



## Alistair Mackenzie Grant

September 8, 2019

Alistair Mackenzie Grant, beloved husband of Hilary and dearly loved father of Angus, Robert, Claire and Fiona, died on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Alistair was born in Prestwick, Scotland on March 31, 1933. He graduated from Bishop's Stortford College in 1947 and The London Hospital Medical College in 1957 with a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Upon moving to the United States, Alistair became a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Alistair served as a Commissioned Officer in the Royal Air Force, stationed in Singapore from 1960-1963. An avid rugby player from the age of 10, while in the RAF he captained the Far East Air Force team and played for Singapore and Malaya, during which time was ranked the best hooker in Malaya.

In 1969, Alistair was introduced to Dr. John C. May of Lancaster, PA, who was searching for a partner for his growing medical practice. Although Alistair and Hilary had never thought to leave England, six months after meeting John and his wife Edie, Alistair and Hilary and their children moved to Lancaster and together John and Alistair established the medical practice of Drs. May-Grant Associates. Alistair and John's remarkable partnership was based on trust and

friendship. Alistair loved his work and cherished their relationship.

An advocate for women's rights, Alistair served as Medical Director and Board Member of Planned Parenthood of the Susquehanna Valley. Upon retirement from private practice, he established and ran a colposcopy cancer screening clinic at Planned Parenthood, for which he was named the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 2003.

In addition to his volunteer work for Planned Parenthood, Alistair volunteered for Meals on Wheels for many years and served as a Trustee for the Lancaster YWCA. Having been both a recipient of and medical provider for the National Health Service in England, Alistair was a strong proponent of the Affordable Care Act.

Alistair is survived by Hilary, his wife of 60 years; his son Angus, his wife Kimberly and their daughters Caroline and Gillian; his son Robert, his wife Kate Bowditch, their children Po and his wife Kylie, and Zee; his daughter Claire, her husband Christopher Pollock and their children Grant and Allison; and his daughter Fiona, her husband Karl Boltz, and their children Colin and Lucy. He is also survived by his brother Duncan.

Alistair's family is forever thankful for the skilled and compassionate care of Dr. Thomas Braide and the staff at Cedar Brook at Willow Valley, as well as Alistair's companions from Connections at Home.

A Celebration of Alistair's life will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA with The Rev. Dr. Loyde Hartley officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service.

If desired, donations in Alistair's memory may be made to the John C. May Memorial Foundation at Lancaster General Health, the Michael J. Fox Foundation, or Planned Parenthood.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alistair Mackenzie Grant*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Dr. Grant's passing. We lived in Lancaster in the 70"s and Drs. Grant and May were my doc for both of our children. I will never forget their kindness and humor as I navigated thro the mysteries of pregnancy and childbirth. Always pleasant and comforting I would say I was a bit in love with both of them!*

*Offering warm sympathy to the family.*

*Jane and Roger Dickinson*

jane dickinson - September 30, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



September 20, 2019 at 03:55 AM

JP

“ *Dear Hilary, So many memories from the days you first arrived in Lancaster until the time you moved to Willow Valley. You and Alistair have touched my family, John and me for so many years, including delivery of some of my grandchildren and great grandchildren. I thank God for the service you both have given to our community. Alistair will be long remembered and missed by all who knew him.*  
*Janet Paul and family*

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**Janet Paul** - September 19, 2019 at 03:56 PM

HG

“ *Thank you all for your heartwarming tributes. I've read them all and appreciate your kind words. With thanks, Hilary and family*

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**Hilary Grant** - September 16, 2019 at 09:43 AM

GV

“ *My condolences to your family on the loss of this great man, husband, father, physician and more.*

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**Gerald G. Vath** - September 14, 2019 at 11:35 AM

DH

“ It is now 67 years since I first met Alistair on the opposite side of a cadaver in the Dissecting Room of The London Hospital Medical College. We were both new Medical Students and the small group that were put together for our proximity in alphabetical surnames have remained in contact since then. Some have been lost along the way and very sadly Alistair has now joined that number. Back then I would not have thought that this strong and fit rugby forward who was part of the driving force in the XV that won the Inter-Hospitals Cup would end up as a gentle and respected Obstetrician. He also had the good sense, like many of us, to marry a beautiful nurse and my sincere condolences go out to Hilary and the family. He will be sadly missed by us all. David Hamblen.

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**David Hamblen** - September 14, 2019 at 05:54 AM

CH

“ Chuck & Gay Hill purchased the Your Light Shine s for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.



