

In Memoriam - Alexander "Sandy" Howard Murray

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IN MEMORIAM

Alexander "Sandy" Howard Murray M.D.

The Department of Dermatology was saddened to learn of the sudden death of Dr. Alexander (Sandy) Howard Murray, aged 65. He died July 15. Dr. Murray was a member of the Division of Dermatology, Department of Medicine, for 28 years, retiring from the Department in 2009. He remained active in his community Dermatology practice.

A native of Earltown, Colchester Co., he was the son of Mary Douglas Murray and A. Howard Murray.

Dr. Murray began his education in a one-room school in Earltown and later attended Dalhousie University pre-med (1962-65) and then Dalhousie medical school, receiving his medical degree in 1970. He received his Certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 1976. He completed Internal Medicine residency training at the VG Hospital (1977-78) and Dermatology residency at the University of Toronto (1978-81), becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1981. He was a Fellow of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery and held certification from the American Board of Dermatology.

He started his long and distinguished career in the Department of Medicine's Division of Dermatology in 1981. Among his many accomplishments, he was Head of the Division of Dermatology from 1992 to 1996. He was a regular lecturer on dermatology in continuing medical education to the physicians of Nova Scotia. He will be very much missed by his colleagues.

Our condolences are extended to his wife of more than 42 years, Maida, and family including his brothers-in-law, Dr. Scott Murray, Division of Dermatology, and Dr. Jock Murray, Division of Neurology. Besides his wife and brothers-in-law he leaves two sons, Christian (Natashia Grell) and David Geordie; a daughter, Michele (Michael Kilcup); and grandchildren, Shannon, Alexa, Sofia and Aviva.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, July 19 at 4 p.m. in the Dalhousie University Club. Visitation will take place immediately after the service. A Dr. A. H. Murray Academic Fund in Dermatology at Dalhousie University will be established. Messages of condolence may be forwarded via murraysandy@gmail.com