

IN MEMORIAM

1954

DONALD WARREN HILLMAN, of Heath, TX, died September 15. Dr. Hillman served in World War II and received an honorable discharge as a corporal in the U.S. Army Infantry in 1947. He earned a master's in occupational medicine from the University of Cincinnati and became board certified in occupational medicine in 1965. Hillman worked first in general practice in Canisteo, NY, for a year, then as the plant physician at Ford Motor Company in Cincinnati, OH, for 13 years. He was medical director of SOHIO, in Cleveland, OH, for six years and finally retired as medical director of Diamond Shamrock/Maxus. Hillman was survived by his children, James and Bette.

1955

SOLOMON PICKARD, of Huntington Woods, MI, died November 1, 2022. Dr. Pickard was survived by his children, Daniel, Joshua, and Susan; and five grandchildren.

1956

I. MICHAEL SAMLOFF, of Pismo Beach, CA, died August 26, 2022. Dr. Samloff was a professor of medicine at UCLA-Brentwood, the Sepulveda VA in Los Angeles, and at the University of Rochester, where he conducted research and taught medical staff. He retired in 1999 and started a software company. Samloff was survived by his wife, Aija; children Ann and David; stepson Kristoffer; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

ARVIN J. KLEIN, of San Diego, CA, died July 28, 2022.

1959

JOHN R. DE PALMA, of Santa Monica, CA, died March 24. Dr. De Palma served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as captain in Nuremberg, Germany, from 1962 to 1964. Following his service, he completed his post graduate medical education in internal medicine and nephrology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. In 1966, he was selected by UCLA faculty at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to start a new Federal Health and Human Services Agency clinical research grant in home hemodialysis. He then became director of hemodialysis programs at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He carried the academic rank of assistant professor of medicine at UCLA. In 1968 he met with California Medi-Cal providers and provided them the cost of home hemodialysis costs versus hospital outpatient cost and the State of California passed

regulations and provided financial support for home dialysis. By 1970, he had achieved a successful community-based home hemodialysis program and was awarded a second major HHS grant in self-care dialysis at Olive View Medical Center. In 1973, he went into private practice and cared for many patients with acute renal failure, many from the result of surgery and/or the use of drugs that impaired kidney function. His idea that kidney function had to be studied before surgery and antibiotics were administered was put into medical policy and the changes resulted in a dramatic reduction of acute renal failure, first in Glendale, then San Fernando Valley hospitals, and then major medical centers of UCLA and USC. De Palma made many other remarkable and astounding advances for dialysis patients and healthcare workers; developing machinery, laboratory tests and dialysis related devices that are still in use today.

CHARLES E. HUNTER, of Baldwinsville, NY, died September 1. Dr. Hunter served in the Army in Dugway, UT. After his service, he went into pediatric practice in Baldwinsville and Liverpool, NY, for 30 years. He was survived by his wife, Edith; son David; daughter Diane; and four grandchildren.

1962

ROBERT E. LUBANSKI, of Venice, FL, died July 13. Dr. Lubanski completed his residency in OB/GYN, and then served his commitment to the U.S. Army in Fort Dix, NJ. In 1968, he settled into private practice and practiced in Auburn for 40 years. He dedicated his career to the care of women, especially disadvantaged women. He was instrumental in getting East Hill Family Medical established in Auburn, where he served as medical director. He was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, served as chief of the OB/GYN department at Auburn Memorial, and president of the Cayuga County Medical Society. Lubanski was survived by his wife, Sherry; sons Robert and John; daughter Christine; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

MEAD F. NORTHROP, of Santa Barbara, CA, died July 1. Dr. Northrop served two years in the U.S. Army before completing his residency in radiation oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1969. Following residency, he was offered a year's fellowship at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He began his professional career in academic medicine, teaching at the University of Florida College of Medicine. In 1972, he joined the staff of the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara, eventually becoming medical director, and was president of the Santa Barbara County Medical

Society and the Cosmopolitan Club. Northrop was survived by his wife, Betsy; sons Fred and Ross; and four grandchildren.

