

## In Memoriam - John Savage

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Dr. John Savage died at home in Dartmouth on May 13, 2003.

He was born in 1932 in Newport, South Wales. He was educated in England and received his medical degree from Queen's University (Belfast) in 1956. After military service and medical practice in the United Kingdom, he immigrated to Canada in 1966.

Dr. Savage settled in Dartmouth and joined the Dartmouth Medical Centre. As a physician, he was a Dalhousie Family Medicine preceptor for 17 years, and taught in the residency program for two years.

From 1976 to 1978, Dr. Savage was a member of the Advisory Council on the Environment to the Nova Scotia government. In 1985, he was elected Mayor of Dartmouth and he served until 1992. That same year, he was chosen Leader of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia. He was elected Premier of Nova Scotia in 1993 and served in that position until his resignation in July 1997.

Since 1997, he was involved in a number of international health projects with Etruscan Resources, the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association and North South Health Consultants (Chuvashia Project, Russia). In 1983, Dr. Savage travelled to Nicaragua with MATN (Medical Aid to Nicaragua) and returned to that country again in 1985.

Dr. Savage's contributions to his many communities are immense. He established the North Preston Medical Clinic, and served as the Clinic's Medical Director. In addition to his

medical work in North Preston, he participated in other development projects in that community. He was also a pioneer in the treatment of alcohol and drug dependency and was Medical Director of the Nova Scotia Detox Centre. He served on many volunteer committees and gave freely of his time for numerous health and community concerns.

Savage received many accolades for public service. Among the honours he received was a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Order of Nova Scotia and the Red Cross International Humanitarian Award in Halifax. He was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada last week. In January 2002, the North Preston Medical Clinic was renamed in his honour. This month, the Directorate of Public Health in Niger announced that the health clinic he helped Etruscan Resources establish in that country would be renamed the John and Margaret Savage Health Clinic. Also in May 2003, the Margaret and John Savage Medical Humanities Fund was created at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Savage is survived by his seven children, eight grandchildren, family and friends. He was predeceased recently by his wife, Margaret. He donated his body to the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine.

Expressions of appreciation for the life and work of Dr. Savage may be made to the charity of your choice, and particularly to any one of the following: the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association; the John and Margaret Savage Fund for the Medical Humanities (Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine); or the Palliative Care Fund, QEII Health Sciences Centre Foundation. Visitation will take place in the Red Chamber at Province House (Hollis Street entrance) on Wednesday, May 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Thursday, May 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated by Archbishop James Hayes (Emeritus) in St. Mary's Basilica on Friday, May 16, at 10 a.m., followed immediately by a reception at Province House (Hollis Street entrance).