

Dr. Stephen Drance passed away on 2 September at the age of 95 years on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia.

Stephen was a giant in our field and made contributions in so many diverse areas. His legacy is immeasurable. More than anything else he had the wisdom, patience and charm that made being with him an absolute delight. He had a healthy scepticism of dogma, but respected any viewpoint with kindness and deference. He never tired of learning and told us many times that curiosity is what makes us excel.

In addition to his impact in ophthalmology, shortly after the first of his many 'retirements,' he passionately turned his attention to early music with the objective of putting Vancouver on the map for Baroque Opera. He helped establish the Vancouver Festival, which became a magnet for early music lovers. We are sure that Stephen would love to be remembered as much for his contributions to the arts as to glaucoma.

The world has lost a giant. This unique and truly remarkable human being has touched the lives of so many people around the world.

With kind regards,

Douglas Anderson and Balwantray Chauhan

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Stephen played so many important roles regarding our IPS activities. He was our IPS president from 1980 to 1988. He successfully hosted the wonderful Vancouver IPS meeting in 1988. Furthermore, he lectured our first thoughtful IPS lecture titled "Is there a future for perimetry?" at the 14th IPS meeting in Halifax. Not only did he achieve greatly in our field, but he always kindly supported our young investigators with his abundant wisdom and infinite curiosity.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and all people who loved him so dearly.

Chota Matsumoto, IPS President 2020