1963

EDWARD TAUB, of Laguna Niguel, CA, died August 9. Dr. Taub completed his internship at U.C. Irvine and pediatric residency at the University of Southern California. He established himself in the field of pediatrics with his brother Lanny Taub, MD, and physician partners in Tustin, CA, caring for more than 20,000 families. He set out on a lifelong mission to help children and families achieve wellness through positive health and lifestyle choices. He founded the Wellness Medical Institute and dedicated his career to the field of integrative medicine. He authored eight books and served as QVC's on-air wellness medical doctor, broadcasting to over 100 million homes. Later in life, Taub served as ship doctor aboard the Curlew, a historic schooner in Dana Point, where he developed the Voyage to Wellness program for local youth and others to sail and learn about health and wellness. He was at home at sea, having had served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Coast Guard and as a ship doctor for major cruise lines. Taub was survived by his wife, Anneli; his children, grandchildren, and other family.

1964

MURRAY J. MILLER, of Mooresville, NC, and formerly of Lauderdale by the Sea, FL, died October 5. After graduating from Upstate he served in the U.S. Army as a flight surgeon and was stationed in Vicenza, Italy. He was honorably discharged after three years with the rank of major. For almost 60 years, he practiced medicine and was a dedicated endocrinologist who went above and beyond for his patients. He was a diabetes specialist who loved his job and did not fully retire until well into his 70s. Miller was survived by his daughters, Roslyn and Kristin; and son Daniel.

1965

DAVID J. GEBARA, of Sarasota, FL, died June 5, 2022. Dr. Gebara served in the U.S. Air Force as a physician during the Vietnam War. He was board certified in internal medicine, psychiatry, and geriatric psychiatry. After serving his country he stayed in northern Virginia in private practice psychiatry for 50 years. Gebara was survived by his wife, Annette; daughters Leigh and Cynthia; and one grandson.

1967

JOHN R. MOORE, of Remsen, NY, died July 29. Dr. Moore interned at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, followed by one-year of surgical residency and two years of anesthesia residency. In 1971, he joined the U.S. Medical Corps at the rank of major and was stationed at the U.S. Military Academy Hospital at West Point. During his two years of active duty, he served as chief of anesthesiology and director of surgical services. While in the service, he became a Diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology. In 1973, he returned to Utica and joined Alberto Bonasera, MD, in the practice of anesthesiology and intensive care medicine at the Faxton and Children's Hospital. They were later joined by Gerald Marketos, MD, and formed Sunset Anesthesia Associates, the first all-board certified anesthesia group in the Utica area. After leaving clinical practice, he served six years as medical director of Surgical Services at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. Moore was survived by his wife, Ludmilla; children Michele, Melissa, Maureen, Nicholas, Alexander, and Kathrine; and five grandchildren.

1970

FRIDA G. PARKER, of Saddle River, NJ, died October 7. Dr. Parker began her medical career as a pathologist, with residencies at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and Lenox Hill Hospital. She later switched specialties, completing residency in psychiatry at Rutgers Health and New York Medical College. She was a specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry and treated patients in her private practice and consulted for local school districts and St. Agatha Home for Children. Parker was a member of the Saddle River Board of Health and helped guide their town through the COVID-19 pandemic. Parker was survived by her sons, Michael and Matthew; and three grandchildren.

1977

ARUNAS BUDNIKAS, of Bennington, VT, died August 11. Dr. Budnikas chose family practice because he wanted to care for patients from cradle to grave, building strong relationships and good health. He practiced in Syracuse, Walton, Greenwich and Cambridge, NY. He made medical missions to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. In later years, he was a Bennington Project Independence board member, longtime volunteer at HIS Food Pantry, and a shopper and companion through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. He continued his medical skills in the Vermont Medical Reserve Corps, Vermont Health Connect, and at the Bennington Free Clinic. Budnikas was survived by his wife,

Kathy; son Todd; stepdaughters Katie and Casey; two granddaughters; and two step grandchildren.

1984

JANIE ELIZABETH PINKSTON, of Staunton, VA, died December 1, 2019.

