



Dr. Grant Morrow III

March 18, 1933 - May 18, 2019

Grant Morrow III of Bexley, Ohio died on May 18th at the age of 86 as the result of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Morrow was born on March 18, 1933 in Pittsburgh, PA. His parents were Thelma Duncan Baltz and Grant Curtis Morrow. His father was very generous and supported his son's education through medical school. He graduated from Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh in 1951, Haverford College in Philadelphia in 1955 and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1959. He met his first wife, Janet Orttung, in medical school and they were married in 1960. She died from lung cancer in 1993. Grant and Cordelia Westwater Robinson were married in 1995. When Grant reminisced, he repeatedly noted how very fortunate he was to have had two loving marriages with two wonderful women over the span of 57 years. Grant loved his experiences in medical school and decided to become a pediatrician, due in part to the fact that he was awarded the Pediatric Prize at his medical school commencement. He began his career as a rotating intern at the University of Colorado Denver General Hospital and moved back to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) to complete his pediatric training and to marry Janet. His mentor, Dr. Lewis Barness, asked Grant to become one of his colleagues at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and CHOP. After 18 years there, he moved to the University of Arizona in Tucson as a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics under another wonderful mentor, Dr. Vincent Fulginiti. In 1978 Art Vorys and Tad Jeffrey recruited him to the Columbus Children's Hospital (now Nationwide Children's Hospital - NCH) as Medical Director of Children's and the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the Ohio State University College of Medicine as a professor specializing in Clinical Genetics. Tucson was a great place to live but the many strengths of Children's were that it was a freestanding, independent hospital for children, that the Columbus community and its pediatricians strongly supported the Hospital, and that the Board of Trustees wanted to increase its the academic profile. The visits were too inviting not to move East. After more than 15 years at Children's, in 1993, Grant stepped down from his administrative positions. He felt those 15 years were the highlights of his career and he was lucky to be part of the growth and excitement. In 1993 he became Medical Director of the Research Institute at NCH and enjoyed watching the incredible expansion of NCH and its Research Institute under the leadership of the many talented

individuals who continued to support the Hospital. Their leadership is the reason that NCH is now one of the premiere children's hospitals in the nation as well as throughout much of the world. Their leadership has resulted in new sophisticated patient care programs, recruitment of nationally prominent faculty, and a wonderful culture for staff, employees and patients. Grant's professional activities included serving as: President of the Ohio Board of the American Cancer Society; a Board member of The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions; Chairman of the American Board of Pediatrics; Chairman of the American Council for Graduate Medical Education; Chairman of the Residency Review Committee for Pediatrics; and a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties. His involvement with so many organizations was indicative of his advocacy for children. He worked to ensure that they could receive excellent health care regardless of their parents' ability to pay for that care. His community activities included being a Board member for Promusica, Thurber House, and serving as President of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. He also served as President of The Golf Club and Rocky Fork Hunt and Country Club. Since the age of 16, Grant was hooked on the game of golf and achieved his most significant success by winning the Merion Golf Club championship 5 times. Rock and mountain climbing were also favorite past times. His most memorable event was when he and his daughter Evie were climbing in Everest National Park. At one of their overnight camp sites, their Sherpa asked if they wanted to meet Sir Edmond Hillary and his wife who, by chance, were at a site only 100 yards away. As one can imagine, the visit was wonderful and made a lasting impact on Grant. Grant is survived by his wonderful, loving wife, Cordelia Westwater Robinson, who wants all to know her house is not for sale; his two incredibly productive daughters, Beth and Evie Morrow and their husbands, Buck and Steven; his talented grandchildren Rowan and Janet McAllister; and his smart stepson Hugh Robinson who often tried, with limited success, to teach Grant how to use a computer and cell phone. The family will hold a celebration of his life on Sunday, June 16th, 2019 from 3-6 pm at the Columbus Museum of Art, 480 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Nationwide Children's Hospital (700 Children's Dr., Columbus, OH 43205), Columbus Metropolitan Library (96 South Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215), Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (206 East State St., Columbus, OH 43215), or Haverford College (370 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, PA 19041). The family would like to thank Dr. Morrow's loving caregivers: Donna 1, Donna 2, Linda, Jannetta, Jackie 1, Jackie 2, Kristine, Sheri, Margaret and Tanya and the hospice team at Kobacker House; his daily visitors Michelle, Jodi and Jim; as well as Greg, his trainer, who taught him how to fall and get up, and Columbus Fire Station # 20 for a good lift. Arrangements by SCHOEDINGER MIDTOWN CHAPEL, 229 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please visit www.schoedinger.com <<http://www.schoedinger.com>> to share a memory or send condolences.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Columbus Museum of Art

480 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH, US, 43215

Comments



“ There are not many men like Grant.....he was great at everything he ever did and humble doing it all. Whatever the "Greatest Generation" was, Grant was a leader of it. Life of family, medicine, golf, and civic contributions. I will remember him from our golf together at the Golf Club and especially our trip to Scotland some years ago....where of course he got a hole in one. But he got a hole in one at everything he did in life. Amy and I send our deepest sympathy to family and friends who will miss him the most.

