

In Memoriam - Dr. Thomas Casey

Dal Notice <DAL-NOTICE@lists.dal.ca>

on behalf of

Public Relations Formal Email Notice <notice@dal.ca>

Wed 6/11/2008 11:37 AM

To: DAL-NOTICE@lists.dal.ca <DAL-NOTICE@lists.dal.ca>

IN MEMORIAM

CASEY, Michael Thomas, CM, MD FRCS(C) FACS

CASEY, Michael Thomas, CM, MD FRCS(C) FACS - Dr. Thomas Casey died peacefully at home in Halifax on June 10, 2008, after a long illness.

Born in Glace Bay on July 8, 1929, the eighth of nine children of the late Thomas J. Casey and Hannah (MacIntyre) Casey, he is survived by his wife, Margaret (Macdonald); sons, Michael (Jane) and Patrick (Monica), Halifax; daughter, Martha (Sean), New York, and grandchildren, Isabel and Thomas Casey. He is also survived by his sister, Joan Casey, New York; brother, Jim, Vancouver; and niece Mary Clancy, Halifax. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by sisters, Catherine Clancy, Sarah Walsh, Jessie Casey, Mary Casey, and brothers, Michael in infancy, and Patrick.

Brought up in Halifax, he graduated from St. Mary's High School and then attended Dalhousie University graduating with B.Sc. and M.D. degrees from the Faculty of Medicine in 1953. He trained at New York University's surgical residency program at Bellevue Hospital followed by further residency training in thoracic surgery in New York. Tom practiced surgery for over 40 years in Halifax, during which he developed the thoracic surgical service at the Halifax Infirmary. He was renowned and respected for his clinical skills with a commitment to patient care which was legendary. He shared his knowledge and concern for others as an Associate Professor of surgery at Dalhousie where he was recognized as a dedicated clinician and teacher of residents and medical students.

Prior to beginning his surgical career in Halifax, he did something he had idealistically always wanted to do - he went to Nigeria for a year as a surgeon at a hospital in the bush region of the country. It was a rewarding period for him where he learned how much could be accomplished without the "so-called essentials" of a modern hospital. This experience led to a life long interest in third world medicine which he pursued through volunteer service in Haiti, St. Lucia and Guyana.

His lifelong dedication to his patients in Halifax and the developing world was recognized in 2002 with the Elizabeth Seton award and in 2004, an appointment to the Order of Canada. His quick wit and intellect will be missed, as well as his ability to captivate with colorful stories of his remarkable life.

Visitation will be in J.A. Snow Funeral Home today from 7 - 9 p.m. and Thursday, June 12, from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Memorial mass will be held in St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 13, Archbishop Hayes presiding. with reception to follow the service. Donations to a

charity of choice will be appreciated.