



Web Newsletter

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MR JAMES PIGGOT, FRCS

It is with immense sadness that we record the sad news that Mr Jim Piggot, FRCS, has passed away. For countless numbers of families who had a son, daughter, brother, sister, husband or wife or other relative with Spina Bifida and who were fortunate to come under his care he was known to us only as 'Mr Piggot'. In a sense that kind of formality reflected the enormous respect which we all had for him. The respect stemmed from his brilliance as a surgeon which was combined with his sheer humanity and his capacity to communicate easily and clearly with his patients.

His interest in his patients was not restricted to the operating theatre. It was clear that he was interested in and had a love for those he was treating and for most of us our recollection will be of a surgeon who always went the extra mile and who made a practice of visiting children out of hours and at special holiday periods. It is no exaggeration to say that there are thousands of people around who benefited from the skill and professionalism of our 'Mr Piggott' and for whom the quality of their lives was immeasurably improved.

It was a great pleasure when he and his wife Joy joined us each year at the Annual Christmas Party organised by the Belfast Branch of NIASBAH for our children.

Some of us will last have met Mr Piggot when he and Joy accepted an invitation to come to the 40th anniversary celebration event for the Belfast Branch in Hillsborough Castle. Indeed it was there we discovered his enthusiasm for music and his particular appreciation for the fine musical performance which was put on that evening.

He was a good friend to so many of us and our families and to the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and at his passing we will be left with a collection of warm and happy memories of a good surgeon and a fine man.

A Service Of Thanksgiving will take place on Friday, 13 March, 2009, at 11.30 am in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Malone Road, Belfast. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to either Save the Children or Action for Sick Children c/o John Gray & Co, 80 Central Avenue, Bangor, BT20 3AU

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The Northern Ireland Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

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