1987

MARK TINKLEPAUGH, of North Hero, VT, died September 2022. Dr. Tinklepaugh completed his anesthesia training at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He served his community proudly for many decades with Riverside Associates in anesthesia. Tinklepaugh was survived by his wife, **Pamela Cook**; and children, Jeffrey, Daniel, and Megan.

1989

RICHARD J. DISTEFANO, of Jamesville, NY, died August 19. Dr. DiStefano finished his orthopedic training at Upstate in 1995. He worked as a spine surgeon for Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists, having privileges at many local hospitals and served the people of Central New York. DiStefano was survived by his wife, Sheryl; daughter Kathryn; sons **David '19** and Daniel; and many other relatives.

Residents

PAUL W. BERNSTEIN, of Barrington, RI, and West Island, MA, died August 24, 2022. Dr. Bernstein, a veteran of the U.S. Army, served in the European theatre during World War II. Bernstein was a neurosurgeon who served as chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, president of Pawtucket Memorial Association, and president of Rhode Island Neurosurgical Society. Bernstein was survived by his wife, Marian; daughters Sandra and Linda; son Michael; and two grandchildren.

WILFRED ALWYN CASSELL, of Port Orchard, WA, died September 19, 2023. Dr. Cassell completed his residency in 1962. He practiced psychiatry for many years, retiring from practice in 2015. During his career, he developed his own somatic inkblot series, focusing on body symbolism, and published a book and many papers on the subject. Cassell was survived by his sons, Robert, David, and Steven; daughter Sharon; and three grandchildren.

CAROLINE TITUS EASTMENT, of Manlius, NY, died September 28. Dr. Eastment earned her MS and PhD from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, her medical degree from McGovern Medical School at the University at Texas Houston, and completed a pediatric residency in 1986 at Upstate. She practiced as a pediatrician in Syracuse for more than three decades. Eastment was survived by her daughter, Claire; and many friends and family members.

FRANK M. GATTI, of Amherst, NY, died September 2. Dr. Gatti received his medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago in 1963 and completed an internship in pediatrics and a two-year general psychiatry residency at Upstate. He finished his training with a residency in child psychiatry at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy at the Newport Naval Station from 1968 to 1970, treating returning Vietnam War combat veterans. He received a master's in public health from Harvard and a master's from Hartford Divinity School. Following his military service, he spent the next two decades as a child psychiatrist at Columbia Point Health Center. Later, he worked at the Child Guidance Center in Cambridge, the Whitman Counseling Center, and South Cove's Community Health Center in Boston. In 1991, he joined the University of Massachusetts Medical School, lecturing and training residents while working in local clinics. Gatti served as chief child psychiatrist at Worcester's Children's Friend Mental Health Clinic for several years and saw patients at clinics in Westfield. Gatti was survived by his wife, Eleanor; daughters Beth and Gillian; sons Michael and Daniel; stepchildren Aaron and Kerry; six grandchildren; and six step grandchildren.

ROGER L. LERNER, of Los Angeles, CA, died June 1, 2019. Dr. Lerner graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1962 and completed a residency at Upstate in 1965 and a fellowship at Stanford University Medical Center. He then entered the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served as a Captain at the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Ascom, South Korea. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he completed a fellowship at the Veteran Administration Hospital in Seattle, WA. Lerner was an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University in New York City and at the USC School of Medicine. At the time of his death, he held the position of clinical professor of medicine at UCLA. Lerner was survived by his wife, Cheryl; and daughters Hannah and Clea.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering David G. Murray, MD, HS '59: A Pillar of the Orthopedic Surgery Community

DAVID G. MURRAY, MD, HS '59, a pioneer in artificial joint replacement surgery, died October 1. He shaped the health and well-being of many patients, the careers of numerous doctors, and the future of several organizations.

Dr. Murray was born in Ames, Iowa. As a child, he loved building things with his hands and working on his family farm. He also liked tagging along with his grandfather, Frederick Murray, MD, the local physician, and decided to follow him into medicine.

