

Dr Thomas Joseph Delaney

Born 23.09.1940. Died 22.02.2003.

Joe was born in Liverpool and educated there at St Francis Xavier's Grammar School and then went to Liverpool University where he studied medicine, graduating in 1964. After his house year at the Royal Southern Hospital he went to Myrtle Street Childrens Hospital to work in Paediatrics with Professor John Hay for one year. It was there that he met Gill, also a doctor, and who a year later became his wife. During the next four years he worked in General Medicine passing his MRCP examinations at the first attempt. He then chose to specialise in Dermatology working in the University Department at Liverpool Royal Infirmary with Professor Chris Vickers, Dr Toni Stewart and Dr Netta Hay. He then went to London to St Johns Hospital for Diseases of the Skin and St George's Hospital where he worked with Dr Stephen Gold and Dr Ken Sanderson.

In November 1975 he began work as Consultant Dermatologist in Gloucester joining Dr Bob Bowers and later working with Dr Michael Boss and

latterly Dr Beverley Adriaans. He retired officially in November 2000 but continued to work part-time in Exeter and Gloucestershire.

He was a dedicated Dermatologist and teacher and worked very hard in Gloucester but always had time to attend local South West of England and Wales Dermatology meetings and the RSM in London. He was a staunch supporter of the BMA locally and for several years was the secretary. He and his family were devout Catholics and wherever Joe was in the world on a Sunday his main priority was to find a Catholic church. He and Gill were very fond of walking, particularly in the last several years having walked in Greece, Spain, Italy and the Peak District. They were also very keen members of the Dowling Club and thoroughly enjoyed the foreign meetings. They had been with the Dowling Club to Sri Lanka, South America, South Africa, Australia, Tanzania and in some ways it was fitting that his death occurred while on the Vietnam Dowling Club meeting this year amongst his friends. It was there that he suffered a catastrophic



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cerebral haemorrhage from which he did not recover.

He will be remembered by many as a trusted friend and a true gentleman. We shall miss his loyalty and his ever present dry sense of humour. He leaves his wife Gill and his four children Katie, John, Thea and Thomas.

Dr Arthur Knight

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