



In memoriam

Clark David Adkins (ΑΩΑ, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, 1988) passed away March 10, 2024.

George Louis Bakris (ΑΩΑ, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, 2001, Alumni) passed away June 15, 2024.

Solomon Efreem Barr (ΑΩΑ, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1954) passed away January 4, 2025.

Palmer Q Bessey, Jr. (ΑΩΑ, The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, 1975) passed away March 14, 2024.

James D. Blackburn (ΑΩΑ, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, 1959) passed away January 7, 2025.

Clifton L. Bridges (ΑΩΑ, Emory University School of Medicine, 1969) passed away September 25, 2024.

Connor C. Chase (ΑΩΑ, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 1994) passed away September 24, 2024.

George Cochran (ΑΩΑ, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1963) passed away January 6, 2025.

Mark R. Depman (ΑΩΑ, Weill Cornell Medical College, 1983) passed away November 11, 2024.

Richard J. DiStefano (ΑΩΑ, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 1988) passed away August 18, 2024.

Steven D. Douglas (ΑΩΑ, Weill Cornell Medical College, 1962) passed away March 13, 2024.

Joel Yager, MD

Medical education recently lost a distinguished scholar and beloved friend and mentor. Joel Yager, MD (ΑΩΑ, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, 1964) succumbed to cancer after a three-year battle. Yager left a distinctive mark on generations of students, residents, colleagues, and peers.

Yager served as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. He was a psychiatrist at the University of California at San Diego, and University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). While at UCLA, he was Director of Residency Education, Associate Chair for Education, and Director of the UCLA Eating Disorders Clinic.

In 1995, Yager was appointed Vice Chair of Education, Department of Psychiatry, and Vice Chair of Education and Academic Affairs for the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. In 2008, he joined the University of Colorado faculty directing and mentoring psychiatric residents.

Yager published more than 400 peer-reviewed articles, books, and chapters on treatment of veterans, eating disorders, teaching methods, his battle with cancer, and end of life. When his health care team asked him if they could write a case report, he agreed on the condition that he be a co-author.

He served as on the editorial boards of numerous journals, and held key positions in national organizations including the American Psychiatric Association, American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training, and Academy for Eating Disorders.

Yager had a joy for all aspects of life that was infectious. He held music sessions at his home where residents, faculty, and friends would join in performing, thereby creating their own community of practice.

Henry Russell Drinker, Jr. (ΑΩΑ, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, 1951) passed away May 4, 2024.

Floyd A. Fried (ΑΩΑ, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, 1961) passed away January 22, 2025.

Joel Gonzales (ΑΩΑ, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1993) passed away October 25, 2024.

Robert Gordon Gray (ΑΩΑ, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, 1968) passed away October 31, 2024.

John Francis Griffith (ΑΩΑ, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine, 1980, Faculty) passed away March 4, 2024.

Nicholas Edward Gwozdz (ΑΩΑ, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 1961) passed away December 16, 2024.

Larry Hanley (ΑΩΑ, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1960) passed away November 26, 2024.

Richard Allen Hardoin (ΑΩΑ, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1975) passed away November 5, 2024.

David W. Hollensbe (ΑΩΑ, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1987) passed away July 1, 2024.

Lacy Holmes Williams (ΑΩΑ, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, 1963) passed away October 30, 2024.

Stephen H. Homer (ΑΩΑ, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 1959) passed away October 15, 2024.

Tom M. Johnson (ΑΩΑ, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 1984, Faculty) passed away May 10, 2024.

Ronald Alan Katz (ΑΩΑ, University of Maryland School of Medicine, 1968) passed away December 13, 2024.

Lee Kilpatrick Finklea (ΑΩΑ, Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, 1979) passed away December 10, 2024.

Duane G. Koenig (ΑΩΑ, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine, 1966) passed away November 4, 2024.

William “Bill” Arnold Lambeth, III (ΑΩΑ, University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, 1970) passed away November 19, 2024.

George M. Lazarus (ΑΩΑ, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1970) passed away January 20, 2025.

Arnold S. Leonard (ΑΩΑ, University of Minnesota Medical School, 1955) passed away October 30, 2024.

John M. McCammond (ΑΩΑ, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 1959) passed away January 27, 2025.

Robert Joseph Mignone (ΑΩΑ, Duke University School of Medicine, 1966) passed away October 3, 2024.

Gregory Naughton (ΑΩΑ, Creighton University School of Medicine, 1963) passed away May 24, 2024.

Cara Alane Oliver (ΑΩΑ, University of Washington School of Medicine, 2003) passed away July 28, 2024.

David F. Paulson (ΑΩΑ, Duke University School of Medicine, 1963) passed away August 9, 2024.

Richard J. Pawelski (ΑΩΑ, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 1959) passed away January 26, 2025.

Blake Prescott (ΑΩΑ, McGill University Faculty of Medicine, 1961) passed away October 25, 2024.

Robert Salata (ΑΩΑ, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 1978) passed away August 26, 2024.

Mark E. Shaffrey (ΑΩΑ, University of Virginia School of Medicine, 1987) passed away December 4, 2024.

Richard Julius Sherins (ΑΩΑ, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, 1964) passed away November 2, 2024.

Jerome H. Siegel (ΑΩΑ, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, 1960) passed away July 28, 2024.

Earnest Calvin Simmons (ΑΩΑ, Howard University College of Medicine, 1975) passed away October 15, 2024.

Richard C. Slagle (ΑΩΑ, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, 1969) passed away January 16, 2025.

John P. Snead, IV (ΑΩΑ, University of Virginia School of Medicine, 1959) passed away January 23, 2025.

Allan Stam, Jr. (ΑΩΑ, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 1963) passed away September 26, 2024.

Donald E. Texada (ΑΩΑ, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans School of Medicine, 1960) passed away December 7, 2024.

Edward David Viner (ΑΩΑ, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, 1959) passed away December 1, 2024.

Patrick Robert Walsh (ΑΩΑ, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1973) passed away October 7, 2024.

Joel Yager (ΑΩΑ, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/ Montefiore Medical Center, 1964) passed away December 22, 2024.