Murray earned a full scholarship to Cornell University as a pre-med biology major. He excelled academically while becoming president of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and participated in rowing and fencing. He was accepted into Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine after only three years at Cornell.



David G. Murray, MD, trained in clock repair in his retirement.

After receiving his MD in 1955, he completed a surgical internship at Vancouver General Hospital and entered the United States Navy as a lieutenant. Murray came to SUNY Upstate for his general surgical training from 1958 to 1959 before completing his orthopedic surgical residency at the University of Iowa in 1962. He returned to Upstate in 1962 to join the faculty.

In 1966, he was named chair of orthopedic surgery, one of the youngest orthopedic chairs in the country. Under his 30-year leadership, the department became one of the most highly regarded in the United States, and the residency became one of the most sought after. During his tenure as chair, he trained more than 120 orthopedic surgeons, as well as many other physicians and support staff. Many of his former residents have gone on to become leaders in the field.

Murray was also an advocate for professional women, one of the first to accept women into his training program and onto his faculty, before most departments even accepted their applications for surgical training. Admired and respected by his peers, Murray was elected president of the Onondaga County Medical Society, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, the Knee Society, and the Orthopedic Research and Education Foundation. In 1999, he was named an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for his numerous contributions to orthopedic surgical research.

He was one of the first joint replacement surgeons and invented one of the earliest artificial knees. His Variable Axis Knee hit the market in 1974 and was used for the next 10 to 12 years.

Many of his design features remain part of the current artificial knee.

At Upstate, Murray worked tirelessly with local officials and hospital leaders to design, build, and finance the Institute for Human Performance. The David G. Murray, MD, Endowed Professorship in Orthopedic Surgery was established to ensure continued research related to musculoskeletal cancer in the Musculoskeletal Science Research Center at the Institute.

In retirement, Murray enrolled in a clock repair program at the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors School of Horology in Columbia, Pennsylvania, and completed the entire 35-week program. He opened Doc's Clocks, a workshop adjacent to his home, where he fixed 50 to 60 clocks a year. "In many ways, clocks are just like people. They have personalities and they get worn out and stop running. Sometimes they can be fixed and continue to function, and other times there's just nothing you can do," he once said in an interview.

Murray also returned to his farming roots when his son, Bruce, purchased land on Seneca Lake. They worked the land together to help create the vineyard, Boundary Breaks, in Lodi, New York. And once again, he could ride his beloved John Deere tractor.

Murray was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judith Sayles; sons Christopher, Bruce, and James; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

SHANTHI SAMUEL, of Winfield, KS, died May 5. Dr. Samuel completed her undergraduate and medical school degrees in India, graduating from the Christian Medical College in Vellore in 1967. She immigrated to the United States in 1971, then moved to Syracuse to pursue residency training at Upstate in pathology. In 1976, she moved to Winfield and joined a local surgery practice. She began practicing medicine at William Newton Memorial Hospital in 1980, after completing her pathology residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Samuel was a pathologist for nearly 35 years and a teacher at heart. Samuel was survived by her husband, Chandy; son Alex; daughter Usha; and six grandchildren.

Faculty

HERBERT SCHNEIDERMAN, of Syracuse, NY, died August 24. Dr. Schneiderman was drafted and briefly served in the Army. He completed his graduate medical education in pediatrics at Upstate, followed by a fellowship in medical genetics at Uppsala University, Sweden, and a fellowship in pediatric genetics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He spent most of his career as a professor of pediatrics at Upstate. He served as the course coordinator of the pediatric core clerkship and was chairman of the Department of Pediatrics Education Committee. He won the SUNY Health Science Center President's Award for Excellence in

Teaching as well as the Alumni Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching over a dozen times. He developed some of the first computer-based clinical simulations in the United States, which were made available to medical schools across the country. He pioneered the development of modularized education and computer-based testing in a clinical discipline and was involved in American Board of Pediatrics' initiatives to use computers in teaching and testing pediatrics. Schneiderman was survived by his children, Anders, Julia, and David; and two grandchildren.