

ALLEN, Michael Stewart [UNTD YORK '53 U-1562] (1935 - 2017) Age: 81



DR. MICHAEL STEWART ALLEN, MD, FRCS (C) March 21, 1935 - January 9, 2017 At Wellesley Central Place, Toronto surrounded by his family. Cherished husband of Toni (Gilmour) for 57 years. Devoted father of Susan (Brian Dutton), Peter (Kimberly Allen), Rebecca (Kenneth White) and Geoffrey (Lorna Allen) and much loved grandfather to 11. Michael is survived by his sister Nancy Hunt and predeceased by his brother Kenneth Allen.

Michael graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1959 and continued his post graduate studies in pediatric surgery in London, England; later practising at the Toronto East General Hospital for over 30 years. He was a man of humble service with a gentle bedside manner, always placing his young patients at ease. Active and enthusiastic, Michael enjoyed sailing, skiing, gardening and playing the piano. Stoney Lake and the family farm near Grafton, Ontario were much-loved places. There he loved to take his grandchildren for walks through his forest and could always be counted on for tobogganing or a tractor ride. Raised in Toronto, he was always outward looking and curious and believed in seeing equality in all mankind. Michael was involved in local and worldwide aid organizations; he mentored international doctors and travelled extensively in developing countries to share his knowledge in surgery. Michael will be remembered for his wonderful laugh and his love of ice cream. The family is grateful for the care provided over the last four years by the wonderful and compassionate staff of 3E, Wellesley Central Place and for the loving attention of private caregivers Dolma Tsering, Michael Florendo, Glacier Detablan, Rochelle Macasa and Dolma Choezom. Friends and family are welcome to call at the Morley Bedford Funeral Home, 159 Eglinton Ave. W. (2 stoplights west of Yonge St.), Toronto, on Thursday, January 12th; 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service at Grace Church on-the-Hill (corner of Russell Hill Rd. and Lonsdale), Toronto; Saturday, January 14th at 11 a.m., followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Families for Children (online at www.familiesforchildren.ca or at 111 Roseheath Ave., Toronto, ON, M4C 3P6) or to Parkinson Canada (online at www.parkinson.ca or at 4211 Yonge St. Suite 316, Toronto, ON, M2P 2A9). "Cheerio"

Michael had at least 3 UNTD summers: '54, '55, '56, as a SURG CDT and was promoted to A/SLT(MED) and then to A/LT(MED) RCN(R), sen. 1 May '58, O-1769, attached to YORK.

As early as 1961 he was a Fellow in Experimental Surgery at the Research Institute, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto and was taking the Gallie Course in preparation for his Fellowship in Pediatric Surgery.

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