

## 1940's

### **Joseph Hunter Allen Jr., MD '48**

Allen died on Friday, September 16, 2016. He graduated with a medical degree from Washington University in 1945. Joseph spent his entire career at Vanderbilt University Medical School, practicing and training medical students and residents. Teaching was his passion, and he formed many long-lasting friendships with students and colleagues. He became the director of Vanderbilt's Neuroradiology program, a position he held until his retirement in 1991. He was a dedicated world traveler, avid gardener, enthusiastic supporter of the Nashville Opera, and volunteer with the Nashville Adult Literacy Council for many years.

### **Aaron Birenbaum, MD '48**

Birenbaum died on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Beloved husband of Philady Birenbaum; dear father and father-in-law of William (Jane) Birenbaum and Stuart (Ora) Birenbaum; dear grandfather of Kristen (Fred) Balch, David and Kimberly Birenbaum, Caitlin, the late Bailey, Dani and Aaron Birenbaum; dear brother and brother-in-law of the late David (Leah) Birenbaum and the late Sylvia (the late Harold) Rich; dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend. Dr. Birenbaum practiced internal medicine for over 45 years at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He was the former medical director of BJC Homecare, and served as the team physician of the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club.

### **Charles Glendenning Fullenwider, MD '43**

Fullenwider died Saturday, October 1, 2016. He was 100. Fullenwider attended Oklahoma University followed by the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis for his medical doctorate. He is survived by his two children Kathy (Michael) Mosher; Chuck (Susan) Fullenwider; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

### **Wilbert "Bill" Edgar Hieb, MD '44**

Hieb died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the age of 95. Born and raised in Marion, S.D. with five siblings, Hieb and delighted in assisting in any way possible in his grandfather's department store. He was confirmed in the German Reformed Church in Marion and united in marriage to Selma (Sally) Esther Tieszen in 1942. He graduated from Marion High School in 1938. He continued his education at University of South Dakota, graduating with Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in 1941 and Bachelor of Science in Medicine in 1943. Hieb then transferred to WUSM completing his MD in 1944 and internship and residency in 1946 through Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, in St. Louis, Mo. He served in the United States Army Medical Corp afterwards serving stateside briefly and later assigned to 1st Constabulary Regiment as assistant region surgeon and then region surgeon from 1946 to 1948 in Rothwesten and Bad Wildungen, Germany. Honorably discharged from service in 1938, Hieb returned to Marion, S.D. with his family where he practiced general medicine. In 1954 Hieb and family relocated to Henderson, Neb. where he continued his medical practice until retirement in 1984. He served the Henderson Community on the school board, city council and as mayor. He served on the board of directors of Bethel College, North Newton, Ks. In leisure time, he loved bowling and was a diehard Nebraska Cornhusker fan. Hieb and Sally enjoyed classical music, reading, travel and especially time with family and friends. They returned to South Dakota in 1996 where he was active in the Salem-Zion Mennonite Church and he volunteered many hours at the Et Cetera Shoppe, (Ten Thousand Villages). In 2007, Sally and Bill moved to the United Living Community in Brookings, S.D to. Hieb is remembered for his dedication to serving his patients thoughtfully and with great compassion and a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. His integrity and commitment to living out his principles were evident in his daily life. He was highly respected throughout the communities he called home. He was well known for his sense of humor and along with wife Sally hosted many folks of all

walks of life in their home. Hieb is survived by sons, Barry (Fern), Charles (Diane), Richard (Brenda), Shingo (Kathy) Kajinami; sister, Kathleen Arendt; eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Sally, son James, brothers Kenneth and Robert, and sisters Helen Drummond, Lois Graber and Betty Lucas.

**Richard A. Preston, MD '42**

Preston died on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Born in Chicago, he later married Marian Skidmore in 1938. He was an ophthalmologist for over four decades, including his service in the United States Army Medical Corps. He settled in Santa Ana, Ca. in 1949 and resided there until his death. Preston was an adventurer, scuba diver, river runner, snowmobiler, president of the Los Angeles Adventurers Club and the Orange County Medical Association, and World War II and Korean conflict veteran. He is remembered and loved by family and friends as a man of many serious pursuits who never took himself too seriously. He had a mind that never stopped working and an imagination that knew no bounds. Preston is survived by two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**Clarence G. Shulz, MD '45**

Shulz died Friday, November 25, 2016 at 94 after a diagnosis of cancer earlier than month. He developed a lifelong interest in medicine at a young age and worked at Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital for much of his career, retiring in 1987. Schulz is survived by his wife of 65 years, three children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren. They will all miss their Pop-Pop and his humorous stories!

**Ruth E. Werner, OT '49**

Werner died on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. She is survived by many loving friends.

