



IN MEMORIAM

Pierre Francois la Grange

10/12/1958 - 02/11/2003



Francois was born in Florida, Transvaal on 10 December 1958. He grew up in Cape Town where he matriculated at Bellville High School in 1976. In 1984 he received his BSc degree in chemistry at the University of Stellenbosch.

On 8 April 1983 he married Aloma and in 1989 Melissa was born.

He worked as a forensic analyst in the state laboratory in Johannesburg for 3 years, after which the family moved to Cape Town where he worked and studied in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Stellenbosch. He received his honours degree in pharmacology *cum laude* in 1989.

In December 1994 he received the MB ChB degree and during his training was class representative and a member of the student council. In May 2001 he qualified as an orthopaedic surgeon through the SA College of Surgeons. His undergraduate and postgraduate medical training took place at the University of Stellenbosch.

He represented his school playing first team tennis, cricket and rugby and received Western Province colours in tennis. He played rugby for the Maties' first team and Western Province under 20s and later Bellville first team cricket and rugby. He was a member of the Golden Oldies team to tour New Zealand. In 2002 he was club champion in golf for the Southern Cape.

At work I knew him as a motivated and enthusiastic doctor with a special compassion for his patients. His diligence, intelligence and self-discipline carried him through the heavy work loads and academic obligations as a registrar in the orthopaedic department at Tygerberg Hospital. After he qualified, he was appointed head of the orthopaedic department at George Provincial Hospital and later started a part-time private practice. His warm personality and passion for orthopaedics made him so popular that, at his memorial service, patients arrived on crutches and walking frames and nursing staff came in numbers to pay their respects.

As a friend he was prepared to listen and had the ability to inspire and give without expecting to receive. 'Life is a song' was his motto because there were just so many opportunities in life to be taken.

He did not allow his workload to keep him from taking care of his family. Francois' cheerful philosophy was to live life to the full. His death was untimely and tragic but in a place

where he was most happy: on the rocks with fishing rod in hand.

We miss him a lot and treasure memories of good times. We pray that the Lord will be with his family during this difficult time.

Stadler Kirsten, friend and colleague

Sidney Charles Hossy



Sidney Charles Hossy was born in Germiston in 1925. He passed away suddenly after a short illness on 23 November 2003. Doyen of the surgeons in Johannesburg, he was still working and teaching students days before his death.

A kind-hearted man, with a warm and generous personality, he had a love of life, *joie de vivre* and flair.

He was educated at Parktown Boys' High School in Johannesburg where he was head boy and captain of the school's first cricket team. He proved to be a man of many talents, playing rugby, waterpolo, tennis and chess. He acted in plays, played the trombone and later took up golf with no mean handicap.

He graduated MB BCh at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1948, and later obtained the Dip Mid CO&G(SA). After working as a ship's surgeon and practising in what was then Rhodesia as a general practitioner, he went over to the United Kingdom and obtained his fellowship in surgery, the FRCS(Edinburgh). On his return he commenced specialist practice in Durban, and finally settled in Johannesburg.

The appreciation of music, good food, and travel were passions Sidney shared with his wife Maria, an accomplished musician in her own right. An inveterate traveller, he and Maria travelled extensively to many exotic, esoteric and far-flung destinations.

He remained in private practice doing mainly medico-legal work and teaching at Wits Medical School virtually to his dying day. He was an outstanding teacher, and will be sorely missed by the many students who passed through his hands.

Sidney is survived by his wife Maria, his son, daughters, daughter-in-law, stepsons, sister and grandchildren, to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

We will miss him!

Arthur Hovis