

Dr. William Feindel, 1918-2014, Remembrances

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**“What a man leaves after him are the dreams that his name inspires
and the works that make his name a symbol of admiration” Paul Valéry
(French Poet)**

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Feindel had been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital and was scheduled for the implantation of a pacemaker on the

I thus learned very early that focused and relevant questions were his quintessential trademark. At a dinner meeting with Dr. Feindel and Dr. Bertrand, the Head of the Department of Neurosurgery, Dr. Feindel discussed the plan for the development of brain tumour research at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital and inquired if I would be

and accomplishments of his career. In Dr. Feindel's typical manner he provided me with a short one page document that listed his accomplishments under the headings of *Epilepsy*, *Brain Imaging*, and the *History of Neurosciences*. It is interesting that his list included more contributions to the *History of Neurosciences* than in any other area. In June 2002 Dr. Abe Fuks, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at McGill and myself nominated Dr. Feindel for the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame under the areas of *Epilepsy*, *Brain Imaging*, and the *History of Neurosciences* and as a "Builder" of the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital as its Director from 1972-1984. He was honoured as an Inductee to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in 2003 and at that time he and his wife, Faith, asked my wife, Pam, and me to join him at his table for the induction ceremonies.

with all best wishes for a rewarding II Career/ in admiration from your friend and colleague in Osler. Bill Feindel” This is a treasure to be passed on with willing hands at the future time.

The last time I saw him was on December 17th during the launch for his new book *Images of the Neuro* at which time he gave a Power Point presentation on the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, his recent book and what was to come next. Dr Feindel was a “Man of the Book” and the ink of knowledge flowed in his veins.

The Legacy

Dr. Feindel’s publications, teachings, and lectures have disseminated information on the surgical treatment of temporal lobe seizures across the globe. Because of his exquisite skill in dealing with these complicated neurosurgical problems, many visiting surgeons from around the world have come to learn from him. Along with these surgeons, his many Residents and Fellows have imbibed the knowledge he imparted and this has been passed on as part of his legacy throughout the world. His demonstrations of the value of brain imaging continue to have a daily impact on the lives of patients with neurological disease. Many of the developments and accomppmos2 1d2 (n)-1 (l) (s)1 (n)2 (l)1TJos2 1d1 (l)1M (l)42 (l)12 (l)1 Tjat 4N (l)e1 (l)1 (g)-1

