

Leo Rozner

1932 – 2016

Leo Rozner was a plastic surgeon in Windsor, New South Wales, Australia. Born on 19 July 1932 in Danzig, Germany, he was the son of Chaskiel Rozner and his wife Klara née Kleczki. Seven years later in 1939 the family emigrated to Australia to escape the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

He studied medicine at Melbourne University and graduated in 1955. After working as an associate assistant surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 1955 to 1961 and later as assistant surgeon from 1959 to 1962, he became an assistant to Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop and worked with him for four years until 1964. In 1960 he passed the fellowship of the college. At the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne he was an assistant plastic surgeon from 1964 to 1972 when he became a senior plastic surgeon. Having served in Vietnam as a surgeon with the United States Agency for International Development in 1963, the Australian government awarded him the Vietnam service medal in 1996. Appointed consultant plastic surgeon at the Sandringham Hospital in Melbourne he was there from 1975 to 1984, followed by a consultant post in Windsor, New South Wales.

He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, a founding member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons and a member of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons.

Outside medicine he enjoyed golf, skiing, photography, music and the arts. He married Catherine Jane Welk on 8 June 1954 and they had two children Gideon and Romy. On 31 March 1961 he married Judith Ur and their children were Maya Regina and Dana Sarah. They divorced in 1983. When he died on 28 May 2016 aged 83, he was survived by his third wife, Denise, and his four children.

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