

Charles S Kilgour, MD FRCSC

It is with regret that we mourn the passing of Dr Charles S Kilgour on May 28, 1993, in his 73rd year. He was of above average stature, strong, always warm, pleasant, charming, gentle, compassionate and diplomatic. As well, he was extremely practical with a mechanical bent and a dexterity that served him well as a plastic surgeon.

Charles was born a twin, in London, England on April 10, 1920 when his father Dr Donald Kilgour, was taking his MRCP there. The family returned to Toronto where his father established his practice as an internist at the Wellesley Hospital.

Charles attended Rosedale Public School and then entered UTS with his twin brother, Harry. He graduated in Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1943. Joining the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, he was stationed at Debert, Nova Scotia.

With the war in Europe progressing to the point that attention had to be directed to the possible involvement of the Canadian Army in the Pacific, he was sent to Panama for training in tropical medicine. He was then stationed in Ottawa until his



demobilization in 1945. After a year as an intern at the Montreal General Hospital, he returned to Toronto to intern at the Wellesley Hospital for a short period. He then worked as assistant to H Hoyle Campell doing plastic and reconstructive surgery. He liked this so well that the decision was made to further his training and become qualified in the specialty.

He married Mary Robinson on September 3, 1949 and they had three children, Ann, Ian and Jeffery.

In September 1952 he trained at the Bangour plastic surgery unit in Scotland and moved to the unit at Bollochmyle until August 1954. After returning to Toronto he qualified as a plastic surgeon with his FRCS(Can).

He worked again with H Hoyle Campbell and helped him establish the Institute of Traumatic Plastic and Restorative Surgery in Toronto. In 1959 he was appointed to be the plastic surgeon at the Northwestern Hospital and the Branson Hospital in Toronto. In due course he was appointed to chief surgeon at the Northwestern Hospital.

He was elected President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons in 1976 and served the Society with distinction.

He was always interested in sailing. He owned a boat and sailed at RCYC in Toronto. As well, he enjoyed skiing at his chalet in the Collingwood area.

He will be sadly missed by his family, his many friends and patients.

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