

## Dr Stuart J Meldrum

It is with sincere regret that I must report the sad death of Dr Stuart Meldrum on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Stuart had cancer surgery in 2021 which unfortunately reappeared. From mid-January 2023, Stuart was at home in a hospital bed where he died with his devoted wife, Claire, at his side.

Stuart received his Bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Aberdeen in 1966 followed by his Doctorate in biophysics from the University of London in 1973. Following graduation, he joined the recently established Department of Medical Electronics at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London where he held several posts over the next 20 years. Stuart spent a period in the medical device industry before returning to the National Health Service as Director of Medical Physics and Bioengineering at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, a post from which he retired in 2009. Stuart had a long-standing and highly successful interest in academic publishing, serving as editor of the journals *Biomedical Engineering*, *Journal of Medical Engineering and Technology*, and *Physiological Measurement*. Throughout his career, he was active in professional matters, serving as President of the Biological Engineering Society, a Trustee of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine and a Director of the Association of Clinical Scientists.

Stuart was one of the original biomedical engineers and will be sadly missed. He inspired several generations of budding biomedical engineers and motivated them, and led them, through his work as a Journal Editor, to publishing better papers.

An enthusiastic trombone player, Stuart played in several jazz big bands especially in retirement. The Herald Angels should put out an extra chair so he can join them.

Stuart never had a bad word to say about anyone, always supportive and kind in his gentle Scottish lilt. He was a true Gentleman, a valued and respected Engineer, an esteemed Colleague and Friend, who has left us with many fond memories.

Our thoughts at this difficult time are with Stuart's devoted wife, Claire, to whom we send our condolences. Rest in peace Dear Friend.

*Stephen O'Connor*

