

THOMAS CUDDY



DR. THOMAS (TED) EDWARD CUDDY On Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Dr. Thomas Edward "Ted" Cuddy passed away peacefully at home after a lengthy illness. Ted was predeceased by his parents, Alfred Loftus and Dorothy Ada Cuddy, his brother Keith and his sister Elaine. He is remembered with love by his wife Margaret, his son Edward (Libby), daughter Alison, son Jonathan, daughter Ann (Blair), and grandchildren Jessica, Declan and Campbell Rose. He is also survived by his first wife Beverly Rose McNamara. Ted was born June 10, 1930 at the old Grace Hospital in Winnipeg and raised in Sanford, Manitoba. His greatest feature was his wide and enthusiastic smile, matched only by his ribald sense of humour. Ted took an interest in everything and everyone, and proved an enthusiastic, supportive friend. He had an incredible zest for life, and loved to chat with people from all walks of life and learn their stories. That said, he never minced words or suffered a fool. Ted graduated from the University of Manitoba as a M.D. in 1954, after interning at Winnipeg General Hospital for three years. He was a brilliant student, and in his final year won the Chown Medal in Medicine, representing the highest standing in Internal Medicine. He was Chief Resident at Winnipeg General Hospital in 1956-1957. During this time he received the Research Prize in Physiology for work performed with Dr. Joe Doupe, now famed for his innovative approach to Medical Science. He went on to hold long-term faculty positions as Professor of Medicine and Head of the Section of Cardiology. His leadership positions at Health Sciences Centre included Head of Cardiology from 1962 to 1984, Director of the Electrocardiography Department for 34 years and the Holter Laboratory for 24 years. Medical fellowships took him to Oklahoma, Stockholm and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He became Professor Emeritus and Senior Scholar at the University of Manitoba in 2000. Colleagues hailed Ted for establishing Manitoba's reputation for leading-edge cardiovascular research. He was involved in many of the first clinical trials in the early days of permanent pacemaker insertion and helped develop the Health Sciences Centre Intensive Care Unit during his 13 years as Associate Director. But if you asked Ted, he'd say his greatest accomplishment as a physician was as Director of the Manitoba Follow-up Study, one of the world's largest and longest-running investigations of cardiovascular disease. His passion for the Follow-up Study led him to involve many family and friends in the work. He was named Director Emeritus in 2001 and published and presented extensively on the Study's research. Throughout his career, Ted continued to give back to his profession, including establishing a research award for medical students. Outside of work, Ted combined a jack-of-all-trades ability with the voracious intellect of a Renaissance man. He was a gifted amateur photographer, especially of nature scenes and family gatherings. He cared deeply for his gardens. He loved music, particularly classical and jazz, an interest he passed on to all of his children. He was an

aviation enthusiast and frequented air shows across the province. He enjoyed discovering small, out-of-the-way restaurants and sharing these finds with family and friends. Ted was an all-round athlete who excelled at outdoor activities. He loved to swim, ski (downhill, cross-country and water!), hike, play hockey, cycle and canoe. He traveled the world but always said there was no place as beautiful as Lake of the Woods. He took great joy in family journeys, whether renting a cargo van for an epic ski trip to Lake Louise and Banff, or heading to the cottage, at West Hawk Lake, Lake of the Woods, and more recently, Gimli. Ted was a true hometown booster, and avidly supported many local sports, cultural, community and church organizations. Ted's family extends heartfelt thanks to the W.R.H.A. Palliative Care Team for their incredible care and kindness, especially Mary Ashcroft, his nurse Lana, and caregivers Brooke, Kamil, Mary Ann and Christine. Thanks also to Nucci the cat, Ted's constant companion over the last six months. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at Westminster United Church, 745 Westminster Avenue at Maryland Street. Flowers gratefully declined. Those who wish to remember Ted are encouraged to support the Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, or Westminster United Church. THOMSON FUNERAL HOME 669 BROADWAY, WINNIPEG, MB R3C 0X4 204-783-7211 Condolences may be sent to www.thomsonfuneralchapel.com