

# I N M E M O R I A M

## 1947

**MAERIT B. KALLET**, of Phoenix, AZ, died July 21. Dr. Kallet was survived by his daughter, Gail Kallet Tasky, and family.

**WOLFRAM G. LOCHER**, of Wausau, WI, died April 3, 2019. Dr. Locher served in the U.S. Navy aboard the hospital ship USS Haven during the Korean War. In 1955, he moved to Wausau, where he practiced until his retirement in the 1990s. He was the only anesthesiologist in Wausau for a number of years, starting out at St. Mary's Hospital. During his career he discovered the anesthesia-related disease malignant hyperthermia (MH). His pioneering work with MH is known worldwide and has saved countless lives. He served as assistant professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Locher was survived by his sons, Eric, Fred, and Ralph; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**ARTHUR A. VERCILLO**, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died August 19. Dr. Vercillo completed his residency in surgery at Upstate. After residency he was assigned to the Navajo Hopi Native American Hospital in Fort Defiance, AZ, where he worked as the chief of surgery to complete his public health service requirement. He then returned to Syracuse and established his own surgical practice and was later joined by his son, which was one of his greatest joys. He also became the chairman of the Department of Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was clinical professor of surgery at Upstate and both professor of surgery and professor emeritus of surgery at Syracuse University. He received the Hyde Teaching Award by his surgical residents at Upstate for Best Teacher of the Year. This was a great honor as this aligned with his passion and love of teaching many residents throughout his career. He is predeceased by his wife, **Margaret Vercillo '49**. Vercillo was survived by his daughters, Susan, Jean, Nancy and Mary Beth; son **Arthur P. Vercillo '82**; nine grandchildren, including **Natalie Sciarrino '11**; and five great-grandchildren.

## 1952

**DONALD L. CARLON**, of Rochester, MN, died December 1, 2020. Dr. Carlon was drafted to serve in World War II. He was an infantryman in the 42nd Division from 1943-1946 and received the rank of 1st sergeant. He received the Bronze Star and participated in the liberation of Dachau, which affirmed his desire to serve others through medicine. He completed his radiology residency at Mayo Clinic in 1956. He served many communities as the central Minnesota radiologist. In 1963, he served as the chief of radiology at St. Ansgar Hospital until his retirement in 1980. Carlon was survived by his daughters, Jane and Ann; son Todd and seven grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

**EDWARD S. KONWINSKI**, of Bradford, PA, died May 7. Dr. Konwinski served as a medical officer in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, doing his internship and general surgical residency at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco. He then served as a surgeon at the U.S. Army Hospital at Croix

## Arnold M. Moses, MD '54



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**ARNOLD M. MOSES**, of Syracuse, died on August 4. Dr. Moses grew up in Newburgh, NY, and after high school, enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17. Following World War II, he earned a BS in chemistry, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University and attended medical school at SUNY Upstate where he graduated with honors in 1954. After training at Montefiore Medical Center and Mount Sinai Hospital, he returned to Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. His career spanned 55 years of extraordinary dedication, service, and accomplishments, culminating with his appointment as Emeritus Professor of Medicine.

Moses was the quintessential "triple threat:" a renowned scientist, clinical researcher, as well as an outstanding clinician. His legacy includes extraordinary leadership and service to the endocrinology community. Widely recognized for his pioneering research on the physiology and pathophysiology of the neurohypophysis, he also contributed to ground-breaking studies on calcium metabolism and pseudohypoparathyroidism. His neurohypophysis and calcium metabolism research overlapped in his studies on end organ resistance to AVP and parathyroid hormone (PTH). Methods used in his classic paper from over 50 years ago describing partial neurohypophyseal defects are still used today. Moses co-organized the second (1976) and fifth (1992) International Conferences on the Neurohypophysis, served on the editorial board of *Endocrinology*, the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Diabetes Insipidus Foundation, was editor-in-chief of *EndoTrends* (Endocrine Fellows Foundation) and co-

authored the chapter on Disorders of the Neurohypophysis in *Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine* beginning with the 8th edition (1977) through the 14th edition (1998) as well as numerous other publications.

