Godfrey and David Entwistle who subsequently became partners in the practice. Later they acquired another surgery on Canvey Island.

He had a special interest in orthodontics, first with Mr Willcocks at Whipps Cross and then with David Di Biase at Southend Hospital. Later in his career Sidney spent periods in Israel as a volunteer providing dental treatment for children.

Sidney retired at the age of 60, working part-time until the age of 70. He was a lifelong member and passionate supporter of the BDA, serving in the Southend section as Chairman, Secretary and committee member, rarely missing a meeting. Elected to the Essex Branch in 1985, he became President that year. He worked tirelessly and selflessly for the Benevolent Fund from 1986 to 2001. He was a charming and delightful colleague caring always for the wellbeing of patients and colleagues. He was awarded BDA Life Membership in 1984.

Sidney was devoted to Inge and their two daughters – Nicole, MD and Yvonne, who has a degree in law – and their three grandchildren. Sidney and Inge shared a great love of opera, classical music and reading. In his presidential year he chose Munich, his wife's home town, for the meeting which was a great success. He also had a love of languages, being proficient in French, Italian and German.

Sidney loved walking, swimming, skiing, and had an enormous energy for life. All of us who were fortunate to know him will remember his legendary charm, good nature, sense of humour, and his consideration for others at all times. He was one of life's true gentlemen.

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