Bob Milbourne - June 16 at 01:52 PM



“ It was a honor and a privilege to work with Dr. Morrow the many years he was chief medical officer at Children's Hospital. I could always count on him to use his persuasive powers to convince the Ohio legislature to fund children health care programs. John Callender, retired Senior Vice President, Ohio Hospital Association.

John Callender - June 03 at 07:38 AM



“ Cordelia, Brian joins me in sending our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Brian always enjoyed talking with Dr. Morrow at Nationwide Children's Hospital. I always enjoyed the times he visited our travel agency and it was always a pleasure helping the late Bill Petrakis plan your vacations. Again, our deepest sympathies, with our love. Jane and Brian Burley

Jane Burley - May 30 at 05:33 PM



“ As a colleague of Greg, Rich and Grant, I will just say ditto to their remarks. Grant was a superb mentor and wonderful friend. When John and I had dinner at Grant and Janet's home in about 1978 or 1979, he told us that the Academic Chair of a Pediatric Department usually stays at an institution for seven years. We at Nationwide Children's Hospital are most fortunate that he stayed as chair for 15 years and remained at the hospital in many different capacities for over 40 years. We were blessed to know him, Janet, Beth, Evie and Corde. He will be missed but he will be remembered for the wonderful contributions he made to the Hospital and the Central Ohio community.

JoAnn Rohyans, MD, FAAP

JoAnn Rohyans, MD - May 27 at 04:36 PM



“ Dr. Morrow was an excellent physician, researcher, leader and educator. I was lucky to train under his supervision when I was a resident and chief resident at Children's. My wife Marcy joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to his family.

Richard W. Geller, M.D.
Norwich Pediatric Group
Norwich, CT

Richard W. Geller, M.D. - May 26 at 05:26 PM



“ My brother, Dr. Cheston Berlin, was a Haverford College friend and a medical colleague of Grant sharing the same passion for children. Chet recently fully retired from Hershey Medical Center. In addition, like Grant we were born in the wonderful city of Pittsburgh. Chet introduced me to Grant when he visited us in Columbus and we had a wonderful tour of Nationwide Children's with Grant. As a nurse, I appreciate the opportunity to see inside Children's. The world is a better place because of men like Grant and Chet in the medical profession. Rest in God's Peace Grant.

Harriet Berlin McClish

Harriet Berlin McClish - May 26 at 01:41 PM



“ Grant and I were classmates at Haverford College and Penn Medical School , and good friend for over 60 years . Phyllis and I shall miss his captivating sense of humor , his kindness and brilliance . His accomplishments were outstanding , matched by his humanity

Marc A. Forman , M.D.

Marc A Forman , M.D. - May 24 at 02:56 PM



“ After four relatively indifferent years in Medical School I began my internship in July, 1978, at what was then Columbus Children's Hospital, and came into contact for the first time with Dr. Morrow. Over the course of the three years of my residency and the Chief Resident year that followed he became my teacher and my mentor. Even more than that, he was for me an inspirational role model. I owe everything I have achieved in my wonderful career in medicine to him.

Somehow Grant made me feel special, as I'm sure he did for countless other former residents. He always took the time to call me periodically, just to chat. We regularly made plans to meet at Children's a couple of times a year to discuss medicine, politics, alternative putting strokes, and life.

When my wife of 32 years died in 2008, the first person who showed up at calling hours (actually 15 minutes before the doors opened) was Dr. Morrow. At the Sunday morning brunch in our home the morning after my marriage to Lynne in October, 2011, the first person to arrive (once again, 15 minutes early) expressing his best wishes and meeting my new wife was, you guessed it. Through the good times and the bad, he was always there for me.

Words don't do justice to the enormous influence Grant Morrow had on my life, not only as a teacher but as a father figure. I'm extraordinarily proud to say we became friends. I loved him, and will miss him greatly. My heart goes out to you, Corde, his daughters, and all his family during these sad times. Please accept this testimony from one of the many whose lives he impacted in such an enormously positive manner.

Gregory A. Barrett, M.D., F.A.A.P.

Greg Barrett - May 24 at 10:58 AM