In Memoriam

Alan Raphael Goldin

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Professor B. J. Cremin, of Cape Town, writes:

It was with a great sense of shock that we heard of the sudden death in Australia of Alan Goldin at the early age of 44 years. Alan

went to Roosevelt High School in Johannesburg and qualified from the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School in 1962. He became a Fellow of the College of Physicians in 1967 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists in 1972. He underwent training in radiology in Durban before joining the specialist staff of Groote Schuur Hospital in 1972, and was one of a group of happy young enthusiasts, now widely disseminated, who brought the radiology department of that hospital and the University of Cape Town to its position of eminence a decade ago. Those days are still talked about, and Alan's colleagues will always remember his outstanding contribution. He spent a year as Visiting Fellow at Stanford University in 1974 and returned full of enthusiasm for specialized procedures. At that time new methods of imaging were coming to the fore, and with his gifted hands

Alan took a leading role in angiographic and interventional techniques. At radiology meetings his presentation of papers was

always a model of clear thinking and articulate expression. He had what less gifted people could only describe as style. He could communicate at all levels and to his juniors he was always modest and considerate. What an abundance of energy and gifts he had! Besides his academic activities, he was an accomplished calligraphist, artist and sculptor. In sculpture and woodwork he experimented with differing media and was able to hold his own public art exhibition in Cape Town under the name of Alan Raphael. Along with these talents he excelled in sports of a less conventional nature, such as surfing and hang-gliding. In 1978 he emigrated to Australia and lived in Adelaide before settling in Sydney. To his wife Barbara, an artist in her own right, and his two children, Gregory and Sarah, to whom he was devoted, we extend our deepest sympathy, and we join them in their sorrow.