



MARGARET NEWMARK WATSON-WILLIAMS (MEG) 1924 - 2005

Margaret was born in Bolingbroke Road, London, on March 15, 1924 which makes her a true Cockney. After attending Harrow School for Girls, she astounded her family by being admitted to the Royal Free School of Medicine and graduating in 1948.

She served as a medical missionary in Africa, diagnosing the first case of smallpox in the Nigerian epidemic of 1956. She took the post of physician to the staff and students of Nigeria's first university. In 1961 she married Dr. John Watson-Williams, the first hematologist at University College of Ibadan. They moved to Manchester, England in 1962 where she joined a general practice and had three children.

The family moved to Brooklyn in 1969 where Meg worked in the Sanger Clinic for women's health until 1972 when they moved to UC Davis. To practice in the US, she had to pass FLEX exams and intern for a year in Sacramento at age 50. Then she became staff physician at Cowell Student Health Service at Davis, plus playing tennis, water skiing, participating in light opera and serving as a vestryperson in her church.

When both retired in 1988, they moved to Carmel and made frequent visits to Africa to assist in HIV/AIDS control in Uganda and Zambia. In 2000 Meg learned she had inoperable lung cancer and began chemotherapy which resulted in heart failure just before moving to SRC in January 2005. Meg spent her last two months in the Health Care Center and died on April 19, 2005.