

I N M E M O R I A M

1950

JOHN W. ESPER, of Gloversville, NY, died January 5. Dr. Esper entered the Army Air Corp in January 1944 at 18 years old as a tail gunner on a B29 bomber named Tabooma. He was stationed on Tinian Island in the South Pacific theater flying 31 missions before finishing his service in December 1945. After graduating from medical school, he started a two-year general practice residency at Rhode Island Hospital. He began his medical practice in 1952 in Gloversville, where he was known as “Doc” and worked for 40 years at his home office. He was the Gloversville School District physician for 29 years and a physician at the NLH Extended Care Facility for 10 years. Esper was survived by seven children: Anita, **John A. Esper '82**, Kathleen, **Daniel W. Esper '86**, Dr. Joan, James, and Nancy; 34 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

1954

FREDRICK B. REMINGTON, of Rochester, NY, died August 12, 2022. Remington was survived by his daughter Marie; son Paul; and three grandchildren.

1955

RONALD H. SPIRO, of Jerusalem, Israel, died November 22, 2023. Dr. Spiro completed a rotating internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and residency in general surgery at the Bronx Veteran’s Administration Hospital. He served in the U.S. Air Force for two years as commanding officer of the 3922nd USAF Hospital near Casablanca. After returning, he trained as a fellow in surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) from 1962-1965. From 1965 to 1972, while in private practice, he organized head and neck clinics in two New York City municipal hospitals and held teaching appointments at both Mount Sinai and New York Medical College. He then joined the full-time staff at MSKCC until his retirement in 2000, serving as an attending surgeon on the head and neck service and as professor of clinical surgery at Cornell University College of Medicine. As a prolific author

and engaging speaker, he made many contributions to the management of head and neck cancer. Spiro was survived by his four children, including **Jeffrey Spiro '82**; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

1956

JOHN G. EGNER, of West Islip, NY, died August 24, 2023. Dr. Egner enrolled in the U.S. Army after high school and served for two consecutive years in Korea at the end of World War II. After his service, he attended Hamilton College on the GI Bill. After medical school he completed residency at Meadowbrook Hospital. He practiced medicine in private practice for more than 40 years. He was a pillar in the medical community, a mentor to many and a true talent in the operating room, retiring at the age of 74. Egner was survived by his six children, Susan, John, Jim, Heidi, Kristi and Katie; 17 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

HARVEY I. WOLFE, of Boca Point, FL, died February 13, 2022. Dr. Wolfe retired in 1991 from pediatric and adult allergy medicine after practicing in New York City and Long Island for more than 30 years. He also spent two years as captain in medical care in the U.S. Army. He attained the rank of board-certified emirate fellow in the American Academy of Allergy & Immunology and was a board certified fellow in the American Academy of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology. Wolfe was survived by his domestic partner, Judith Simon; daughter Sally; son Brian; and one granddaughter.

1958

ELLA B. NOBLE, of Penfield, NY, died November 21, 2023. Dr. Noble was a long-time Penfield physician, retiring in 1997. She worked for Habitat for Humanity for many years and was active in the mission team at Penfield United Methodist Church and Grace Urban Ministries. Noble was survived by her two children, Martha and Tom; and four grandchildren.

1959

CHARLES P. MEYER, of Ithaca, NY, died May 31, 2022. Dr. Meyer completed his pediatric residency at Upstate. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and worked as a doctor at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, FL. After his service, he settled in Ithaca in 1964, where he established the Northeast Pediatrics Practice and joined the staff of what is now the Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca. He practiced for nearly 35 years, caring for children and their families. He was a member of Rotary International and was passionate about the PolioPlus campaign, part of a Global Polio Eradication Initiative to see that children throughout the world received Polio vaccinations for complete eradication. Meyer was survived by four children: Mary, Margaret, Derek and Jeffrey; and nine grandchildren.

1960

JOHN W. LA CELLE, of Fern Beach, FL, died December 20, 2023. Dr. La Celle served in the Air Force for three years after medical school. After his service, he moved to Pleasant Valley, NY, and established his private medical practice, serving the local community for many years. La Celle was survived by his wife, Eleanor; his four children, Daniel, Ned, Brett, and Kimberly; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1961

ALAN J. POLLACK, of Oakland, CA, died January 21. Dr. Pollack interned at the VA Hospital in Westwood, CA, and completed a three-year psychiatric residency at UCLA. He served for two years as a naval officer during the Vietnam War, in charge of the psychiatric ward in Guam. After returning to California, he spent 28 years at various Kaiser Permanente locations and was the chief of psychiatry for 17 years in Woodland Hills. After retirement, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and began a long relationship with the Audubon Society. Pollack was survived by his wife, Patti; daughter Jenny; son Adam; and three grandchildren.

