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# Obituaries

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**Mark Hartman**, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist St Brendan's Hospital and the Vergemount Clinic, Dublin

Mark Hartman died on 9 January 1994 after a year long illness. He had continued to work to the very end and in this he showed heroic and quite remarkable qualities which deeply impressed all those who knew him.

He was born in Chicago in 1942, the son of an eminent psychologist. After completing high school he obtained a BSc in mathematics and physics and then spent one year as a research fellow in embryology at the Carnegie Institute of Embryology in Baltimore. He came to Ireland in the early 1960s and studied medicine in Trinity College Dublin, qualifying in 1969. His undergraduate career at Trinity was brilliant and he was the recipient of many prizes and distinctions including being made a scholar of the university.

After an internship in Sir Patrick Duns Hospital he specialised in psychiatry, working initially in St Patrick's Hospital, then St Ita's, St Brendan's and St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview. After obtaining his psychiatric qualifications (he was elected MRCPsych in 1973) he worked for two years as a temporary consultant in St Mary's Hospital, Castlebar, returning to Dublin as a permanent consultant in 1978. In 1983 he took a three year career break in the USA, working initially in Boston where he was an associate Professor of Psychiatry in Boston University, then as medical director of Lakeshore Hospital, Manchester, New Hampshire. After his return to Ireland the rest of his professional life was based in Dublin, culminating in his last position which was at the Vergemount Psychiatric Clinic.

Mark's interests in psychiatry were diverse and ranged from psychoanalytical psychotherapy in his early years to a more biological approach later on. As a speciality psychotherapy tutor for the Dublin region he was an excellent and natural teacher and he was greatly admired by the many trainees with whom he came in contact. He was a major figure in Irish psychiatry and held many offices with distinction. But perhaps it was the founding of the *Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine* for which he will be best remembered. From humble beginnings in 1982 this journal now has a significant status in our speciality. It is published quarterly and enjoys a circulation which ranks it third of the psychiatric journals published in the British Isles. This is an impressive achievement for an Irish-based specialist journal and is largely the result of

Mark's great dedication, energy and enormous capacity for work.

As a friend and colleague he was always wonderful company. He was an accomplished pianist and had a great interest in philosophy, drama and history. He had the rare ability of being able to combine great erudition with a marvellous sense of fun, a quality which enabled him to face death with a certain degree of equanimity.

We tend to be rather insular in Ireland but Mark gave to us something of the universal. He was an intellectual in the true European sense and it was a privilege to have known him.

AIDAN MCGENNIS

**William Kenneth Marshall**, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Severalls Hospital, Colchester

Ken Marshall died on 7 March 1994 at Colchester General Hospital after an 18 month illness which he bore with great dignity.

Ken was born in 1923, received his secondary education in Hartlepool, and studied medicine at Kings College Hospital, qualifying MRCS, LRCP in 1949. He obtained the DPM in 1957. He held junior appointments at Kings College Hospital and at Bexley Hospital. He also served as junior specialist (Psychiatry) during his National Service.

In 1958 he joined Severalls Hospital, Colchester, as senior hospital medical officer, becoming consultant in 1972. He was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1985. Ken served as Chairman of the Psychiatric Division from 1974–1977 and again from 1981–1984. He was a long-serving member of the North East Thames Region Advisory Committee on Psychiatry and was Honorary Consultant to the Samaritans and Marriage Guidance Council in the Colchester and Chelmsford Districts.

Ken was held in high regard by his colleagues in the speciality and outside it, as a clinician, administrator and a man of the highest personal integrity. He did some pioneering work in the treatment of neuroses in the 1960s and 1970s, particularly in the field of phobic and obsessional states.

Ken had a sharp sense of humour which he retained until his last days. He had a keen interest in music and reading. After his retirement in 1986 he kept in touch with Severalls Hospital by attending the weekly case conferences even during his long and painful illness.