

In memory of John G. Ryan

John G. Ryan was born in Ladysmith, Vancouver Island, October 26, 1921. He attended the University of British Columbia from 1939-1942. He graduated in dentistry from the University of Toronto in 1945, then spent a year and a half as a Captain in the Canadian Army Dental Corps. When he left the Army in 1946, he set up a general dental practice in Vancouver B.C. and married Christina.



After one year in practice, John decided to continue his education. He entered the graduate program in orthodontics at the University of Michigan, earning an MS in 1949. He returned to Vancouver, where he practiced orthodontics for 37 years.

John served his profession well. When UBC started an orthodontic department, John and

his close friend, Charles Craig, were the first teachers. John joined the Edward H. Angle Society in 1951. He served as president of the society from 1983-85. Among his many honors, John was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics; president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists; and president of the Vancouver District Dental Society. He enjoyed his study-club membership in Seattle and rarely missed a meeting in spite of the five hour round trip commute.

An avid sportsman, John played basketball for the UBC Thunderbirds when they were Canadian champions, and seldom missed an opportunity to play a round of golf. His interest in geography and history took him around the world, usually accompanied by his golf bag.

John died August 15, 1988 in Vancouver B.C. He is survived by his wife, Chris and three children: Catherine, John and Gregory. A gentleman always, John will be missed by all who knew him.

—Ken Kahn, DDS