In recognition of his many accomplishments, he was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation in 1971. The American College of Endocrinology presented him the award for Distinction in Clinical Endocrinology in 2004. He also received the SUNY Chancellor's Award in Recognition of Exemplary Contributions to Research and Scholarship (2003), was named SUNY Distinguished Service Professor (2007), and SUNY Upstate Distinguished Alumnus (2009).

Moses undertook his work with passion, dedication, humility, and the highest level of integrity and was known by colleagues for his unbound fairness, kindness, intelligence, love of endocrinology, and the special care and attention he provided for his patients. At Upstate, he was the Director of the General Clinical Research Center, which later became the Clinical Research Unit, for 34 years, working tirelessly to promote and contribute to patient-oriented research. He also established the Metabolic Bone Disease Center in Syracuse, served as a member of the New York State Osteoporosis Advisory Council, and as an advisor to then Governor Pataki and the New York State Department of Health on the prevention of fractures and treatment of osteoporosis.

Moses was a role model for hundreds of students, fellows, nurses, faculty, researchers, trainees and other health care professionals in whom he instilled a love of endocrinology and helped develop their clinical and research expertise. He was a brilliant physician-scientist, gifted teacher, a giant in endocrinology, and an inspiration to those who follow in his footsteps. Moses was survived by his daughters Linda, Laurie, Amy; and five grandchildren.

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Chapeau in LaRoche, France, and as chief of the general surgical section at the U.S. Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. He attained the rank of major. He entered private practice in Bradford in 1962 and was a partner at Surgical Associates of Bradford. He was certified by the American Board of General Surgery and was named a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps with the rank of colonel. Bradford was survived by his sons, Edward, Robert and Donald; daughter Laurie; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## 1955

**ERWIN L. HOFFMAN**, of Burbank, CA, died October 20, 2020. Dr. Hoffman served in the U.S. Navy as the ship's doctor for the USNS General Rose from 1957-1959. He then moved to Los Angeles in 1959 and began his medical career. He practiced pediatric medicine for more than 40 years in Inglewood and Westchester CA, while teaching pediatric residents at Cedars-Sinai Hospital and UCLA. He retired in 1992 but continued part-time practice at Port Hueneme Naval Base in Oxnard. Hoffman was survived by his wife, Arlene; sons Wayne and Bruce Watson and Jordan and Todd Hoffman; five grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren.

## 1956

**JAMES L. STERLING**, of Medina, NY, died April 18. Dr. Sterling was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, for two years, reaching the rank of captain. He was a family doctor in Medina, NY, for 27 years. In his early years of practice, he would make house calls. As a physician, he delivered more than 2,000 babies, served as county coroner, gave anesthesia in innumerable operations, referring to himself as the "bag man." Sterling was survived by his wife, Ila Mae; sons Doug, Dan, Mark and Mike; and 10 grandchildren.

## 1957

**GENE L. CARY** of Lansdale, PA, died October 11. Dr. Cary served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant in Okinawa. He earned his college degree on the GI bill in 1952 at University at Buffalo. He began his career at Upstate Medical University at Syracuse where he later became a faculty

member of the Department of Psychiatry. In 1971 he moved to Hershey, PA, where he helped develop and direct the Department of Psychiatry at Penn State University Medical School. His varied psychiatric practice included teaching, counseling and forensic work. He consulted at the Hoffman Homes for Youth; the Oxford House of Adams-Hanover Counseling Center; the Polyclinic Hospital, Harrisburg; the Advances of Whiley House and elsewhere specializing in the treatment of troubled adolescents. He retired as a psychiatrist in private practice with Hershey Psychiatric Associates at age 70. Cary was survived by his sons Phillip, Brian and Bruce; daughters Allison and Meghan; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

**MELVIN E. COHEN**, of Lake Mary, FL, died on October 24. After earning his medical degree, he completed a rotating internship at Meadowbrook Hospital (now Nassau County Medical Center), East Meadow, NY and returned to Upstate Medical University Hospital for his OB/GYN residency. For most of his career, he was an OB/GYN in Corning, NY. He also donated two years of volunteer service to the Farm Workers Clinic in Apopka, FL. Dr. Cohen was survived by his wife Judith; daughters Miriam and Renee; and son Harvey; and four grandchildren.

## 1958

**DONALD M. BEBAK**, of Wichita, KS, died January 15, 2019. Dr. Bebak was instrumental in staffing the Syracuse Right for Life organization and was a board member of National Life Center. Bebak was survived by his wife, Diane; son Brian; and one grandson.

