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WINTROB, Ronald M., MD

Ronald M. Wintrob, MD of East Greenwich, Rhode Island died of complications related to chronic illness on August 17, 2020, at the age of 85.

Born in Toronto, Canada, in June 1935, Ron was the son of Simon and Zelda Wintrob. He grew up in Toronto and graduated medical school at the University of Toronto in 1959 and completed his residency in psychiatry at McGill University in Montreal, Canada (1961-1965).

In 1961, Ron encountered Pauline Devine, a psychiatric nurse, who was also working at the Allan Memorial Institute/ McGill University. Soon after they met and started dating, Ron and Pauline became engaged, and were married in June 1962. In June 1969, they moved to Connecticut, with their two young sons; Paul, born in 1968 and Greg, born in 1969, when Ron joined the faculty of the medical school at the University of Connecticut as a Professor of Psychiatry and Anthropology. The family expanded in 1972 with the birth of their daughter Jande. The family lived in Ashford, Conn., where the children attended Ashford Elementary school.

In 1976, the whole family spent a year in Christchurch, New Zealand, where Ron was Visiting Professor of Psychological Medicine at the Christchurch School of Medicine of Otago University, and the children attended the local schools. It was the start of an ongoing connection with New Zealand and the establishment of a network of close friends there. In 1986, after several return visits, the family bought a historic cottage overlooking Lyttelton Harbor. Friends teased them about how far they had to travel from the USA to spend a weekend at their cottage. The cottage, restored and extended in 1994, was home for two years while Ron was a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Psychological Medicine, Christchurch School of Medicine. Thereafter, Ron and Pauline returned to the cottage every January and February for more than twenty years.

The family re-located to Rhode Island in 1982, where they lived in their colonial home in Providence for many years. Ron took the position of Director of Education and Director of the Residency Training Program in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University (1982-1994). Upon returning from New Zealand, Ron



became a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University's School of Medicine (1997-1998). He then returned to Brown University as a Staff Psychiatrist where he worked part-time until he fully retired at the age of 80.

Professor Wintrob's academic career spanned over 59 years. He was a major influence in the

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