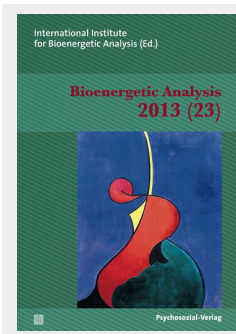


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(The following is an edited version of a eulogy written for David Campbell by a friend. Colleagues and students also sent tributes remarking on David's gifts as a Bioenergetic trainer. He introduced attachment theory to the Bioenergetic community and created and promoted techniques that attended to issues of early attachment and their affect on personal growth. Along with his wife, June, he raised the awareness of attachment issues until those issues became imbedded in the conceptual world of Bioenergetic Analysis.)

Vincentia Schroeter

David was born in Glasgow on the 31st of August 1927 and was one of 3 children.

After he left school David went on to study at Glasgow University where he graduated from medical school as a doctor. His early training in obstetrics took place in The Coombe Hospital in Dublin, where one grateful mother gave him a half crown and a pint of Guinness for successfully delivering her baby!

He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and was attached to the 2nd Parachute Regiment in Aldershot. Apparently he always yearned to have a new cherry coloured beret with the badge.

Following his time in the army he worked in the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, specialising in psychiatry and then branching out into psychotherapy. After meeting John Bowlby, the renowned expert in attachment theory and loss, he went into psychoanalysis with Dr Winifred Rushford, who invited him to become director of the Davidson clinic in Glasgow. During this time Dr. Alexander Lowen came from America to London and introduced David to the specialisation of bioenergetics therapy. This opened up the world for David and he was then invited to New York, where he began teaching in training and continued to do this for the rest of his professional life.

While David was at the Davidson clinic he was also a visiting lecturer at Jordanhill

College, where he taught human growth and development to Social Work students. David worked hard all his life and was seeing patients well into his 80s.

It was whilst he was lecturing at Jordanhill College that David met June and they married 11 years ago, having been together for 23 years. Through his professional life David went to California every year and it was during one of these trips that he and June were married. Whilst in California he made some very good lifelong friends, including Al and Phyllis Gorlick, and Stanley Kellerman, who he always kept in touch with.

You would imagine that David's busy professional life wouldn't allow much time for hobbies and interests, but it did, and he had a great love of judo, achieved his Black Belt 3rd Dan, and was a member of Glasgow University Judo Club for many years. When he went to California he always took his judo suits with him.

Every Saturday he went to Oddbins for some wine tasting, and so was able to recommend different ones to his friends. And he was a great connoisseur of whisky too; the well known Isle of Jura brand suited his palate very well and was by far his favourite. He enjoyed classical music and jazz, was a good singer too.

By all accounts David was a warm, loving caring person who had a genuine interest in other people, young people too, even if he was not professionally involved. He gave willingly of his time, was always ready to help and support in any given situation. Gregarious and outgoing he loved company, enjoyed special occasions, and was the life and soul of any party.

It would be important to mention that throughout his life David was always very fit and active, and although he lost some of his mobility in his later years he handled it well, remained stoic, and never lost his spirit or sense of fun. David enjoyed life, had a good life, and lived it to the full. He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.