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**Chuck & Gay Hill** - September 14, 2019 at 01:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.



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September 13, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



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September 13, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ *Exactly 43 years ago to the day that Dr. Grant died, life came to our house when he delivered our twin daughters. He had predicted the shocking news of possible twins one week before they were born 5 weeks prematurely. We so appreciated his care and interest. Our condolences to the family at this time.*

*Jim and Barb Ressler*

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**Jim and Barb Ressler** - September 12, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



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September 12, 2019 at 04:25 AM

LM

“ *Dr. Grant's passing brings to mind fond memories of his straightforward, reassuring, and cheerful care in bringing our children into this world.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of great loss.*

*Lois and Keith Mitchell*

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**Lois & Keith Mitchell** - September 11, 2019 at 08:47 PM

FU

“ *From the Grant cousins in the UK purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



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**From the Grant cousins in the UK** - September 11, 2019 at 06:54 PM

 Gail Dowle

“ *Dr Grant was the most caring and kind doctor I have ever known. He took great care of me before and after my surgery. I remember visiting him and Hilary at their home on East Orange St. I also had the pleasure of going to McCaskey with his sons, Angus and Robert. Dr Grant had a great sense of humour and I admired him for his gentleness and caring spirit. Rest Easy Dr Grant, the world is a lot better due to your caring soul. I will miss you.*



*Gail Greenawalt-Dowle  
South Wales, UK*

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**Gail Dowle** - September 11, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.



September 10, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ Prayers to the family in the loss of a great man and doctor. I have many fond memories of working with him and Dt. May in their office 30+ years ago. He spent a lot of time with his patients and taught me many things as I became a labor and delivery nurse. He was a special doctor, who will missed.

**Kathy Walton** - September 10, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ I will miss Alistair very much. He always made me smile and he was a very sweet man. Sending prayers to Hilary and his family.

**Sherry Mongeau** - September 10, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.



September 10, 2019 at 08:22 PM

WP

“ I graduated from the Family Medicine residency program in 1980 and appreciated Dr. Grants teaching us and respected his calm and caring manner of medical care. He was a nice man and a gentleman we all appreciated.

william parke,MD - September 10, 2019 at 04:14 PM

VG

“ Vicki L. Geib lit a candle in memory of Alistair Mackenzie Grant



Vicki L. Geib - September 10, 2019 at 02:33 PM

MD

“ Dr. Grant delivered my first son. He made me so at ease during the delivery. He asked what name do I have picked out for my son? I told him his name is Derek. He said he was so happy that I gave him a fine English name and make sure I spell it Derek, which I did. RIP Doctor Grant.

Sincerely  
Mary Lynn Hobday DiPaolo

Mary Lynn DiPaolo - September 10, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.



September 10, 2019 at 01:10 PM

TF

“ *The May family purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



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**The May family** - September 10, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alistair Mackenzie Grant.*



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September 10, 2019 at 11:03 AM

TJ

“ *Alistair's fabulous wit, subtle sense of humor & oh so British comments brought giggles & joy to all fortunate to know him. We happily had some time together & will miss Dr Grant. Cheers!*  
*♥Trish & John*

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**Trish & John** - September 10, 2019 at 10:07 AM

CF

“ *Hilary, I'm so sorry for the loss of your love, Alistair. He was a wonderful spirit and made his time on this earth count for many people. Blessings to you and your family. Peace, Cris Foehlinger*

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**Cris Foehlinger** - September 10, 2019 at 10:05 AM

DE

“ Dear Hilary,

*Am keeping you and your family close in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Alistair was a wonderful person, and I remember him so well from years ago. What a dear friend he was to so many, as well as being an outstanding contributor to the Lancaster community.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Debbie Benson Everett  
North Andover, MA*

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**Deborah Benson Everett** - September 10, 2019 at 09:31 AM

AG

“ *I remember Dr Grant when I worked at St Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster and was also a patient of Dr May's several yrs ago. Very sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. John, Eric and Alice Gibble, LPN*

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**Alice Gibble** - September 10, 2019 at 09:29 AM

DA

“ *Hilary- Kathy and I are so saddened by the news of Alistair's passing. While it has been some time since we last saw both of you, we have fond memories of stopping by your home at the bay by boat. It was a delight getting to know you when you lived next to the office on Orange street. We hope you take comfort in knowing how much Alistair was loved and respected by so many people. Take care, Dave and Kathy Ashworth*

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**David Ashworth** - September 10, 2019 at 08:33 AM