

In Memoriam: Dr. David Murphy

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It is with great sadness that the Faculty of Medicine shares news that former faculty member, Dr. David Murphy, has died.

Born in Montreal (b. December 26, 1933) to Herb and Helen (Hyde) Murphy, David began his professional career as a veterinarian. Before long, he was back in school at McGill University to study medicine where he met his future wife, Dr. Sonia Salisbury. In 1973, they moved with their three kids to Nova Scotia where David took a position as a cardiac surgeon at the IWK. David had a profound impact on the way cardiac surgery is practiced in the Maritimes - founding the Maritime Heart Centre, which continues to provide clinical and material support for cardiac patients.

He served on more than 20 provincial and national committees including the Canadian Heart Foundation and the Executive Council of Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He received numerous research grants and publications. He was especially proud of his widely published work with Dr. Drew Armour on the neural control of the heart.

His honours included McLaughlin and James IV travelling fellowships. He was awarded a Senior membership with Doctors NS and a Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Medical Association.

He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Dr. Sonia Salisbury, Halifax; sister, Judy Murphy (Fredericton); children, Luke (Laura Mac Donald), New York; Deirdre (Robert Kapanen), San Francisco; Matthew (Amil Niazi), Toronto. His beloved grandchildren Chloe Kapanen, Callum Kapanen, Sommerset Murphy, and Oma Murphy. He is predeceased by his brother, Peter Murphy (St. Albert, AB). Kingsburg will miss the sound of his tractor, wayward sheep, rusted sculptures, and the guarantee of a hearty wave. Donations in his name can be made to NSCAD through nscad.ca. A memorial for Dave will be held sometime this summer.

Dr. Murphy's full obituary can be read here: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theglobeandmail/obituary.aspx?n=david-alton-murphy&pid=197890897>