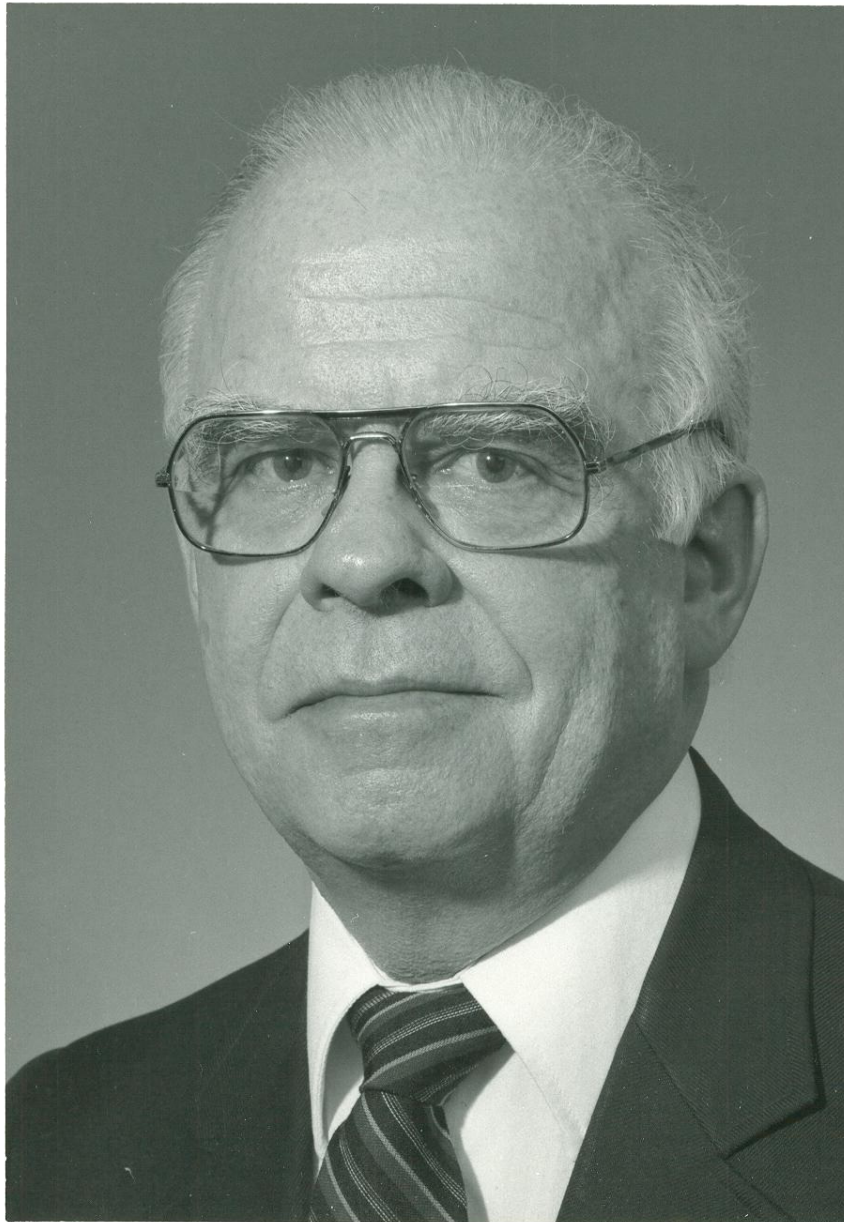


John Maxwell Bowman
1925-2005



John Maxwell Bowman died Sunday at Grace Hospital with family at his side. He was predeceased by his wife Constance May, his parents, Maxwell and Marjorie Bowman, his son John Murray and his granddaughter Susanne Elizabeth Pokotylo. He is survived by his daughters, Catherine Pokotylo (David), Anne Bowman (Randall Rogalsky), Mary Margaret Mazzei (Edwin), his son Thomas (Susan); grandchildren, Heather and Jonathan Pokotylo; Jean, Lindsay, James and Lauren Rogalsky; Bridget and Julie Mazzei; his brothers, Bill (Peggy), Donald (Patricia), Ken (Liz), and sister Nora Bowman (Alan Rae).

John met Constance while attending Gordon Bell High School. He graduated from the University of Manitoba Medical College in 1949 and married Constance in the same year. Subsequently, he completed his internship in medicine and went into rural general practice in Oakville, MB, where Constance was not only his nurse but also his bookkeeper and accountant. After two years in Oakville he took post-graduate training at the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg; at the Winnipeg General Hospital's Newborn Service and Rh Laboratory; and at the Babies Hospital of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Certified in Pediatrics in 1956, he spent a year studying and lecturing in clinical pediatrics at Queen's University and then returned to Winnipeg in 1957, where he joined his brother Bill in the Pediatric Department of the Manitoba Medical Clinic. At that time he also became a part-time associate working with Dr. Bruce Chown of the Rh Laboratory and a part-time member of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Manitoba. In 1961 he became Medical Director of the Rh Laboratory and in 1967 he left the Manitoba Clinic to become a full Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Manitoba, holding both positions until his retirement in 1996. During this period he served as the Medical Director of the Manitoba Red Cross Blood Services until 1982.

Through his work at the Rh Laboratory he became a world-renowned expert in the treatment and prevention of Rh Disease of the Newborn and touched hundreds of lives directly and hundreds of thousands indirectly with his research. One of his proudest accomplishments was the development of WinRho which is used all over North America to prevent Rh Disease of the Newborn. John also helped form the Rh Institute, which furthered research of Rh Disease and today continues to help fund research in a variety of departments of the University of Manitoba. For his achievements in the research, treatment and prevention of Rh Disease he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1983.

Throughout his medical career John displayed the greatest of care and compassion for his patients and was always available to them, no matter the time of day or day of the year. As a Professor of Pediatrics he greatly enjoyed teaching the Residents, Interns and Medical Students, both on the wards and in the lecture theatres at home, across Canada and around the world. He gave his last lecture in Saskatoon just three days before his death. In his retirement he maintained an active interest in and support of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, The Winnipeg Symphony and the Manitoba Theatre Centre. He took great pleasure in his morning and afternoon seven-mile walks through the Assiniboine Park and Forest, his time at the Lake of the Woods family cottage and his time with his cats Tamara and Oliver.

Throughout John's life he displayed great loyalty, honesty, integrity and love for his family which he in turn has passed on to his children. The family wishes to thank Drs. Joseph

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Wiatrowski and Terence Bergmann and the nurses of Grace Hospital Emergency for their care and compassion in their dad's last hours. No flowers by request. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, CE501-840 Sherbrook St., Winnipeg, MB, R3A 1S1, or a charity of your choice. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will take place on Thursday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church, Oak and Kingsway.

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