

Christine Roxburgh (*née* Ramsay) – an obituary

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Christine Roxburgh (*née* Ramsay) on 21st June 2012.

Christine attended Glasgow University to study Medicine between 1968 and 1974. There, as well as being a diligent student – awarded the Glaister prize for Forensic Medicine – she was a popular and enthusiastic member of the Gamma Club. It was in her third year of university training that Christine met her future husband Stuart Roxburgh, a fellow Gamma club member. In her entry in the University Year Book, at the end of the six-year course, fellow Gamma club members attributed the following quotes to her – “She’s pretty to walk with and witty to talk with and pleasant too to think on” and also William Shakespeare's observation "a perfect woman, nobly planned" – sentiments with which we all agreed.

After graduation Christine's training as a junior doctor was based in Glasgow hospitals, with posts in Obstetrics and Paediatrics. Many of us remember her as an ideal co-resident and colleague – hardworking, conscientious, knowledgeable and supportive. After this period of hospital training, Christine embarked on GP training in Paisley.

In the midst of all this medical activity, Christine and Stuart were married at Glasgow University Chapel on 23rd June 1975. Their marriage was a happy one and blessed with two children - Campbell and Alison.

By this stage, Christine and Stewart had moved to Perth, following Stuart's appointment as Consultant Ophthalmologist in Tayside. After the birth of her children Christine returned to work as a General Practitioner. Here, as well as delivering first-class medical care to her patients, she also developed a particular interest in diabetes. In this context she was involved in diabetic research at Ninewells Hospital, where she was a highly respected colleague. A further instance of Christine's wide-ranging talents and commitment to the service was her role in founding and developing the Perth Doctors' out-of-hours service. She was truly a highly respected family doctor.

Christine was a generous hostess and an excellent cook and made family and friends feel very welcome when they visited the family home. She really enjoyed her family and took a keen interest in daughter Alison's travels, enjoying her son Campbell's wedding and, more recently, the birth of her first grandchild – Hamish. All this in addition to supporting Stuart in his professional life.

Sadly Christine developed cancer of the oesophagus last year – an illness she faced with typical pragmatism and strength of character. Unfortunately despite treatment her cancer progressed rapidly and she passed away on 21st June 2012.

Christine was a kind and empathic friend to all who knew her. Her warm and generous nature coupled with her sense of fun will be remembered by all of us.

Our deepest sympathies are with Stuart, Campbell and Alison at this sad time.