Arthur P. Camilleri was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (1965-1977), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Royal University of Malta (1975-1977) and Consultant at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Southampton University (1978-1992). Qualified MD (RUM) in 1949, DCH (Conjoined Board U.K.), DRCOG and MMSA in 1954, he was elected to the Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1960 and to the Fellowship in 1969. He died in January 1995 at the age of 68 and is survived by his wife Cora, his daughter Corinne and his son Michael.

Prof. Arthur P. Camilleri or "APC" as he was affectionately referred to by all his colleagues, dedicated most of his life to his profession, concentrating his efforts on teaching and updating his department.

He was a tower of strength in standing up for the medical needs of his department and through his untiring efforts, he was instrumental in equipping it with the first ultrasound machine on the island way back in the late sixties. Amongst other improvements he also introduced facilities for fetal cardiotocography, fetal blood sampling and amniocytology.

He enjoyed very good relations with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and several council members visited his department including two college presidents. All these were satisfied with both the standard of Obstetrics and Gynaecology practised in the department and the existing teaching programmes. So much so that the department became recognised for the local training of doctors for both the diploma and membership of the College.

He encouraged research in the Department and had several papers published in reputable British Medical Journals, one of which, "Anaemia of pregnancy: a plea for the abolition of this term" which challenged long accepted concepts on the subject, attracted favourable attention and was quoted several times in the literature. He also saw the need for continued medical education and with the help of his colleagues, he formed "The Malta Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society" and became its founder President.

Throughout the tenure of his appointment both as Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, he proved to be a capable and fair administrator with a notable lack of arrogance which earned him the respect of both the hospital medical and ancillary staff.

His work in all spheres was carefully, systematically and thoroughly accomplished. He represented the Department on several boards and committees and was always well prepared and fully informed. He could express his views clearly and with precision and this made him difficult to argue against.

He was a family man and a devout catholic. He carried his Christian ethos into both his medical work as well as into the other services he performed for the good of the community. Only a few weeks before his demise he finished "An essay on the transmission of the human soul" where he expressed his strong belief that the conceptus was endowed with a soul from its very existence and that procured abortion always amounted to murder.

Arthur P. Camilleri will always be warmly remembered with respect by all the medical profession and by the many people who knew him.

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