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.In Memoriam

Professor Roger J Berry (1935-2018)



Roger died peacefully on 21st March in the Isle of Man, aged 82. A Knight of the Order of St John, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Radiologists, during a varied career Roger served as President, British Institute of Radiology (1986/7) and President of Radiology Section, Royal Society of Medicine (1985/6). He saw active service as a Royal Naval Reserve medical officer on nuclear submarines, rising to the rank of Surgeon Captain, RNR in 1986 and appointed Honorary Physician to Her Majesty the Queen (1987).

Born in New York April 1935, Roger studied Physics at NYU and later medicine at Duke University, NC. He moved to the UK in 1958 to continue Radiotherapy studies at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford where he met his future wife Valerie (nee Butler). In 1976, Roger took the role of Professor of Oncology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London. From 1987 to 1992, Roger served as Director of Health & Safety at British Nuclear Fuels, followed by Foundation Director at Westlakes Research Institute, Cumbria until retirement in 1995.

He served as a member of the ICRP Main Commission from 1985-89. Prior to that, he spent 4 years in Committee 3 (RP in Medicine). Following his term as a Main Commission member, his focus turned to Committee 4, applying the Commission's Recommendations and serving as its Secretary until 1993.

During his time with ICRP he also served on three Task Groups working on protection of the patient in radiation therapy, protection of the worker in medicine and dentistry, and principles for intervention for protection of the public for a radiological emergency, the latter of which he chaired. With his various roles within ICRP, Roger undoubtedly was involved in the development of ICRP's 1990 fundamental recommendations.