



LEE, Dr. Peter – It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Dr. Peter Lee on June 21, 2014 at the age of 71. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Pat, his children Deborah (Martin), Jason (Nicole) and Katrina (Paul), his two devoted grandchildren Kyle and Ryan, and his many relatives at home and abroad. Peter will be lovingly remembered by the many friends, colleagues and grateful patients who had the pleasure of knowing this kind and caring man.

Peter was born in New Zealand in 1943 and moved with his family to Canada in 1979 to pursue a long and celebrated career in rheumatology. In 2013, he was honoured as the Canadian Rheumatology Association's Distinguished Rheumatologist because of his national and international leadership in the medical field, and earlier received the Distinguished Rheumatologist Award from the Ontario Rheumatology Association in 2008, and the Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration in 2012.

Peter spent over three decades researching scleroderma and helping patients through his clinic. Much of Peter's career was spent as Director of the Scleroderma Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital. He was a former member of the Medial Advisory Board, Scleroderma Research Foundation (USA), and advisor to the Scleroderma Society of Ontario.

He was acknowledged as an international expert on the subject, and played a prominent role in Canadian rheumatology. His many professional accomplishments included Chairman of the Rheumatology Examination Board for the Royal College, Chair of the Therapeutics Committee of the Canadian Rheumatology Association, member of the Heath Advisory Committee of The Arthritis Society, and member of the Drug Quality and Therapeutics Committee of the Ontario Ministry of Health. Peter also served on the Abstract Committee of the America College of Rheumatology and the Editorial Board of the Journal of Rheumatology.

Internationally, Peter was an active member of the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, President of the Chinese Canadian Medical Society of Ontario, and President of the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals.

Peter was a devoted family man. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and endeavoured to spend as much time with them as possible. In summers, Peter fought bravely with his garden hose against his grandsons' water guns; he taught them a proper golf swing; and, how to fold a paper airplane that could fly further than 50-feet. He obsessed over turret building for school castle projects and always made a point of attending Grandparents Day.

Upon learning that his cancer had reoccurred in 2011, Peter arranged for the entire family to take a cruise to the Baltics. It was a fabulous experience enjoyed by all. This trip was followed by another 'Lee Adventure' to Turkey the next year and by an African Safari in 2013.

Peter and his family are very appreciative of everyone who provided their support and kindness during his illness. A very heart-felt thank you to the medical teams who have done so much. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Dr. Peter Lee's name to: Scleroderma Research-Arthritis Research Foundation (UHN); the Prostate Cancer Research Centre at Princess Margaret Hospital; the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (FCCP) Education Foundation; or Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Toronto (CCCGT)

Celebration of Life to be held at: **The Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Toronto (5183 Sheppard Ave East) on Monday July 14th (7pm-9pm).**