

## In Memoriam: Dr. Benedict Joseph "Ben" Coockey

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It is with great sadness that we share the news that Dr. Ben Coockey, a former graduate and faculty member at Dalhousie University, passed away on April 13, 2019.

Dr. Coockey obtained his MD degree from Dalhousie University in 1973, followed by residency in Internal Medicine and was a well-established and respected physician to the people of Halifax and Dartmouth until he retired in November 2015.

He was much-loved by his patients, residents and his medical students alike. He was in charge of the ICU at the old Camp Hill Hospital, and was an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Dalhousie University and a senior Internist in Halifax and Dartmouth, where he taught medical students, clinical clerks and residents.

Dr. Coockey had an excellent rapport with colleagues, nurses and paramedical teams he worked with. He would often take on patients with complex medical conditions who he spent considerable time with, to ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Coockey was an active member of the Masonic Order. He was raised a Master Mason in Royal Standard Lodge No. 398 in 1980, affiliated with Virgin Lodge No. 3 in 1997. He was also a member of Royal Union Chapter No. 1 RAM, Antiquity Preceptory No. 5 KT, United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England and Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Halifax. He was also Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

He was a loving and charismatic man who could be heard singing hymns and operatic arias at home and as he performed rounds in the hospital. He could be found every Saturday morning playing tennis with close friends, followed by watching soccer - he was a devout Arsenal fan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [All Saints Cathedral Music Committee](#). Online condolences may be viewed or sent to: [www.mattatallfuneralhome.com](http://www.mattatallfuneralhome.com)