**1950's**

**Melvin H. Becker, LA '44, MD '50**

Becker died Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 92. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rhoda, daughters Barbara Gardner and Betsy Becker, and sons-in-law Todd Gardner and Neal Kushner. Dr. Becker was formerly professor of Radiology and attending physician at NYU School of Medicine for 49 years.

**Richard Vernon Bradley, MD '52**

Bradley died Sunday, January 1, 2017 in Tomball, Tx. at age 90. Born and having lived in St. Louis, Mo., Bradley was a general surgeon. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and attended Washington University School of Medicine from 1948 to 1952. After completing his internship and residency in general surgery at Barnes Hospital and the Veterans Administration in St. Louis, he practiced general surgery in St. Louis until 1989. He also participated in Missouri state medical organizations and helped found MOMEDICO, a physician owned professional liability insurance company. He served as the president of the Missouri State Medical Association from 1974-1975. He was recognized for his contributions as a participant on the Health Policy Agenda for the American People from 1982 to 1986. Bradley had numerous interests and hobbies throughout his lifetime and was an enthusiastic collector and enjoyed making jewelry for his wife and daughters. He loved Native American artwork and culture. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed annual fishing excursions to Alaska and Montana up until the age of 88. He and his wife, Louise, moved from St. Louis to Spring, Tx. to be near family in 2014. Bradley is survived by his loving wife, Louise; daughters Cynthia (Henry) Hine, Christine (Joseph) Wilson; grandchildren Dr. Anna Bartow (Will) Durham, Kristen Wilson (Matthew) Harner, Joseph Wilson,

Charles (Heidi Swartzendruber) Hine, Joshua Wilson, and Richard Kirtland Hine (Lisa Lamb); great-grandchildren Mary Eloise, Samuel Durham, Lucas, Lindsey and Wyatt Harner; and several nephews and nieces.

### **John Whitfield Drake II, MD '56**

Drake died Thursday, November 29, 2016. After earning his medical degree at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Drake was in the private practice of Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, and his medical career spanned 56 years until he retired in January, 2013. He served as medical director of Mid-Continent Life, Receive National Life, BlueLincs HMO, and associate medical director of American Fidelity Assurance Company. He is survived by his beloved wife of forty years.

### **Robert Echols, MD '50**

Echols died Thursday, August 25, 2016. "Dr. Bob" was born in Little Rock, Ark. and grew up in St. Louis, Mo. Echols attended the University of Missouri, Columbia and then Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He did two additional years internship training at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. — during which time he met his future wife Billie Anne Reynolds. Bob and Billie celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary before his death. In 1952 Dr. Echols and his partner Dr. Henry Crawley moved their families to Kilgore, Tx. and set up the Kilgore Medical Clinic. Over the next 43 years Echols practiced a full range of family medicine, including obstetrics, ER work, nursing home work, care of his hospitalized patients and a full clinical practice taking care of patients of all ages, and even house calls. Through the years he also made numerous medical mission trips to Belize and Mexico. He had a particular affinity for cardiology, was one of the very first CPR instructors in Texas, and instrumental in setting up the first Cardiac Care Unit in East Texas at Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital in Kilgore and the first cardiac rehab facility in East Texas at the East Texas Treatment Center. Echols was recognized for his pioneering work by the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Heart Association in 1997 at the annual Heart Ball. He also served as statewide vice-president of the Texas Heart Association. Over the years, Echols served as chief of staff at Laird Memorial Hospital as well as on the hospital board and also the boards of the Hospital Foundation and the East Texas Treatment Center. He also served for a number of years on the Board of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall. Echols was a founding member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and was named a 'Fellow' of the AAFP in 1972. He was also recognized as the 2008 Physician Emeritus by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He was a long-term member of the Lion's Club and a very active member of First Baptist Church where he was a deacon for over 50 years. In retirement, he and Billie delivered Meals on Wheels on a regular basis. Echols had numerous interests through the years, including bowling, hunting, fishing, golf, collecting stamps and coins, and planted a vegetable garden. He took particular delight being "Grandy" to his grandchildren and great grandkids. Echols is survived by his wife, Billie, and their three children, Beverly (Perry) Stovall, Brad (Vickie) Echols, Bruce Echols and his partner, Ken Ray; nephew, Harry (Pat) Echols; grandchildren, Brittany Stovall (Kyle) Cavender, Nick Echols and his girlfriend, Rachel Manna, Daniel Stovall, Ross (Kristin) Echols, step-granddaughter, Angela Stovall Cochran and family; great-grandchildren, Kinsley, Bo, Marlee Skyy, Isaac, Parker and McKinsey.

