

JOHN MOORHOUSE



Dr. John A. Moorhouse, a man of integrity, intelligence and grace, died peacefully at Riverview Health Centre on Friday, August 16, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Dagmar; daughter, Aynsley; stepson, Jason Fridrik; brother, Michael (Margaret); sister-in-law, Gabriela Benadik (Kazo); and his nephews, niece, and their families. John received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba Medical School in 1950. Throughout his career he had an active clinical practice while maintaining a close association with the university as a Professor of Physiology involved in both teaching and research. After completing his residency, he continued his studies during two years at the University of Illinois followed by two years at Ann Arbor where he served as a research fellow in Endocrinology and Metabolism, working with some of the top specialists in the field. Upon his return to Winnipeg, he established and served as the head of the Section of Endocrinology in the Department of Medicine. In conjunction, he developed the Endocrine and Metabolism Laboratory serving as its Director for the next 15 years. John was a pioneer in the field in his recognition that Diabetes was on the rise in Manitoba, and that the complications associated with the disease were causing great strain on individuals as well as the health care system. As a result, John was integral in the establishment of the Diabetes Education Centre, and became its Director in 1966. In 1991, John retired from the university, but maintained his private practice until his full retirement in 2005. He conducted himself with his patients as he did with all who knew him, with kindness, compassion and selflessness. A loving husband, father and friend, he was known for his gentle disposition and mischievous sense of humour. He loved music, art and theatre, and always found time to travel and explore the world. We would like to extend deep gratitude to River Heights Home Care for their support over the last few years, and to the staff and volunteers at Victoria Hospital, Poseidon Care Centre, and Riverview Health Centre for their care over the last 10 months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Diabetes Foundation of Manitoba, RPO 971 Corydon Ave., P.O. Box 44, Winnipeg, MB R3M 0Y2. The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 22 at St. John's College Chapel, 92 Dysart Rd.