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Edwin Darracott Vaughan, 1939–2016

TEACHER, MENTOR AND FRIEND

Edwin Darracott Vaughan Jr, of Sheridan, Wyoming, USA, died on Friday 22 April 2016 aged 76. He was born on 13 May 1939 in Richmond, Virginia.

Darracott Vaughan, as he was known, attended the St Christopher School in Richmond and graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in 1961. He went on to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1965 before training in general surgery at Vanderbilt University, completing his residency in urology at the University of Virginia.

In 1978 Darracott was appointed James J. Colt Professor of Urology, Chairman of the Department of Urology at Cornell University Medical Center and Urologist-in-Chief at the New York Hospital. He held many leadership roles over more than three decades of dedicated service to the Cornell/New York Hospital community, including Chief Medical Officer of the Weill Cornell Physician Organisation

and Executive Vice Dean/Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs.

Darracott provided many years of service to the American Urological Association (AUA) and its New York Section, holding the section presidency in 1987 and, in 2001, becoming President of the Association. He served on the American Board of Urology and was its president in 1989.

Darracott received recognition through honours and awards throughout his career for his contribution to the field of urology. To name but a few of these, he received the Gold Cystoscope Award in 1981, was awarded the Barringer Medal as a member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons in 1993, received the New York Academy of Medicine's Valentine Award and the Hugh Hampton Young Award from the AUA in 2000, and both the British Association of Urological Surgeons' prestigious St Paul's Medal and the Greenberg Distinguished Service Award from The New York Hospital. He was a founding member of the Medical Program

of the American-Austrian Foundation, with over 17 000 physicians attending Salzburg Seminars to date. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from his alma mater, Washington and Lee, in 1982.

Darracott published over 380 articles, 250 abstracts and authored several books. He undertook numerous visiting professorships and lectureships during his distinguished career, collaborating with leaders in his field all over the world. In the UK, he was the source of unstinting advice and support for the founding of The Urology Foundation (TUF) in the mid-1990s.

Most importantly, Darracott was a teacher, mentor and friend to so many, beloved by his peers, friends and family, giving deeply personal care and attention to all those he encountered. His true legacy extends beyond his lengthy professional career, in that his influence and guidance indelibly enriched the lives of his far-reaching circle of acquaintances, including so many of us here in the UK.

Roger Kirby, *The Prostate Centre, London*