

ADDENDUM

Pharmacists of old

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I am recording the names of our dear fellow-Pharmacists who left to join their Creator. I do hereby offer my and your sincere condolences to their respective families or relatives.

155. Pharmacist Aldo Henry Camilleri born on 20th December 1932 at Sliema, was the son of Maestro Joseph and his wife Maria nee Falzon. He studied at St. Catherine's High School (1937-1939) and at St. Joseph Convent (1939-1944), both at Sliema, at the Lyceum, Valletta (1945-1950) and at the University (1951-1956) whence he obtained his L.P. diploma in 1952 and his B.Pharm. degree in 1956. He was the Managing Apothecary of his 'Ta' Xbiex Pharmacy" in Testaferrata Street, Msida. He lived at No. 40, St. Vincent Street, Sliema. He married Miss Isabel nee Camilleri Galea. His brother is an Assistant-Pharmacist (1959) Herman and his sister Antoinette is the wife of our fellow-Pharmacist Mario Fava while his mother-in-law is Pharmacist Gaiety (sive Gaetana) Camilleri Galea. He died on 8th March, 1987.
156. Pharmacist Tarcisio Vella, from Cospicua was born on 23rd November 1922, son of late Salvatore and his wife Mary nee Cini. He was educated at the Valletta Lyceum (1932-1935), at the Archbishop's Seminary (1936-1939) and at the Royal University of Malta (1944-1947), whence he obtained his Ph.C. in 1948 and B.Sc. in 1946. He was Secretary of the Students' Representative Council in 1947. He married Miss Costanza De Ross on 27th December 1951 and they have a daughter Giorgina and a son Sergio. Sergio is married to Astrid and they have a son Alain. Tarcisio managed his own pharmacy (1950-1956) and subsequently was Assistant-Technical Manager of the Firm Edible Oil Refining Co. (1957-1958) becoming Technical Manager of the Firm Sun Chemicals Ltd. since 1960. He was also Lecturer and Demonstrator of Pharmacognosy at our University during 1957-1960, and Member Examining Board of the Faculty of Science. He was an Associate of Production Engineers of England. He was also Consultant Engineer of the Firm Poultry Products Ltd. During World War II he served in the 21st Battery of the 11th H.A.A., R.M.A.(T). He lived at No. 160/21, "Tower Mansions", Tower Road, Sliema. Tarcisio died aged 64 on the 20th May 1987. May our dear Tarcisio rest in God's peace.
157. Pharmacist Joe Philip Sciberras was born on 9th October 1940, son of Joseph and his wife Josephine nee Fenech at St. Paul's Bay. He attended the Lyceum and the University, whence he graduated B.Pharm. on 28.3.1962. He married Miss Christina Borg on 7.8.1965 and they had a son, Joseph and a daughter, Penelope. He was the owner of "Mayer Pharmacy", 33, Ta' Xbiex Sea Front Msida. He was a Founder-Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 1969, President of the Malta Union of Pharmacists (1969-1973) and was a Member of Parliament (Labour) since 1976. He was also Chairman of the Commission for Higher Education, Malta's Permanent Representative to Council of Europe (1982-1986), was chosen Parliamentary Secretary at the Office of the Prime Minister responsible mainly for the Ports and Water Departments (1986-1987) and was Honorary President of St. Joseph Football Club - Msida and the Pietà Hotspur Football Club. He lived at 'Xibobo', Triq il-Ghenba, Attard. His recreations were gardening and fishing. Our dear fellow Pharmacist Joe died suddenly, while fishing from his motor-boat, on Sunday 29th November 1987 aged 47 years. May he rest in Peace.
158. Pharmacist Leopold Falzon was born on 26.1.1919 in Valletta. He attended the Pharmaceutical Course 1939-1942 and obtained his Diploma (Reg. No. 7) in 1943. He married Lily nee Zammit and had two sons, Joseph married to Doris and Stephen married to Ninette, and three step-daughters, Agnes married to Mr. Joe Mulligan, Vivienne married to Mr. John Gardener of U.K. and Lina married to Mr. Godwin Cauchi. He was employed in several community dispensaries until he joined the Government Service as Pharmacist at the Health Department on 1.10.1963 and served at the Medical Stores in Gwardamanga and subsequently as Pharmacist-in-charge of the Dispensary at Boffa Hospital at Floriana; and when he went on pension on 26.1.1979 he was employed at Collis and Williams Pharmacy in Republic Street, Valletta until his death. His hobby was the study of and research about the British Naval History since the very beginning of the last century and the commencement of the British stay in Malta: "Magnae et Invictae Britanniae Europae Vox et Melitensium Amor Has Insulas confirmant". My school fellow Puldu was a jolly and happy man and on good terms always with both friend and foe. He lived at No. 124, St. Ursola Street, Valletta and died aged 69 at St. Luke's Hospital on April 19, 1988. He was older of me by exactly one week 26th January to 1st February, 1919). May he rest in Peace.
159. Pharmacist Emmanuel Attard Bezzina, who obtained his Ph.C. in 1946 was married to Miss Fanny nee Magri of Birkirkara, who died before him, and they had two sons Charles, married to Marion and Adrian married to Valerie and a daughter Nadya, married to Mr. John Zarb. He

