

IN MEMORIAM

Edward W. Webster, Ph.D.

1922 - 2005



Video Clip of Ted during AAPM Interview on August 26, 1992, Calgary Canada

The Early Years

Born in London on 12 April 1922.

Raised in a working class district.

Inspired by Father to Scholastic Excellence

Overcame heavy cockney accent

Four scholarships to Univ. of London

1943 B.Sc. in E.E. with first class honors

Early Career

- Graduate work War assignment by C.P. Snow
- Research in HV Engineering at English Electric Co.
- Ph.D. in E.E. Univ. of London, 1946.
- 1949 Postdoctoral Studies & Research at MIT with Van de Graaff, Trump & Evans.
- 1951 married first wife, Irene Henry. Two sons later.

Later Career

1952: Lecturer at Univ. of London

1953: Returned to Boston to join Radiology Staff at MGH with Drs. Robbin and Schultz where he remained on the staff for 47 years .

1956: First wife, Irene, died of diabetes

1961: Married second wife, Dorothea Wood

2001: Retired in January after 47 years at MGH

2005: Died on December 17 in Bedford, MA.

Some Awards & Honors

- Fellow of ACR (1963); HPS (1987); AAPM (1989)
- Coolidge Gold Medal Award, AAPM (1983)
- Failla Award, RAMPS & NY HPS (1990)
- Gold Medal, ACR (1991)
- Lauriston S. Taylor Lecturer, NCRP (1992)

Some AAPM Activities

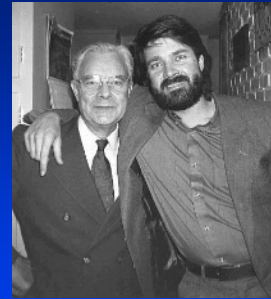
- Charter Member
- Served on First Board of Directors
- Drafted Constitution and Bylaws (with John Hale)
- 5th President of the AAPM
- Established the Scientific Committee on Radiation Dosimetry
- 12th Recipient of Coolidge Award

Service on Professional and Scientific Organizations

- **NCRP** : For 32 years: Chaired two committees & member of 7 others; Eight years on Board of Directors. 16th Taylor Lecturer
- **ACR**: Served on at least 10 Committees; Member of Committee on Units, Standards & Protection for 30 years.
- **ABR**: Served in various capacities for 26 years. Orally examined over 1250 radiologists and 250 physicists. Served on **ABHP** Examination Committee for three years.
- **U.S. Gov't Committees**: HEW, NIH, NRC, VA, DOE, NAS (BEIR-III).
- **International Committees**: IAEA, ICRP, ICRU, WHO, UNSCEAR, IOMP, Rad Effects Research Foundation of Japan.



Ted Webster circa 1951



Ted Webster and son Ed circa 2000



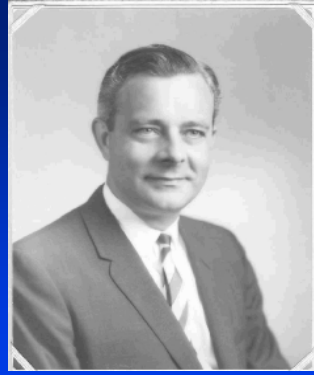
Ted and Dorothea Webster, 1999

Coolidge Award on August 2, 1983

“After this gala occasion tonight, I am looking forward intensely to the golden anniversary 25 years from now. I'll only be 86 and with the help of medical physics, I might make it”

- Ted Webster

The AAPM will forever be grateful that Ted chose America as his adopted country, medical physics as his life's career, and the AAPM as his professional home.



Ted Webster, circa 1971