



Barry Elliott

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By Max Esser

Barry was born in country Victoria and went to school at Rochester High and Elementary School. He moved to Melbourne and attended Wesley College as a boarder.

Glenys and Barry were married in 1963. Barry graduated from Melbourne University Medical School in 1965.

He was a resident medical officer at the Alfred Hospital, and spent a year at the Monash University Department of Anatomy.

He worked for two years as a registrar at Prince Henry's Hospital, passing the FRACS in 1971. He joined the Australian Orthopaedic Training Program, with time at the Alfred and the Royal Children's Hospital.

He then went to the Royal Infirmary and Princess Margaret Rose Hospitals in Edinburgh to develop an interest in hand and upper-limb surgery. He worked with Professor Chip James and Mr Douglas Lamb.

In 1965, Barry and Glenys's first daughter, Simone, was born, followed by Andrea in 1966 and later Tania in 1971.

He returned from the United Kingdom in 1974, and commenced work with the Alfred Hospital as an orthopaedic surgeon, in Mr John Cloke's unit, and also had an appointment at the Royal Children's Hospital.

Barry joined the RAAF Medical Reserve in 1969, while at Prince Henry. He did orthopaedic sessions at Headquarters Command at the RAAF in Laverton. He had two terms as a surgeon at the Butterworth Airforce Base in Malaysia, with Glenys and the girls living on the Base. He joined Michael Fogarty and Brian Barrett at Cabrini Hospital in 1975, in private practice.

Barry spent almost ten years travelling to Indonesia as an overseas examiner to the Indonesian orthopaedics. He developed an interest in medical administration, and was on the Medical Executive Committee. He was co-director of the Musculoskeletal Services, responsible for trauma, intensive care, orthopaedics, plastics, burns and the hyperbaric unit. He continued this role until he retired from the Alfred Hospital in 2005.

He was an enthusiastic member of medical panels for many years.

In 1996, he and Glenys bought a property in Fernhill, near Kyneton, and planted Pinot noir Grapes. He became involved in the local wine region, and joined the local wine growers committee.

Barry was a skilled, considered, talented surgeon, and a great supporter of the public system. He was a mentor to many orthopaedic trainees and junior surgeons. His advice shaped a number of medical careers in Melbourne. He made a great contribution over many years to the Alfred Hospital. He was a proponent of appropriate surgical solutions for orthopaedic conditions and very critical of unnecessary surgery (often compensable). He will be sadly missed.

We send our condolences to his wife, Glenys, and daughters, Simone, Andrea and Tania.