### **M. Ann Hunt, LA '47, MD '51**

Hunt died Thursday, October 13, 2016. Hunt was born on November 28, 1926 in Stuttgart, Ark. She attended Steven's College in Columbia, Mo.; Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.; Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. followed by an Internship at the University of Iowa, Residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship which afforded her the opportunity to work at Boston General Hospital in cancer research. Hunt was involved in the

foundation of the Arkansas Children's Hospital and taught for two years at the University of Arkansas Hospital. She was in practice in Santa Fe, N.M. for many years followed by serving as director of Handicapped Children's Services for the State of Utah. She was known to those closest to her for having her hands in the dirt or her nose in a book and was fondly referred to as the "Daylily Lady". A teacher at heart with a selfless, kind and generous spirit she was loved by many and will be remembered by all who knew her. Hunt is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Hunt; her cousin, Alexandra McCoy; her niece and her husband, Scott and Marianne Kellogg; her nephew, Jeffrey Hunt; her great nephew, Avery Bowman Sr., and her great niece and her husband Michael and Jennifer Case, as well as five great-great nieces and nephews and one great-great-great niece.

**Kathryn Mary Defler Lavrich, MD '51**

Lavrich died Tuesday, November 22, 2016. After earning her degree from Washington University School of Medicine, she worked as a pediatrician for the City of Cleveland, in private practice, as a volunteer at Cleveland Clinic, and as house doctor at Huron Road Hospital. She is survived by her husband, children and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Ruth Lynch, NU '55**

Lynch died Sunday, November 27, 2016. A registered nurse, she was extremely active in her church and an avid recycler. Her life revolved around helping others, especially her friends and neighbors and they describe her as having made the world a brighter place by being here. Beloved wife of H. Gordon Lynch; loving mother of John (Kathy) and Dan Lynch; doting grandmother of Ashley, Aaron, Hollee and Karl Lynch. She will be dearly missed.

**Joseph Kent McKinney, MD '58**

McKinney died Wednesday, November 2, 2016. After graduating from Westminster College in 1954 and Washington University Medical School in 1958, he served his internship and specialty training at Barnes Hospital. McKinney was in private practice for 27 years and on the Barnes Hospital staff throughout his career. He was an associate professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Washington University Medical School and was active in teaching during those years. On July 1, 2001, Dr. McKinney was granted permanent Emeritus status as an associate professor of Clinical Psychiatry. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of 58 years.

**Robert Calvin Newell, MD '57**

Newell died at home Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the age of 88. He and his wife, Irene Ann Newell (Launhardt) were married on August 27, 1955 in Collinsville, Ill. and they were very thankful for their 61 years together. Newell graduated from Stanford University in 1950 with a bachelor's master's in education. He taught and coached in California until going to medical school. He completed his otolaryngology residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago and was in the United States Army Medical Corps and retired from the reserves as a colonel. In 1971, the Newell family moved to Bellingham, Wash. where Bob was an ENT doctor and a head and neck surgeon until his retirement in 1993. He was an avid skier, sail boat racer and golfer. He also played racquetball and was a member of the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club. Family was very important to him he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He served as an elder and was active in a church community throughout his life. He and Irene are members of Christ Church Bellingham. Newell survived by his wife Irene, sons Dan (Betsy) and Chris (Astrid) and daughters Sharon (Magnus) Collander, Corrine (Scott) Davis and Andrea (Jim) Greenfield; thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Lloyd Hamilton Ramsey, MD '50**

Ramsey died Saturday, October 29, 2016. He received his medical degree from Washington University in 1950. He interned at Duke, was an assistant resident and fellow at Harvard, and a research fellow at Vanderbilt University where he continued his career as professor, researcher, chief of Medical Staff, associate dean, associate vice chancellor, associate chair, director, and professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, their children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Irwin "Izzy" Shultz, HS '56**

Dr. Irwin Izzy Schultz died Friday, November 4, 2016. He was a beloved husband of Selma (nee Herman) Schultz for 61 years and dear father of Andrew (Carolyn) Schultz, Michael (Susan Arenberg) Schultz, Paul (Michelle) Schultz, Janet Schultz and Robert (Elyssa) Schultz. He was a loving grandfather of Mia (Neel) Roy, Claire, Dylan, Adam, Sydney and Olivia Schultz and dear great-grandfather of Arun Roy. He was the beloved brother of Sheldon (Carol) Schultz. Izzy was a physician who was loved by his patients, admired by his staff and respected by his colleagues. He will be dearly missed.