**L. ROBERT RUBIN**, of Danbury, CT, died October 9. After medical school Dr. Rubin served in the U.S. Army as a Captain. He was a pediatrician for more than 40 years in Danbury, and enjoyed being recognized by former patients or their parents. Rubin loved to read and especially loved volunteering to read to school children with the Reading Partner Program. He loved life and people and everyone loved him. Dr. Rubin was survived by his wife Myrna Jacobs-Rubin; children Linda, David, Ken, Jodie, Margie and Elayne; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

**DONALD H. WILSEY**, of Gloversville, NY, died August 23. In 1963, Dr. Wilsey moved back to Gloversville and began to practice medicine with his father at 25 First Ave., in the same house where he grew up. He was a prominent physician in Gloversville for 42 years and delivered more than 5,000 babies at Nathan Littauer Hospital.

Wilsey was survived by his daughters, Elizabeth and Linda; son Christopher; stepchildren Thomas, Michael, Tammy and Tara; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## 1961

**LEROY G. APPELL**, of Fort Myers, FL, died June 22, 2020. Dr. Appell graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1952. He had a successful career as an anesthesiologist throughout South Florida. Appell was survived by his wife, Jane; sons Karl and Michael; daughters Susan and Jennifer; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**NORMAN L. POLLOCK**, formerly of Sudbury, MA, died on July 4. Dr. Pollock joined the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict and was honorably discharged as a commander. He practiced as an orthopedic surgeon at Marlborough Hospital and retired to West Palm Beach, FL, with his wife. Pollock was survived by his wife, Bobbie; four children; 11 grandchildren; and a great granddaughter.

## 1962

**STUART J. SCHWARTZ**, of West Palm Beach, FL, died September 14. Dr. Schwartz completed two years of general surgery at University Hospitals in Cleveland followed by a urology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He practiced urology in Utica, NY, retiring in 1997. He was survived by his wife, Elaine; daughter Janice; son Harold; and two grandchildren.

## 1963

**OPAL MAE BOHALL ZSCHIESCHE**, of Oklahoma City, OK, died June 20. Dr. Zschiesche was awarded an internship and residency at the University of Oklahoma in conjunction with the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. She did a one-year fellowship in gastroenterology under Jack Welch, MD. After residency, she was hired by the VA Medical Center and held various chief positions including chief of outpatient medicine, which included the emergency room, chief of rehabilitative medicine, and chief of occupational health and community medicine, where she oversaw the state-owned veterans nursing home and the health of VA Medical Center employees and volunteers. Zschiesche retired from the VA Medical Center in July 1999. After retirement,

she worked for the Federal Occupational Health Clinic in Oklahoma City and the Occupational Health Clinic in Enid, OK. Zschesche was survived by her brother, Elton Bohall; and her son, Dale.

## 1971

**MATTHEW M. ZACK, JR.**, of Atlanta, GA, died July 31. Dr. Zack trained in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and earned an MPH at the University of California School of Public Health, Berkeley. In 1974, he joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention training program for medical detectives and worked for the CDC for 47 years until his passing. At the CDC, he was one of the agency's foremost authorities on medicine, epidemiology, biostatistics and statistical programming. He often served as a consultant to the other Department of Health and Human Service agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the Federal Drug Administration, Healthy People initiatives, Veterans Administration, Georgia Department of Aging Services, and to external groups such as Karolinska Institute and Uppsala University in Sweden and the United Way. He played a pivotal

role in the early development of what is the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH). Zack was survived by his cousin, Judy Ann; and other family. Donations can be made in memory of Dr. Matthew M. Zack to the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, Setnor Academic Building, Ste. 1510, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210.

## 1972

**IRWIN SAVODNIK**, of Torrance, CA died April 26. He was survived by family and friends.

## 1976

**CHRISTOPHER G. ULLRICH**, of Charlotte, NC, died August 8. Dr. Ullrich completed his residency in diagnostic radiology at Upstate Medical University and a two-year fellowship in neuroradiology at Johns Hopkins in Boston. He worked at Charlotte Radiology for 38 years, retiring in December 2020. Ullrich was active in the American College of Radiology, the North Carolina Radiology Society, the Cervical Spine Research Society, and the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council, becoming

chairman in 2014. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for public service by the governor and was on the board of Hospice and Palliative Care of Charlotte. Ullrich was survived by his wife, Betsy; sister-in-law, Sally; and cousins.

