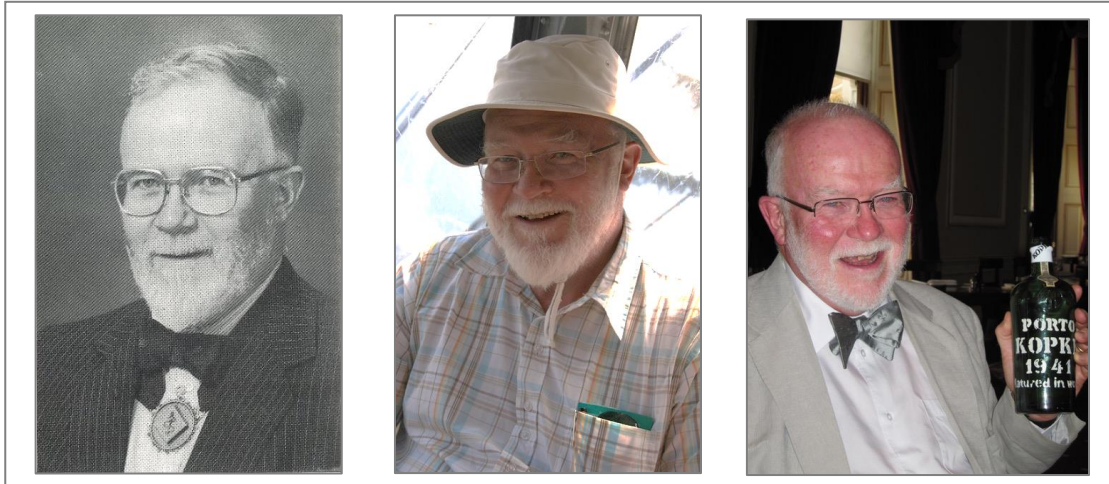


DR AUSTIN TIMOTHY CARTY, CONSULTANT RADIOLOGIST

Dr Austin Timothy Carty, retired Consultant Radiologist. Born 22nd June 1941, Dublin. Qualified Dublin 1964. MBBCh FRCPI FRCR FFR(RCSI). Died Friday 27th August 2021.



At Austin Carty's 80th birthday celebration on June 22nd 2021 he stepped into the rose garden of their Victorian mansion in Cressington Park and, dressed in his pale blue UCD rowing blazer, delivered an unscripted amusing welcome and thanks to about 30 friends and family. It was a balmy mid summer evening and we toasted him with Chablis. Two months later he was to die, surrounded by his 3 children, with progressive Parkinson's disease associated with advancing dementia requiring some hospital admissions.

Born in Dublin, his father was a general practitioner and mother an ophthalmologist. He attended a Jesuit college, excelling in the classics, before entering university college Dublin to study medicine. An excellent student he was to captain the Boat Club and rowed twice at the Henley Regatta.

He qualified in 1964, was the youngest successful MRCPI candidate and married Helen in 1967. They had 3 children, Tim, Jenny and Sarah.

Austin trained in medicine and radiology in Dublin and London before accepting a consultant radiologist post in 1974 at the Royal Southern Hospital. Dr Gerard Sanderson and Mr John Macfarland introduced him to the Medical Institution where his contribution was to be immense.

He served as Secretary, Treasurer and in 1990 President. 36 years ago Austin inaugurated the annual sixth form conference for aspiring medical students which remains popular today, and with John Billington launched the successful bicentenary appeal. He gave the Henry Cohen History of Medicine lecture in 1995 and for a decade organised the retired members lecture series. At weekly meetings his witty introductions and votes of thanks were a feature. He was introduced as an Life Member in 2019.

In the Royal Liverpool Hospital he was the lead radiologist for the introduction of CT scanning and he was Medical Director for several years. He was red green colour blind so he eschewed nuclear displays in all colours, favouring black and white modes in keeping with his succinct radiological reports.

Dr Carty was at the core of many city institutions. His contribution to the Liverpool Artists Club was as wholehearted as to the Institution where his companionship, cheerful witty repartee, cultured conversation laced with limericks and Irish literature references made him a preferred luncheon colleague. Similarly his notes and papers to the Twenty and Innominate Clubs were often memorable.

Helen predeceased him in 2017. They were great hosts at home or on their holiday travels, her splendid cooking and his choice of cellar wines of which he was very knowledgeable. Jenny lives in New Zealand, Tim and Sarah in Dorset and Kent. Sailing and fishing holidays were taken in Ireland and regular excursions made to Glyndebourne.

In his later years he was troubled with Helen's health, a cardiac genetic condition, inherited by Tim necessitating a successful heart transplant, as well as his own deterioration such that he considered himself to be slipping down the razor blade of life.

Austin Carty, polymath, man of Irish letters, amusing friend to so many, roared into Merseyside in 1974 and left this summer with barely a whimper.

Dr Chris Evans