

## **A Tribute to Dr. Peter A.F. Morrin by Dr. Moussa Cohanin**

I met Peter the first time when I joined the Department of Medicine at Queen's University. It did not take me long to know who Peter was.

He was a highly skilled and intelligent physician, excellent teacher, cared a lot about his patients, humble, hard working, a man of action and principle, a family man. It was indeed a privilege to work with him and an honour to have him as a friend for more than 39 years. Mariella & Peter were our best advisers on how to enjoy life in Kingston. Our family friendships and get-togethers continuing ever since we both retired a little more than 10 years ago. He was a man of action. He organized a very efficient kidney unit at Kingston General Hospital to treat patients with end stage kidney disease. He had one of the best nursing staff who were dedicated and challenged, and they accepted the challenge.

Peter organized a team of experts before embarking on first kidney transplant which was done successfully in November 1968. Some years later suggestion was made that larger kidney transplant centers have better outcome than smaller unit like Kingston. Well ... they did not know Peter. Peter published the results of kidney transplants done in Kingston which showed it was as good as in larger centers and superiority of the larger centers for kidney transplant was put to rest.

Peter enjoyed teaching and was well respected by undergraduate and postgraduate students. Several years ago I had to visit a University Hospital in California. When the staff physician found out that I was from Kingston asked do you know Peter Morrin? He was very appreciative of what Peter taught him while he was a student at Queen's.

He was not a man of the status quo. He was always in search of ways to improve the quality of life of his patients. He also had keen interest in the field of medical ethics long before there was so much talk about limited resources.

Peter was a family man. When I visited him after the accident he smiled and thanked me for coming. He said "I had a good life". He talked about Mariella, his sons and their wives and grandchildren. He said "We are lucky to have family". He was smiling, peaceful and serene, as if nothing has happened; this was Peter.

Finally, I believe the following quotation talks about Peter: "He lives on in the lives of the living."