

I N M E M O R I A M

1959

GEORGE A. "SANDY" LAMB, of Portland, OR, died March 25. Dr. Lamb completed his residency at Upstate in pediatrics under his respected mentor, Julius Richmond, MD. During that time, he became interested in the field of infectious diseases and spent two years working as an epidemiologist for the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the Centers for Disease Control in Kansas City, MO. Following the EIS, he returned to Upstate in 1964 to work with Dr. Richmond and Harry Feldman, MD, (preventative medicine). He was also involved with research, administration, teaching, and patient care. In 1972, he left Upstate and followed Richmond to Harvard University Medical School, where he worked in preventive and social medicine, pediatrics, and community health. In 1979, he went to work at Boston University Schools of Medicine (pediatrics) and public health and Boston City Hospital, later becoming director of health and hospitals for the city of Boston. There, he led city efforts to respond to homelessness and the emerging AIDS epidemic. He advocated for one of the nation's first needle exchange programs, making many friends whose lives were later lost to AIDS. From one of these friendships came the inspiration to retire early. In 1990, he and Ruth moved "off the grid" to Sandy's family camp in Hague, NY, where they lived for 15 years, cutting and splitting wood, making maple syrup, and observing nature. Lamb had a heartfelt drive to make the world a better place through providing healthcare, making children smile, reducing his ecological footprint, caring for those who had less than he did, and taking in wayward dogs. Lamb was survived by his wife, Ruth; children Bonnie, Glenn, and Bruce; sister Kitty; two grandchildren; and two nieces.

1960

FRANK J. WEINSTOCK, of Boca Raton, FL, died July 8, 2022. Dr. Weinstock attended medical school in Lausanne, Switzerland, before finishing his degree at Upstate Medical University. He completed his ophthalmology residency at University Hospitals in Cleveland. He had a short stint in the public health service in Washington, DC, and then returned to Canton, NY. He opened Canton Ophthalmology Associates in the 1960's. He authored hundreds of articles and multiple books on diseases of the eye. He lectured internationally and practiced medicine until the age of 78. Weinstock received the lifetime achievement award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He was survived by his wife, Saragale; sons Michael and Jeffrey; daughter Jill; and nine grandchildren.

1963

RAYMOND W. SHAMP, of Roseville, CA, died July 13, 2024.

KENNETH TAYLOR STEADMAN, of Geneva, NY, died May 1. In 1968, Dr. Steadman completed his residency at Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester and moved to Fort Jackson, SC, to complete his U.S. Army service as an obstetrician and gynecologist. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology with Geneva Medical Associates from 1970 to 1999. He was deeply honored to serve as an OB/GYN and took great pride in guiding countless families through some of life's most profound moments. Over the course of his career, he delivered thousands of babies and was a trusted presence in the lives of many throughout the community. He was a proud member of the Geneva Rotary Club for more than 50 years. Steadman was survived by his sons Peter, Erich, and Karl; daughter Sharon; and five grandchildren.

1965

DONALD S. BIALOS, of New York, NY, and Seattle, WA, died September 26, 2023. Dr. Bialos served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and served at the base in Groton, CT, as a psychiatrist during the Vietnam War. He owned a private psychiatric practice with his wife, Sandra, in Madison, CT. He also taught at Yale University and provided psychiatric support for an AIDS hospice in New Haven, CT. Bialos was survived by his sons, Michael and Jeffrey.

ANTHONY R.M. CAPRIO, of Fall River, MA, died October 2, 2024. Dr. Caprio served his country honorably in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer during Vietnam, retiring with the rank of captain. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor during his time in the war. He operated the former Nashoba Orthopedic Associates for more than 30 years and was a highly respected trauma surgeon throughout his career. He also worked at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield, MA. Caprio was survived by his wife, Gail; children Christopher, Melissa, James, Kim, and Keith; and six grandchildren.

DAVID BARUCH GELLES, of Puyallup, WA, died January 30. Dr. Gelles did his residencies at Stanford University and UCLA in neurology and psychiatry respectively. He served as a doctor for the U.S. Navy in the early 1970s, then in private practice in Los Angeles for 30 years. Gelles was survived by his children, Jeff, Beth, Judy, and Annie; and 10 grandchildren.

