

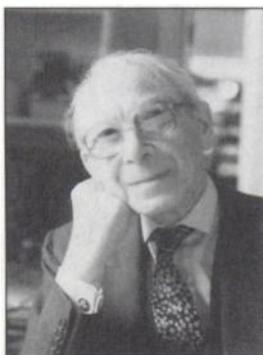
registrar was somewhat taken aback, to say the least, when offered mid morning coffee in Blackpool, lunch and a crate of kippers from the Isle of Man and still a promise that they would be back at the hospital in time for a 2 p.m. clinic! He and his wife were Freemen of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators and members of the British Medical Pilots Association.

Roy was also a Freeman of the City of London, a Freeman of the Guild of Freeman of the City of London and a Burgess of the City of Glasgow.

He married Katherine Neil Brittain in 1945 on return from his service in India and she survives him. They were a devoted couple and I know that if he is looked after on his side of the Jordan half as well as she looked after him on our side, then he will come to no harm.

STEPHEN H. SHAW.

Louis Rose, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Charter Nightingale Hospital, London NN1



Louis Rose, the distinguished psychiatrist, died at the age of 90. He lived a full life with humour, penetrating intelligence and a profound interest in all that took place around him. He studied medicine at St George's Hospital and qualified MRCS LRCP in 1931. In 1971 he was elected FRCPsych (foundation).

Right until the very end he followed the most recent developments, not only in psychiatry but in medicine generally. His phenomenal memory was only one of the many attributes at his disposal and he deployed it, as he did so many of his talents, for the well-being and comfort of his patients.

Here was a quite remarkable man whose pleasant disposition and breadth of interest was astonishing. He represented St George's Hospital as a cricketer, a golfer, a boxer and a rifle shot. He was a soldier, serving as a RAMC Major during World War II in Italy and North Africa. He was a violinist and a drummer. He even briefly found himself involved in movie making, having loaned his rather special white convertible car for some location shots in the Grace Kelly film 'High Society'. His high standards were reflected in his mode of dress: he was always elegantly tailored, putting to shame his younger colleagues.

He was a practical man, who, rare among doctors, was able to follow his own advice. After each of his three heart attacks the golf course became his convalescent home. When angina signalled a halt he would repair to the clubhouse, returning the next day to continue his round. When he found to his delight that the subsequent opening of the collaterals afforded him another hundred yards or so he would continue the process until he could successfully complete a circuit of the course.

This tenacity was central to his research projects. He always displayed a willingness to move on to the next idea ranging from research into the validation of various psychological tests to the introduction of Methohexitone, a muscle relaxant which makes it possible to treat phobias and anxiety swiftly and efficiently by behaviour therapy.

There is no doubt that Louis had a tough life but always his faith and sense of humour precluded any sentimentality. He was amusing on the subject of his own health, convinced that his doctor's were running a 'book' on which of his ailments would prove fatal; the previous coronary history, the *cor bovis*, the cancer of the prostate or the aplastic anaemia.

Louis Rose was an outstanding doctor who would not close his mind to anything that might be of use in healing his patients. It therefore comes as no surprise to find him writing the definitive book on faith healing. *Faith Healing* is a prime example of his open-mindedness. It is probably the best book written on the subject and, while he may not have been a practitioner, it is typical of the man that he should be available to unconventional ideas. Many an ex-student of Louis remembers with affection him teaching hypnosis.

He is survived by his wife Trudi, whom he married in 1946, a son Adrian, and a daughter Carla.

LINFORD REES

The deaths of the following have also been reported:

ISAAC ATKIN, formerly consultant psychiatrist; Lulworth House, 2 Ellesmere Road, Weybridge, Surrey.

DAVID WILLIAM THEODORE HARRIS, retired consultant psychiatrist and former medical superintendent, Westwood Hospital, Bradford, Yorkshire.

RICHARD VINCENT PHILLIPSON, formerly consultant psychiatrist, United States Public Health Service; Battlefield Heights, PO Box 659, Berryville, Virginia 22611, USA.