# **OBITUARIES**

# Patricia Flora Allington-Smith (née Frisby)



Former consultant psychiatrist in mental handicap Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft (b 1928; q Royal Free 1954), died from cancer on 5 August 2009. Patricia Flora Allington-Smith (née Frisby) initially worked in general practice, but the birth of her second child with a learning disability led her career in an unexpected direction. In the Medway towns she took up a newly created post as senior clinical medical officer in mental handicap bringing together Leybourne Grange Hospital and the community. A move to Great Yarmouth resulted in a locum then substantive consultant psychiatric post in the same field. Later she became medical director of the Anglian Harbours NHS Trust and chair of the local BMA. Predeceased by her husband, Richard, in 2007, she leaves three children.

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## **Lindsay Henderson**



Former general practitioner Grantown on Spey (b 1924; q Edinburgh 1946; MBE, MRCPEd, FRCGP), died from myelodysplasia on 24 April 2009. Lindsay Henderson was president of the University Union and in the rugby team that beat Oxford and

Cambridge combined in 1946, before national service as medical officer to the 1st Battalion of the Parachute Regiment in Germany. He then arranged his own training for general practice while preparing for the MRCPEd examination. He was in practice in Inverness and then near Croydon, Surrey, before 30 years in the Highlands. A good teacher-first of medical students from Aberdeen. Dundee, and UCH, London, and then of GP trainees-he was a founder associate of the Royal College of General Practitioners. He leaves a wife, Janet; three children; and five grandchildren. Peter Grant

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#### **David Askey Lammiman**



Former deputy surgeon general and medical director general (Royal Navy) (b 1932; q St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1957; QHS, CB LVO, FFARCS), d 27 January 2009.

David Askey Lammiman had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy, having joined after house jobs. He trained as an anaesthetist and served in HMS Chaplet, HMS Eagle, and HMY Britannia during the Queen's silver jubilee world tour. Consultant at the Royal Naval Hospitals in Haslar, Malta, and Gibraltar, he was director of medical personnel at the Ministry of Defence during the Falklands conflict and later became medical officer in charge in Plymouth and then Portsmouth. Before his final appointment he was surgeon rear admiral of support medical services. An accomplished sportsman, he leaves his second wife, Caroline, and

four children from his first marriage. **Campbell Mackenzie** Cite this as: *BMJ* 2009;339:b3821

#### **Ian Murray Lawson**



Former consultant anaesthetist Ninewells Hospital, Dundee (b 1924; g Edinburgh 1947; FRCA), d 31 March 2009. After army medical service in Hong Kong, Ian Murray Lawson started anaesthesia training in Liverpool. He returned to his native Dundee in 1951, where he was consultant in administrative charge during 1972-84 and head of the university department until his retirement in 1989. He published the first large series of caesarean sections under epidural blockade, and several important papers on dental sedation. He was visiting professor in San Diego for a year and lectured widely overseas. He was active in many specialist societies, including the Association of Anaesthetists, the Society for Advancement of Anaesthesia in Dentistry, and the Scottish Society of Anaesthetists. Ian leaves a wife, Grace, and two children. Neil Mackenzie

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## **Jeremy Robert Sides**

Former general practitioner Norwich (b 1949; q The London 1973; BSc (Hons), DCH, DRCOG), died from complications of Alzheimer's disease on 23 June 2009.

An exceptionally bright student, Jeremy Robert Sides wanted to become a general practitioner in Norfolk like his father. In 1980 he became a partner in Norwich, but his substance misuse



soon after ended it. He recovered with the help of the British Doctors' and Dentists' Group, and then realised that he had early onset Alzheimer's disease—an unrecognised autosomal dominant condition in his family. Jeremy worked for as long as he could for the National Blood Transfusion Service, as clinical assistant in psychiatry at hospitals in Norwich, and as doctor to the Diana Princess of Wales Treatment Centre, Mundesley, Norfolk. Predeceased by his wife, Sue, in 2008, he leaves two daughters. **Peter A Rowan** 

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# **Myer Tobias**

Former general practitioner Liverpool (b 1927; q Glasgow 1954), died from myeloid leukaemia on 16 January 2009. Born into an orthodox Jewish family in Glasgow, Myer Tobias remained committed to his faith and proud of his Scottish birth. After registration, he became an assistant and partner in general practice in Wavertree, Liverpool, moving to the Gateacre branch surgery when the slums were cleared and his partner retired. He was then in partnership with a neighbouring general practitioner until he retired in 1992. As senior clinical medical officer to the health authority. Myer ran many family planning clinics and training sessions in Merseyside. He was also medical examiner for disability benefits and visiting medical officer to Stapely Hospital and Dr Barnado's children's home. He leaves a wife, Sonia; two children; and four grandchildren. **Oskar Dover** 

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