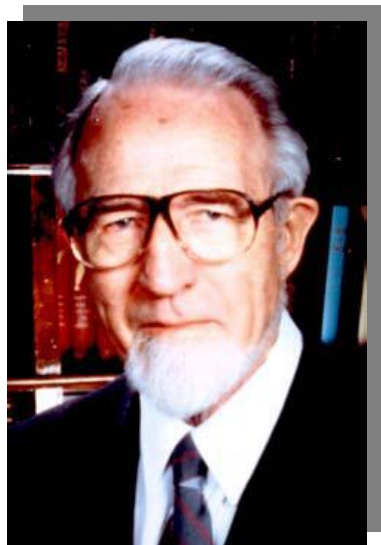


PHILIP RAIKES BROMAGE

Anesthesia Research Day



Dr. Bromage immigrated to Canada in 1956 and worked in the McGill Department of Anesthesia at the Royal Victoria Hospital until 1977. He was Chairman of the Department 1970-77.

Born in England in 1920, he attended the Benedictine Ampleforth College in Yorkshire which emphasized spirituality, spartan discipline rigor. He graduated in medicine at St Thomas' Hospital, London in 1943 and then served in the navy in Asia. After the war he began a career in anesthesiology and, encouraged by his mentor J. Alfred Lee, he pursued an interest in epidural anesthesia which was seldom used at that time. In 1956 he published a monograph *Spinal Epidural Analgesia* that attracted international attention. This work was achieved while working at a district hospital in Chichester, far from an academic centre.

Like all good scientists, Dr Bromage demonstrated a boundless curiosity and an urge to find solution important problems. While at McGill his reputation in teaching and research attracted students from all over the world. He possessed great gifts including a masterful command of the English language. Never afraid to fight his own corner, he enjoyed an academic verbal tussle. Patients were always impressed by his elegant appearance and impeccable manners. He established an obstetric epidural analgesia service at the Royal Victoria Hospital and became a renowned ambassador for this technique. For this and other work he has received the highest honors of our profession, including the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society Gold Medal, the Hickman Medal of the Royal College of Medicine, the Carl Koller Medal of the European Society of Regional Anaesthesia and the Gaston Labat Award of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia.

Dr. Bromage researched many aspects of regional anesthesia and also studied pain mechanisms with Dr Ronald Melzack. In 1978 he published his outstanding single-authored textbook *Epidural Analgesia* that is well worth reading today.

After leaving McGill he worked at Duke University, the University of Colorado and in Saudi Arabia. While at McGill he bought a farm in Vermont where he and his second wife Meg generously entertained members of the Department on a regular basis. These were happy times and gave him an opportunity to enjoy skiing and an outdoor life. In retirement he chose to return to his beloved Vermont and after Meg's death he has lived near Burlington.