1963

WILLIAM J. LOFTUS, of Cazenovia, NY, died January 14. Dr. Loftus completed his internship at UCLA, before being drafted in the U.S. Army. He had a distinguished military career serving as captain from 1965 to 1966. He was a battalion surgeon in the 1st Air Cavalry Division in the Republic of South Vietnam, where he received the prestigious Combat Infantryman Badge for his heroics. Returning home, he completed his residency at Upstate Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He began his career as an attending, where he found his love of teaching. He continued to mentor and teach young physicians for his entire career over five decades. He joined as the young partner to Adams, Rayder & Loftus, currently Loftus, Ryu & Bartol. Loftus delivered an estimated 15,000 babies. He was survived by his wife, Cynthia; children Stacia, Shanna, Sloane, Shamus, Sydney, Shanon, Severn, Sennah, and Sonnet; and 13 grandchildren.

1966

JEROME GOLDSTEIN, of San Francisco, CA, died November 15, 2023. Dr. Goldstein moved to San Francisco in 1969-70 where he became chief of neurology at St. Francis Hospital and founder of the San Francisco Headache Clinic. Goldstein was featured in the documentary film *Born This Way: The Science of Sexual Orientation*. He was a noted authority on HIV/AIDS-related neurological problems and lectured extensively on the subject worldwide. He and his husband gave generously of their time and resources to the nascent LGBTQ+ equality movement in the 1970s and 1980s. He was regarded as one of the heroes of the battle to conquer HIV/AIDS. Goldstein was survived by his niece, Judith Weidman; and nephews Sydney Weidman and Joshua Weidman.

1971

COLONEL RICHARD A. GOLDMAN, of San Antonio, TX, died October 27, 2023. Dr. Goldman interned at Upstate and completed a general surgery residency at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. After residency he entered active duty in the Army Medical Corps. He attended the AMEDD basic office course at Fort Sam Houston in

1976. His first assignment was at the 45th Field Hospital, Leghorn, Italy, where he served as staff surgeon and chief of clinics. In 1979, he was assigned to Dewitt Army Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, VA, as a staff surgeon. In 1984 he was transferred to Patterson Army Community Hospital, Fort Monmouth, NJ. He was chief, department of surgery and deputy commander of clinical services prior to assuming command of the Fort Monmouth MEDDAC in 1990. During his tenure as commander, he concurrently held the position of director, Delaware Valley Health Services System. Goldman was assigned to the Academy of Health Sciences AMEDD Center and School at Fort Sam Houston as the chief, department of medical science in 1994. He retired from the Army Medical Corps in 1998 after 22 years of service. In retirement, he became dedicated to the non-profit TEAMability, founded by his wife, Barbara, in 2003. Goldman was survived by his wife, Barbara; son Jonathan; daughters Rachel and Megan; and two grandchildren.

1975

ROBERT N. ELKINS, of Bonita Springs, FL, died October 10, 2020.

ROBERT J. KASULKE, of Watertown, NY, died November 13, 2023. Dr. Kasulke was a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Army War College. He completed his residency in general surgery at Montefiore Health and Hospital Center. He moved to Columbia, MO and completed his fellowship in vascular surgery at Columbia Health Science Center. He then worked as director of surgical resident's research program and chief of the division of vascular surgery at East Tennessee State University Quillen-Dishner College of Medicine from 1981-1983. From 1983-1989 he practiced with the Saranac Lake Surgical Group and then the Northeastern Surgical Specialists in Pennsylvania. In addition to private practice, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1980-2012. He held assignments as a general surgeon and chief of surgery and commanded detachments 1, 2 and 3 of the 310th Field Hospital and 865th Combat Support Hospital. During his career he held many other appointments and assignments. Kasulke was survived by his daughter, Kristen; son Stephen; and three grandchildren.

1976

EVAN M. DENTES, of Fayetteville, NY, died December 25, 2023. Dr. Dentes completed his five-year residency in general and vascular surgery in 1981 and joined General and Vascular Surgery. He was granted surgical privileges at St. Joseph Hospital, Crouse Hospital, and Community Hospital and was adjunct professor at Upstate Medical University. His dedication to his profession was unwavering and he remained an active surgeon at Trinity Health until his passing. Dentes was survived by his wife, Melina; son Evangelos; daughter Demetra; five siblings and many extended family members.