DONALD C. WHITE, of Coffeyville, KS, died February 7. Dr. White began his internship at San Francisco General Hospital under the auspices of the University of California. In 1966, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served in Würzburg, Germany. His military service concluded where he was honorably discharged as a major in the 3rd Infantry Division in 1969. After returning to civilian life, he completed his residency in California and then moved to Oklahoma City, OK, to finalize his three-year residency in radiology. In 1973, he relocated to Coffeyville, KS, and began a rewarding career at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center. He retired after 42 years of dedicated service to the community. White was survived by his wife, Joan; son John; and two grandchildren.

1967

PAUL ARTHUR DEMARE, of Palm Beach, FL, died May 31, 2023. Dr. DeMare completed his medical internship in Honolulu, HI, and residencies in radiation oncology in Philadelphia, PA, and London, England. In 1975, he returned to Hawaii to join the medical practice that would define him professionally for the next four decades. DeMare was survived by his partner, Maureen Riley; children Pamela, Jeffrey, Tracey, and Brian; and eight grandchildren.

1968

LAWRENCE JOEL ROSENBLUM, of Ashton, MD, died June 15, 2023. After an internship in Oakland, CA, Dr. Rosenblum was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served two years as a major and the base doctor at Camp Drum in Watertown, NY. Following his discharge, he returned to Upstate to begin a residency in radiology. He subsequently practiced in Syracuse, Exeter, NH, Tucson, AZ, and then Norwich, NY, where he spent the mainstay of his career. His professional life as a radiologist spanned teaching and research, hospital, group, and ultimately, private practice. He and his wife, Leslie, built Central Diagnostic Imaging, a free-standing multi-modality imaging center in Norwich. CDI began as a mobile CT service to three hospitals in three small rural counties. Ten years later, after CT service was standard in hospitals, they transformed their mobile practice into an independent state-of-the-art imaging center with ultrasound, CT, MRI, and bone densitometry. He and his partner, Janet Martin, were passionate advocates for their patients. Over the course of 26 years, he provided quality care to rural Upstate. Rosenblum was survived by his wife, Leslie; daughters Jessica and Lilah; and two grandchildren.

1970

ROBERT H. CANCRO, of Burien, WA, died January 27. Upon completion of his surgical internship at Harborview in Seattle, Dr. Cancro joined the Indian Public Health Service in Montana, serving the Cheyenne and Blackfeet Reservations as a general medical officer. After completing his service, his medical journey continued with an orthopedic residency at Vancouver General Hospital in Canada. He joined Valley Orthopedic Associates (now Proliance Orthopedic Associates) in 1979 as a partner and compassionately cared for many patients in his 30 years of practice. Cancro was survived by his daughters, Tara and Kate.

1971

MICHAEL I. KELLER, of San Diego, CA, died in 2024. Dr. Keller spent almost 50 years caring for people with arthritis and osteoporosis. He began his practice in 1975 and subsequently the San Diego Arthritis Medical Clinic, which served San Diego, Chula Vista, Poway, El Centro and Yuma, AZ, specializing in rheumatology, rehabilitation and research. Keller was a leader who provided care for thousands of patients and medical practices. He served on the board of the Arthritis Foundation for many years. Keller was survived by his husband, Daniel; son Kevin; daughter Tamara; and three grandsons.

1979

STEPHEN RICHARD CUDDY, of Collierville, TN, died April 3. Dr. Cuddy completed his medical internship at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He then completed a residency in internal medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, IN, and a fellowship in invasive cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic. He was board certified in both cardiology and internal medicine. He had a long career and worked in private practice and managed health care. Cuddy also worked in government sponsored positions including the Indian Health Service at Fort Defiance on the Navajo Nation. Cuddy was survived by his wife, Mary Linda; sons Kevin and Ryan; and his mother Lucille Sponberg.

Residents

ROBERT E. MAHER, of Worcester, MA, died February 3, 2021. Dr. Maher graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. He served in the Navy and practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Worcester for more than 35 years, serving as an attending physician on the staffs of Worcester City, St. Vincent, and Hahnemann Hospitals. In 1978, he left private practice to become the first chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the Fallon Clinic. He was board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a fellow of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Maher was survived by his children, Linda, Robert, Jeffrey, Mary, Timothy, Deidre, and Patricia; son-in-law Robert Moberg; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

