



IN MEMORIAM

CUAJ honours its members and friends who have passed away. We invite colleagues of the deceased to submit brief remembrances. Please limit your notice to 200 words. Send your notice to journal@cua.org or fax it to **514-395-1664**.

Dr. John A. (Jack) Williams

Dr. Williams died on October 14, 2009, at the age of 78. He died at home peacefully. He is survived by his loving wife Joyce; children Dr. Geoff Williams (Barb), Janice Finkbeiner (Jim); grandchildren Laurel, Connor, Claire, Wesley and Evan; siblings Jean Heavenor (Ken), Ruth Stinson (Doug), and Richard Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in Vulcan, and raised on the family farm in Ensign, Alberta, Dr. Williams graduated in medicine at the University of Alberta in 1955. After an internship at the Calgary General Hospital, he and his wife embarked on a medical mission with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. Williams was the Chief Medical Officer of a 100-bed hospital in Jobat, India, from 1959 to 1963. He completed a urology residency at UBC and returned to Calgary in 1969. From 1976 to 1991, he was Chief Surgeon of the Renal Transplantation Program at the Foothills Hospital. He served as Associate Professor of Surgery, President of the Foothills Medical Staff, Chief of the Division of Urology and urologic team member of the University of Calgary Infertility Clinic. He loved not only to teach, but to lead students to discover the joy of learning, and was a keen lifelong learner himself. He was active in the formation of the Prostate Cancer Institute. In 2007, Dr. Williams was recognized by the Calgary Medical Society for his outstanding service to the medical profession and given the Distinguished Service Award from the Faculty of Medicine. He was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church. With the aid of many medical professionals and his deep faith, he met the challenges of prostate cancer with optimism, grace and dignity.