



William M. Paul, MD
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On November 19, 2006 Dr. William M. Paul, died peacefully at his home in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Paul was born on August 24, 1924 and graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1947. He then completed a one year Fellowship in Anatomy at the University of Toronto with Professor Grant of "Grant's Atlas of Anatomy" and served his Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at that institution, finishing in 1954. Dr. Paul next undertook a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Embryology of the Carnegie Institute in Baltimore, MD from 1954 to 1955 and completed a third anatomic fellowship at the University of Illinois in 1955. He then joined the full time faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto where he remained until 1962. From 1962 to 1965 he served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Alberta, and Head of Service for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta.

In 1965 he returned to the University of Toronto to serve as Professor and Chair, posts that he held until 1970. From 1970 to 1975 he was Head of Service of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Toronto Western Hospital. In 1975 he was named Associate Dean for Institutional Affairs Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto. During his career he contributed 25 peer review publications, invited reviews and chapters in the area of fetal physiology primarily using a fetal sheep model. He also published generally in the area of clinical high risk obstetrics and tendered one of the first reports on fetal scalp sampling to diagnose acidosis in 1967.

In addition to this society, Dr. Paul was active in the Society for Gynecological Investigation, and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. He was a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London, U.K. His colleagues report that though he held many executive posts at the University of Toronto, nationally and internationally, he will be best remembered as a dedicated and engaging teacher to a generation of medical students and residents. At the time of his death, Dr. Paul was married to Dr. Carol Cowell with whom he had a son Andrew. He also had four daughters Shelagh, Susan, Alison, Megan and seven grandchildren.

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