



# DR. ROLAND “ROLY” CHRISTOPHER JUNG

## *Dedicated Pathologist and Family Man*

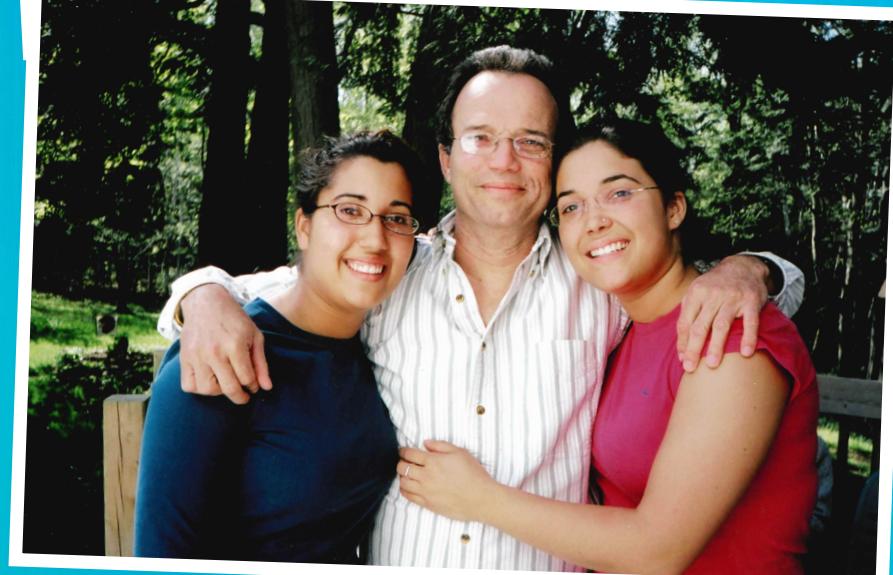
Dr. Roland, “Roly” Christopher Jung was born in Kingston Jamaica in 1949. His Secondary education was undertaken at the all-boys Calabar High School. He studied Medicine at the University of the West Indies (UWI) where he was well liked by his classmates, graduating in 1975. After internship at the Cornwall Regional Hospital, Roly went to Canada to do a Pathology Residency. He studied at the University of Ottawa and the University of Western Ontario, becoming a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (FRCPS) in 1980.

A highly respected Pathologist, Roly served at the Izaak Walton Killam (IWK) Hospital for Children and then the Annapolis Valley District Health Authority in 1983. Here he attained the position of Medical Director of Laboratory Services and served in this institution for the rest of his career. He was also Consultant Pathologist at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, and a Lecturer in Pathology at Dalhousie University. He was known for his efficiency, ensuring always that

Roly with son Jason



Roly with mother Dorothy



Roly with daughters Jessica (L) and Victoria (R)

lab reports were completed with dispatch. His efficiency was in tandem with his deep care for his patients, which would see him sometimes going to the lab on a Saturday. This would be to ensure that someone waiting on a biopsy result to confirm or disprove a cancer diagnosis would have the results as soon as possible and be spared the agony of prolonged uncertainty.

Among his achievements were the planning and design of a new laboratory in the Valley Regional Hospital facility, which was opened in 1990, and editing the Regional Laboratory Brochure. He served on the Board of Directors of Pathologists Overseas (a non-profit organization of pathologists volunteering services in developing countries), as Chair of the Section for Laboratory

Medicine of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, and President of Fundy-Appalachian Healthcare Corp (Professional Corporation.) He had membership in professional organizations such as the Canadian Medical Association, Medical Society of Nova Scotia, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Roly's dedication to work was facilitated by his wife and life partner Kathleen Ann White (aka Sis) whom he married in 1978. Together Kathleen and Roly had and brought up three children, Jason, Jessica, and Victoria. The family shared a love of adventure and took many trips together. Kathleen, a graduate of Immaculate Conception High School for Girls, was also a graduate with a science degree in Biology from Carlton University in Ottawa. Working from home she enjoyed being a member of a community non-audition choir and helping people in need. Despite his many accomplishments, Sis remembers Roly as a humble man in his essence, “one of the good guys,” who eschewed the limelight and enjoyed friendships with a wide cross section of people.

Life was not all work and social commitments however, as Roly was conscientious in supporting his children at many soccer games and band concerts. He shared a special bond of affection with his mother Mrs. Dorothy Jung. Roly was known for his *joie de vivre* making time to pursue his love of deep-sea fishing on trips to Jamaica and Belize. His interests included computers and information technology, especially digital photography. Roly and Sis were members of the Caribbean Association of Nova Scotia (CARANS) . He enjoyed great fellowship with friends while playing cricket and dominoes. The family participated in the annual Oakfield Park picnic, sharing in intergenerational games.

His family and friends conclude that his was a short life, and one that was well lived. They admire the courage and pragmatism with which he faced the diagnosis signalling the approaching end of his life. He was a very good patient and never complained during his illness. Family and friends continue to cherish the gift of his time with them and his example of generosity, dedication to his patients, commitment to his loved ones, joy, and fulfilment. Roland Christopher Jung died on September 14, 2006, at 56 years of age.