

Obituaries

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Dr Morley Sutter
1933–2021

When Dr Morley Sutter was a young lad, he occasionally complained about having to complete his assigned chores. His wise father would muse that “the only thing we really *have* to do is die.” Although this advice did not deter Morley from an enviable lifelong work ethic, he did complete this ultimate task peacefully early in the morning of 19 December 2021 in Vancouver. The world lost a gentle, kind man.

Born on his family’s farm near Redvers, Saskatchewan, in 1933 to Christian and Amelia Sutter, Morley spent his early years on the farm, then moved into town in his teen years. He attended the University of Manitoba, graduating from medicine in 1957 and attaining a PhD in pharmacology in 1963. After postdoctoral work at Cambridge University, Morley became a professor in pharmacology, first for 1 year at

the University of Toronto, then in the UBC Faculty of Medicine for 32 years. He retired as professor emeritus in 1998.

Morley met and married his love Virginia Laidlaw in 1957, and for 45 years they had many adventures together, often with their children. This included living and working in England, Sweden, and Australia, along with travels to Jamaica and Hong Kong. After the death of Virginia, Morley enjoyed the companionship of Connie Moore.

Morley was a humble man who put people at ease and a loyal, staunch friend and confidant. He was an intellect who loved to find evidence to support theories. Whether in the laboratory or discussing ideas, Morley was always quick-witted. He was a mentor for many graduate students, medical students, and others.

Music, especially jazz, was an important part of Morley’s life. He sang in the medical school choir, and he cut quite the figure on the dance floor. In his later years Morley would often sing to the staff who walked with him on his daily walks.

As a younger man Morley was a keen baseball and tennis player and was even known to throw a few curling rocks. In later years Morley loved to watch these sports on TV. He was involved with all his children’s sporting events, including umpiring and coaching baseball.

Morley will be lovingly remembered by his sons, Greg and Brent; daughter, Michelle; daughters-in-law, Michele and Teresa; son-in-law, Bill; and grandchildren, Gregory, Anson, and Amelia.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to staff at South Granville Park Lodge for

their outstanding care of Morley over the past several years.

—Michelle Sutter
Thetis Island, BC



Dr Juhn Atsushi Wada
1924–2023

Dr Juhn Wada, who developed the Wada test used worldwide for establishing cerebral dominance for language and memory, passed away peacefully at his home in Vancouver on 23 April. He had just celebrated his 99th birthday. Dr Wada was a neurologist at UBC Hospital and Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and professor emeritus in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia. He was an Officer of the Order of Canada (1992) and a recipient of the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star (1995), and was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International

League Against Epilepsy and International Bureau for Epilepsy (2013).

Born in Tokyo in 1924, Dr Wada received his MD (1946) and his MedScD in clinical neurophysiology (1950) from Hokkaido Imperial University in Sapporo, Japan, where his father had been a professor of international law. As an assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry (1951–1954), he organized the EEG laboratory and developed the Brain Surgery Unit, which later became the Department of Neurosurgery. In 1954, he traveled to the University of Minnesota as a fellow in neurology (Dr A.B. Baker) and neurophysiology (Dr Ernst Gellhorn) and in 1955 to the Montreal Neurological Institute-Hospital of McGill University Health Centre as a fellow in neurosurgery (Dr Wilder Penfield) and neurophysiology (Dr Herbert Jasper).

Dr Wada moved to UBC in Vancouver in 1956, where he would spend the rest of his career, with a clinical office for epilepsy patients across Canada and a research office that led to most of the 11 books he edited and the 323 papers on human brain asymmetry, the neurobiology of epilepsy, and kindling published in his lifetime. He became a Canadian citizen in 1961. From 1966 to 1994 he was an associate of the Medical Research Council of Canada. At UBC Hospital, he established the Epilepsy Surgery Program with neurosurgical colleague Dr Gordon Thompson (1961), was director of the EEG Department (1969–1994), and established the Seizure Investigation Unit (1980).