## 1977

**JOHN BORIGHT**, of Pleasanton, CA, died January 8, 2018.

## 1979

**WILLIAM G. PATRICK**, of Fayetteville, NY, died January 29. Dr. Patrick completed his internal medicine residency at Wilson Hospital in Johnson City and his dermatology residency at University of Rochester Medicine Strong Memorial Hospital. Patrick opened his practice, Fayetteville Dermatology in 1989. He loved practicing medicine, his patients, and his staff. Patrick was survived by his wife, Sarah; daughters Meghan, **Katherine '19**, Christina and Elizabeth; son William; and four grandchildren.

## Diane Green-El, MD '78



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**DIANE GREEN-EL**, of Fayetteville, NY, died October 2. Born in Brooklyn, Dr. Green-El earned her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her medical degree from Upstate Medical University. She completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of Buffalo in 1981, and later that year, earned her board certification in pediatrics. In 1995 she earned a master's in business administration from Syracuse University.

Green-El's successful career as a pediatrician and a health care administrator began when she accepted a position at the Syracuse Community Health Center, launching a 40-year commitment to promoting quality health care for all.

Green-El's mission, to ensure the highest quality of care be delivered to the Health Center's diverse patient population, was evidenced in all of her work. Green-El chose pediatrics because she believed every child deserved quality care but after assuming her role as medical director, she soon found herself promoting quality health care for all, including access to prenatal care for young women and mental health services for those who might otherwise be excluded from care. During her career in Syracuse, she served multiple terms as medical director and later as chief clinical officer.

Green-El later became the first medical director for Total Care, a licensed health maintenance organization specifically designed to insure medically underserved populations. She also provided clinical oversight for the establishment of one of the first seven-day-a-week urgent care programs in the county, Extended Hours Services. She later guided the organization, expanding the OB/GYN department to also include nurse midwives who managed care in the office and deliveries in the hospital. Under her clinical leadership, Syracuse Community Health Center became one of the first to become certified by the newly reorganized Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations. Even though her administrative responsibilities were often arduous, she continued fulfilling her work as a pediatrician, maintaining regular clinical hours in the office, managing a hospital schedule caring for sick children, and rounding on newborns.

Green-El was an active member of the National Medical Association and of Central Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emanuel B. Henderson Jr. She was survived by her mother; Doris; her brother Charles; stepsons, Emanuel B. Henderson III and LaMar B. Henderson; and other family.

Donations can be made in memory of Dr. Diane Green-El to the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, Setnor Academic Building, Ste. 1510, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210.

# IN MEMORIAM

## 1992

**PAMELA R. GILMORE**, of Danbury, CT, died December 22, 2014. Dr. Gilmore started the Women's Health Care of Maine Practice, in 2005, in a room no larger than a closet, which grew into one of the largest OB/GYN practices in Bangor. The practice was started to provide health care to underserved women in the Bangor area. In May 2013 she left to join Candlewood Center for Women's Health in Danbury, CT. Gilmore was a gifted surgeon and one of the first to introduce robotic surgery at EMMC. Gilmore was survived by her brother, Douglas; stepsister Debbie; and the "Gilmore Girls," Amanda, Lisa, Lois, and Lisa.

## Resident

**TULIO J. CANIZARES**, of Vero Beach, FL, died May 23, 2020. Dr. Canizares came to the United States during the Cuban revolution to finish his medical training. He practiced anesthesia for most of his career at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, NJ. Canizares was survived by his wife, Joan; daughters Susan, Joanne, and Lenore; and son Donald.

**GEORGE DUTKEWYCH**, of Juno Beach, FL, died September 7, 2019. Dr. Dutkewych was a veteran, serving his country as a flight surgeon and Green Beret. He was an accomplished surgeon and physician and volunteered for the underserved in Bolivia. Dutkewych was survived by his wife, Deborah; children Andreas, Sonya, Adriana, Dave, and Sean; and 14 grandchildren.