1981

JEFFREY L. HANSON, of Pittsford, NY, died October 16, 2023. Hanson completed his residency at University of Connecticut's Department of Family Medicine in 1984 becoming board-certified in both family medicine and geriatric medicine. Hanson took over the practice of C.T. Andolina, MD, in Mt. Morris. Over the next 15 years, he modernized the practice and grew it to three locations, collectively known as Genesee Valley Family Medicine, selling it to the University of Rochester in 1998. He served on the Livingston County Board of Health for 22 years; medical director for multiple nursing homes; doctor of Genesee Central School; and clinical instructor of University of Rochester Medical School. Upon retirement, he was appointed professor emeritus at the University of Rochester. Hanson was survived by his wife, Sarah; daughters Ellie and Lyz; and his mother Grace.

1985

MARYA C. GENDZIELEWSKI, of Westvale, NY, died January 6. Dr. Gendzielewski was a board-certified endocrinologist and an attending physician at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, NY, for more than 30 years. She was a true physician and loved the practice of medicine, considering it an honor and a pleasure to care for her patients. Gendzielewski was survived by her sister, Alexa; and several cousins.

Residents

MARGHERITE BONAVENTURA, of Syracuse, NY, died October 20, 2023. Dr. Bonaventura was a board-certified general surgeon with special expertise in complex wound care. She worked at Upstate and Syracuse VA Medical Center. In 1974, she began her general surgery residency. She became chief resident and was awarded the burn fellowship. Bonaventura was the second female surgeon in Central New York and was a role model for aspiring female surgeons. She became the assistant program director of the general surgery residency and educated hundreds of surgical residents. Bonaventura contributed to the establishment of the Upstate Breast Care Center and was appointed director of the burn unit at Upstate. She was awarded The Frederick Hyde Teaching Award in 1992 and 1995. Bonaventura was survived by her sisters, Jeanne Aiello and Maria Bonaventura.

BEDROS P. MANGIKIAN, of McLean, VA, formerly of Syracuse, NY, died November 23, 2023. Dr. Mangikian earned his medical degree from the American University of Beirut School of Medicine with high honors. He won a scholarship from British-Armenian businessman Calouste Gulbenkian for his academic brilliance. He completed his residency in general and vascular surgery at Upstate. He left the states due to his visa and spent two years working in Armaco in Saudi Arabia followed by a practice in Beirut, Lebanon, before returning to the U.S. Mangikian worked for a hospital in Philadelphia and then settled in Syracuse, establishing a private surgical practice. Mangikian was survived by his sister-in-law Seta; two nieces; and six nephews and their families.

GEORGIANNA K. MITCHELL, of Highland, MD, died December 29, 2023. Dr. Mitchell received her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine followed by an anesthesia fellowship at Upstate. Her career as an anesthesiologist was marked by her compassionate care and witty mantra. Mitchell was survived by her daughters, Karen and Jacquelyn; and seven grandchildren.

WOLFRAM RIEGER, of Gladwyne, PA, died June 23, 2020. Dr. Rieger received his medical degree from the Medical College of University of Freiburg, Germany. He completed a surgical internship in Sigmaringen and emigrated to the United States in 1960 to complete a residency and fellowship in psychiatry in Rochester, NY. He practiced psychiatry in Philadelphia from 1971 until his passing, working both in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as his own private practice. Rieger was survived by his wife, Catherine; children Bettina, Jonathan, and Heidi; and six grandchildren.

Faculty

RAJA W. ABDUL-KARIM, of Inverness, FL, died November 23, 2023. Dr. Abdul-Karim earned his medical degree from the American University of Beirut and completed a fellowship in fertility and endocrinology at Yale and UCLA. In 1963 he started his long career at Upstate in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He was appointed director of numerous divisions including the third medical student clerkship. Twice, he received the

award for Excellence in Teaching. He was a well-known and respected author, educator, and consultant nationally and internationally. He was acclaimed for his research on "The Effects of Oxytocin on Renal Function in Human Pregnancy" and "The Role of Estrogens in Fetal Development and Blood Flow Distribution." Abdul-Karim was survived by his wife, Margaret; and sons Christopher and Kenneth.

BURK JUBELT, of Cazenovia, NY, died December 15, 2023. Dr. Jubelt earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas Medical School. He completed his residency in neurology at Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University, and a fellowship in virology and immunology at Johns Hopkins University. In 1979 he joined the clinical faculty of Northwestern University in Chicago and started a laboratory focusing on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) research. In 1989 he relocated to Syracuse and joined Upstate as professor and chairman of the Department of Neurology. He also served as professor of microbiology and immunology. His research broadened to include polio, post-polio syndrome, multiple sclerosis, and other areas of neurovirology. Jubelt was survived by his wife, Ann; daughter Lindsay; son Matthew; and five grandchildren.