Dr Wada was founding president of the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE; 1977–1979), president of the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS; 1985–1986), and president of the American Epilepsy Society (AES; 1989). He was particularly proud of being able to strengthen relationships between Canada, Japan, and the United States.

Dr Wada received a doctor of science, *honoris causa*, from UBC (2003) and was recognized with numerous awards, including the CLAE Wilder Penfield Gold Medal Award (1988, 2007), the AES Founders

Award (1998), the ACNS Herbert H. Jasper Award (2001), and a Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002) and Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012). In 2019, Dr Wada was accorded the highest accolade that a VGH–UBC Hospital medical staff member can receive, being inducted into the hospital's Hall of Honour at an event presided by the Honorable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

Dr Wada was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary, in 2019 and is survived by his children, Kent (Los Angeles, CA) and Eileen (London, UK).

—Eric M. Yoshida, MD
Vancouver

—Brenda Kosaka, MD
Vancouver

—Wada Family
United States and United Kingdom



Dr Michael Templeton Scott-Kerr, 1935–2023

We are sad to announce that on 26 February 2023, Dr Michael Templeton Scott-Kerr passed away at home in Victoria, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor; sons, Christopher (Debbie) and Ian (Vanessa); grandchildren, Connor, Chloe, Annabelle, and Mikayla; brother, Dougie (Enid); and niece, Fiona (James), and family.

Mike received his medical degree from Pembroke College, at Cambridge University. He completed his residency at Guy's Hospital in London, winning the Golding Bird Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Gynecology and being admitted to the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1960. Mike completed a 1-year residency in anesthesia at the University of Alberta Hospital in 1964. He worked in Nelson and in Nanaimo as a GP/anesthetist until 1973.

Mike completed his specialization in anesthesia in 1975 at Vancouver General Hospital and practised at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster until he retired in 1994. He then returned to Vancouver Island and did locum work in Nanaimo before fully retiring in 1998.

Mike was born in Eccleshall, Staffordshire, UK, on 19 October 1935. His family moved to Cheltenham in 1939. With the outbreak of the Second World War, he was evacuated to Northern Wales to attend boarding school. He returned to Cheltenham in 1943 to finish his schooling at Cheltenham College, where he excelled at sports, achieving awards in rowing (he was the stroke for the college four), handball, and track. Mike was also a member of the Boy Scouts for many years. During his time in Scouts, Mike became a first-class scout with honors and a troop leader, and he traveled to Norway with them. After the war, the family would vacation in France, with stops at his uncle's winery in Nuits-Saint-Georges, a commune in the Burgundy region of Eastern France. After high school, Mike embarked on a 3-week cycling holiday through Normandy, France, with a friend.

Mike enjoyed bridge, traveling, gardening, history, geology, and, most of all, wine. He spent much time in retirement sourcing grapes and making wine, which he shared generously. During his working years, he enjoyed golf and squash. The family went on summer vacations across Canada and the western United States as well as Spain to visit his parents.

Mike also enjoyed many trips with Eleanor to Mexico, exploring much of the

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country, as well as trips to Hawaii, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, France, New Zealand, and the Cook Islands, to name a few destinations. Mike's passion for travel started at an early age, with his favorite location being Rome. Traveling allowed him to indulge his interest in history by visiting the historic sites he read about. At age 60, he got his basic cruising certificate, bought a small sailboat, the *Lung Ta*, and enjoyed cruising around the Gulf Islands.

Mike was a wealth of knowledge on many subjects. He enjoyed playing chess and taught his children and grandchildren to play, was a member of the Cowichan bridge and wine clubs for many years, and made many friends throughout his life. Mike will be deeply missed.

We would like to thank his team from the BC Cancer Agency and palliative care, including the home care team from Island Health, Drs Bacsu, Vergidis, Murchison, Wade, and Gustafson-Vickers, for their exceptional care, empathy, and support during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Cancer Agency or the Victoria Hospice.

A celebration of life was held on 7 May 2023 at the Monterey Recreation Centre in Oak Bay.

—Chris Scott-Kerr
Burnaby

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