managed his own pharmacy at Zejtun. He was a member of the Labour Party since 1947, was elected to the Legislative Assembly in the 1947, 1955, 1962, 1966 and 1976 General Elections (see my article on 'Pharmacists who were Election Candidates for Parliament', carried in the No. 16 issue of September 1987, pages 32-35), was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives (1971-1976) and then Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Austria and the Scandinavian Countries (1976-1981). He lived at No. 40, St. Gregory Street, Zejtun. He died aged 66 at Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Floriana on 7.10.1988. R.I.P.

160. Pharmacist John Chetcuti Bonavita who was born on 28th October 1910 at Sliema, attended the University whence he graduated as B.Sc. in 1932 and obtained the diploma of Pharmacy in 1933.

He was employed with the Government as Pharmacist in the Medical and Health Department since 10.8.1936, when he was transferred as Analyst of the Milk Marketing Dept. on 20.6.43 when his place as Pharmacist-in-charge of the Central Hospital Dispensary was taken over by myself. He later returned to the Medical and Health Department when he was posted at the Medical Stores where he was soon appointed Senior Pharmacist and Assistant Medical Storekeeper on 30.1.1950 and went on pension on 20.10.1970. Mr. Chetcuti was married to the late Jane nee' Debono born at Gozo, daughter of late Emmanuel and his wife Susanna nee' Abela Carbonese and sister of our late fellow-Pharmacist Emmanuel (see No. 114) and Joseph Gerard (1909-1930-1969; see No. 132), and of the late Archpriest of Floriana the Very Rev. Luigi (1917-1947-1970) and of Captain Frank; they had two sons: Joe married to Carol and Noel married to Miriam. John went into a second marriage with Antoinette and lived at No. 24, Windsor Terrace, Sliema. He died at St. Luke's Hospital on 17th December 1988. R.I.P.

161. Pharmacist William Edward Felice, from Vallettà, son of Pharmacist Arthur Robert, M.P.S. (1878-1960; see No. 56 in issue No. 8 of June 1984) and his wife Maria Consiglia nee' Cassar. William was born on 23rd October 1902 and was educated at the Lyceum and our University whence he obtained his Ph.C. in 1947. He married Miss Inez Grech Cumbo on 15.10.1925 and had two daughters, Joan widow of Cecil Agius and Margaret. He was appointed Demonstrator (1957) and later Lecturer (1967) of Pharmaceutics at the University, Acting-Head of the Department of Pharmacy (1968-1970), President of the Chamber of Pharmacists (1960-1968), and was a member of the Royal Society of Health in London. He contested the General Election of 1962 in the 2nd District with the Democratic Nationalist Party when he obtained 329 votes but was not elected.

He managed his pharmacy at No. 95, Sanctuary Street, Zabbar. He lived at No. 37b, Annunciation Street, Sliema and died at St. Lukes' Hospital on 14.3.1989. R.I.P.