NEIL NASON MANN, of Gloucester, MA, died September 5, 2019. Dr. Mann attended and graduated University of Vermont Medical School in 1963. He completed his residency at Upstate and was a doctor and captain in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 in San Antonio and Glen Burnie. In 1968 and 1969 he was the chief medical resident at Addison Gilbert Hospital. In 1969 he became a founding partner of the Cape Ann Medical Center, where he worked until 2005. He was a self-taught toxicology expert for all of Cape Ann. He was instrumental in bringing the Veteran's Clinic to Gloucester. Later in his career he shifted his focus to geriatric care working at the senior adult unit at AGH, the Center of Healthy Aging in Danvers, as well as with Seacoast Rehabilitation Center. His career with the Lahey group spanned over 50 years. Mann was survived by his wife, Debra Burke; sons Richard and Scott; daughters Debra and Leah; stepson Dustin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

DONALD "DON" BARRIE MCBURNEY, of Mandeville, LA, died May 27. Dr. McBurney graduated from Louisiana State University Medical School in 1968. He completed his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and subsequently volunteered to serve two years in the U.S. Navy, functioning as a flight surgeon with the rank of lieutenant. His primary duty was caring for pilots stationed stateside during the Vietnam War at South Weymouth Naval Air Station in Massachusetts. To complete his residency in radiology, he trained and completed rotations at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Upstate Medical Center, and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He began his practice at Ochsner Clinic in Metairie, LA. In 1977, he transitioned to private practice at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Highland Park Hospital in Covington, LA. In the 1980's, he was recruited back to Ochsner to develop new radiology departments across southeast Louisiana, including Baton Rouge, Hammond, and Covington. He retired in 2011. McBurney was survived by his wife, Dawn Marie; daughters Leanne, Susan, and Ashley; and three grandsons.

RANDOLPH (RANDY) SHERMAN, of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, died July 18, 2023. Dr. Sherman earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977. He completed general surgical training at the University of California, San Francisco, and SUNY Upstate. His plastic surgery training took place at the University of Southern California in 1985, after which he joined the faculty in the Departments of Surgery, Orthopedics and Neurosurgery. He most recently served as director of the Cedars-Sinai Division of Plastic Surgery in Los Angeles, where he was also vice chair of the Department of Surgery and a professor of surgery. He specialized in reconstructive micro-neurovascular surgery, aesthetic and reconstructive breast surgery, hand surgery, cosmetic surgery, and the care of difficult wounds. He served as director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery as well as the American Board of Surgery, in addition to his ASRM presidency. He was a plastic surgery icon and integral to the advancement of microsurgery. Sherman founded the Southern California Chapter of Operation Smile, a nonprofit organization that provides reconstructive surgery to people all over the world. He participated in Operation Smile medical missions to most of the organization's partner countries, leading many of the missions himself. In 1999, Sherman participated in Operation Smile's World Journey of Hope, which circled the globe in a flying hospital to bring reconstructive services to more than 5,000 children. As chief medical officer, he operated in more than 40 countries for over 25 years while providing exceptional logistical and clinical leadership of Operation Smile. Sherman also served on the organization's board of directors, consulting with the U.S. Navy on multiple humanitarian missions. Sherman was survived by his son, Max.

ALAN JAY SIMONS, of Naples, FL, died May 10 after a courageous battle with cancer. Dr. Simons earned his medical degree from New York Medical College in 1985, followed by an internal medicine residency at Upstate where he served as chief resident. He completed a fellowship in cardiac disease at Upstate from 1989-92. For more than 30 years, Simons served as an interventional cardiologist at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, where he held positions as director of invasive cardiology, director of acute care cardiology, and medical director of cardiology. His compassion and dedication to his work were unparalleled. He cared for his patients as people, always taking the time to listen, to empathize, and to make everyone feel heard and valued. His life was defined by his kindness, resilience, and the deep love he had for his family and friends. He served as a member of the LeMoyne College Board of Regents. Simons was survived by his wife, Deborah; and children Matthew, Alexis, and Sara.

DOROTHY URBAN WRIGHT, of Fayetteville, NY, died September 5, 2024. Dr. Wright attended the Medical College of Virginia on a full academic scholarship. She later trained at Johns Hopkins and Harvard (at the Jimmy Fund under Sidney Farber). She worked in public health and eventually founded her own solo practice in Oswego, NY, which she ran for nearly 18 years until returning in 1996 to a pediatric practice in Syracuse with a focus on asthma education and treatment. In the 1990s, she began to pivot to medical ethics and palliative medicine, soon teaching medical ethics at Upstate and co-founding the Palliative Medicine Service at Crouse Hospital in 2003. Retiring shy of her 80th birthday she continued as a volunteer at Crouse, counseling patients nearing life's end into her early 90s. Wright was survived by her children, Stephen, David, Julie, and Susan; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.