**JOSEPH M. FREIBERG**, of San Antonio, TX, died October 26, 2020. Dr. Freiberg received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky Medical School and completed his internship in internal medicine while serving in the U.S. Public Health Service in Boston. He continued to serve in the U.S. Public Health Service in Galveston, TX, and Gallup, NM. He completed his fellowship in endocrinology at Upstate Medical University and received his PhD from the department of Pharmacology at Upstate. He completed his fellowship in nephrology at John Hopkins School of Medicine and served on the faculty of the Renal Section at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He was in solo practice in San Antonio until his retirement in 2018. Freiberg was survived by his wife, Sharon; son Kenneth; daughter Signe; stepdaughter Leslie; and two grandchildren.

**FORREST K. HUNTINGTON**, of Greenville, SC, died April 27, 2020. Dr. Huntington graduated from the University of Rochester and completed his medical residency at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He then served as captain in the medical corps of the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 14th Armored Cavalry, in Bad Kissingen, Germany. After his service, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Upstate Medical University and finished his fellowship in gastroenterology at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 1963, he started his private practice in internal medicine. He later joined Gastroenterologist Associates, the practice he retired from after a long career serving the Greenville community. Huntington was survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Elizabeth, Sarah, David, Amy, Molly and Jervey; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**LIONEL A. RUDOLPH**, of Fayetteville, NY, died August 6. Dr. Rudolph entered the military earning an honorable discharge as lieutenant colonel for the medical corps. He then attended New York University School of Medicine, followed by residency at Bellevue Hospital Center and then his internal medicine residency at Upstate Medical University. Rudolph had a primary care practice on University Avenue for over 40 years. He also served as a primary care physician for Hutchings Psychiatric Center and was on faculty at Upstate Medical University College of Medicine. Rudolph was survived by his daughter, Susan; sons Daniel and Alan; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**LLOYD H. SCRIBNER**, of Salisbury, MD, died June 29. Dr. Scribner attended Loma Linda University School of Medicine and his orthopaedic surgery residency at Upstate Medical University and in Buffalo, NY. He had an orthopedic surgery practice in Takoma Park, MD, from 1965 until he retired in 2012. Scribner was survived by his children, Brenda, Gregory, Kelvin, and Robson; and 12 grandchildren.

**JOSE L. ZUBERO**, of Madrid, Spain, died November 30. Dr. Zubero moved from Spain to the United States and made his life in Jacksonville, FL. He set up his private practice in ophthalmology in the Riverside area from 1963-1989. He was a pioneer in his field as being one of the first to successfully perform an eye transplant. He also gave back to those less fortunate by traveling the world to operate on a voluntary basis for those in need of corrective eye surgery. In 1967, he volunteered his medical service to the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. Zubero was survived by his wife Lidia; daughter Julia; sons David and Martin; and four grandchildren.

## Faculty

**LESLIE F. MAJOR**, of Brackney, PA, died September 5. Dr. Major served his country as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He worked as the director of Behavioral Health at UHS Hospital and helped to advance the psychiatric care available to the people of the Southern Tier. During his tenure, he worked to implement the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Binghamton General Hospital, bringing emergency services to those in crisis. As a physician, researcher, and professor of psychiatry, his work contributed to the National Institutes of Mental Health and Upstate Medical University's Clinical Campus. His tireless effort revolutionized mental health care in the community. Major was survived by his wife, Ann Marie; daughter Nicole; sons Anton, Nathan and Nicholas; and seven grandchildren; and his brother, **Edward A. Major '64**.

## Emeritus Faculty

**GEORGE ADAM SOUFLERIS**, of Jamesville, NY, died September 4, 2020. Dr. Soufleris served in the U.S. Army in Japan at the end of World War II. He attended Dartmouth College and the University of Vermont Medical School. He moved his family to Syracuse where he did his internship and residency training in OB/GYN and subsequently spent the next 36 years helping take care of the women of Onondaga County. During the 1960s and 1970s, he was medical director of the Onondaga County Family Planning Program and the consulting gynecologist at Van Duyn Hospital. He also held teaching appointments in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Upstate, progressing from clinical instructor to full clinical professor in 1976. He served for five years as the chief of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital. Soufleris was one of the founding fathers of the Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Service and served as a member of the board at Vera House. Soufleris was survived by his wife, Rita; sons Mark, Philip and Peter; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.