**L.D. (Lari Daniel) Slane, DE '50**

Slane died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 92 in St. Louis, Mo. Slane earned the rank of captain in the United States Army and served during World War II (POW) and also in the Korean War. Raised in Overland, Mo. and graduated from Washington University dental school, Slane practiced dentistry in St. Louis for more than 40 years. He is survived by children Larry (Carrie) Slane, Jeffrey (Annette) Slane, Andrea (Anthony) Eftimoff, Linda Slane and Dr. David (Kim) Slane; grandchildren Jeffrey JR Slane, Justin (Laura) Slane, Jacob Green, Erica Green, Jennifer Slane, Sarah Slane, Samantha Slane, Susan Chickie Slane and Joseph Slane; and great-grandson Jackson Slane.

**Ethelee R. Smith, MD '56**

Smith died Friday, September 9, 2016. Born in Kansas City, Mo., she went on to earn a bachelor's degree from University of Missouri (Phi Beta Kappa) and her MD from Washington University (Alpha Omega Alpha). Smith completed a residency in anesthesia at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and practiced anesthesia at the Cleveland Clinic for 35 years. Smith was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She is survived by her husband Dennis; her children Margaret (Michael Strahinic), Ethel (Scott Bowen), Dennis (Abigail), and Antonia (Gerald Malnar); her grandchildren Jennifer, Michael, Dennis, Melanie, Nicholas, Jacob, Carys, James, and Samuel; her brother Johnie Ray and many nieces and nephews.

**Stanley B. Smith, MD '56**

Smith died Monday, November 28, 2016. He attended the University of Miami on scholarship and Washington University School of Medicine. Smith was chief of Pathology at Miami Children's Hospital where he worked from the early 1970's until his retirement in 2004. He is survived by his children and six grandchildren.

**Herbert Sunshine, LA '50, MD '54, HS**

Sunshine died Tuesday, December 27, 2016. Sunshine was a beloved member of the community; he was the founder of Urology Consultants and was known for his excellent bedside manner. He loved life and helping all of his patients. Beloved husband of Phyllis Lefton Sunshine; dear father and father-in-law of Debbie (Abe Cherrick) Sunshine, Judith (Neil) Weintraub, Naomi (Edward) Weiss and Joshua (Elizabeth) Sunshine; dear grandfather of Danielle (Dave Bender) Cherrick, Lauren (Mike) Kashtan and Efram

Cherrick; Jake (Naomi) Weintraub, Deena (Avi) Stein, Miriam (Yaakov) Pollak and Benjamin (Blanche) Weintraub, Tsippie (Gedalyahu) Goldstein, Deena Weiss, Yitzchak Weiss and Naftali Weiss, Ahuva, Yoni and Aryeh Sunshine; dear great-grandfather of 17; dear brother and brother-in-law of the late Rose (the late Sam) Kanefsky, the late Ely (the late Gertrude) Sunshine, the late Samuel (the late Eleanor) Sunshine and the late Ruth (the late Lou) Kaplan; dear brother-in-law of the late Jerome (Harriet) and Charles (Lois) Lefton. He dearly loved his family and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren- a dear uncle, cousin and friend.

#### **Gordon Clay Thompson, DE '52**

Thompson died Saturday, October 29, 2016. He was the beloved husband of Mareta Thompson (nee Glenn); loving father of Thomas G. Thompson, Andrew (Loretta) Thompson, Tracy A. Thompson, and Amy (Mark) Williams; adoring grandfather of Julia (David) Jackson, Aleasa Thompson, and Trace Williams; brother-in-law of Flora (Lester) Laun and Robert Rolf; dear cousin and friend of many.

#### **John C. Whitsell, MD '54**

Whitsell died Monday, October 31, 2016. He was a clinical professor emeritus of Surgery and attending surgeon at New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical Center for more than 40 years before retiring in 1998. After earning his MD from Washington University School of Medicine in 1954, he served as an intern and resident in general surgery at The New York Hospital. He was a nationally and internationally renowned surgeon in the area of kidney transplantation. He will be sorely missed.

#### **Robert D. Winship, MD '53**

Winship died Thursday, September 27, 2016 in California. He was 94.

### **1960's**

#### **Sheftel Japhe "Shep" Cohen, MD '63**

Cohen died Friday, October 28, 2016. Sheftel received his degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo., where he graduated in 1963. After medical school, he headed farther west and spent 16 fulfilling years as an anesthesiologist in Denver, serving at Denver Children's Hospital, Denver General and St. Anthony. He then left Denver for Minneapolis, Minn. in 1988 where he cared for United States veterans as the chief of Anesthesia at the Minneapolis V.A. Hospital for 12 years until his retirement in 2000. He is survived by his wife, a sister, three children and four grandchildren.

#### **Joann Miriam Gellman, NU '63**

Gellman died Wednesday, November 2, 2016. She was the beloved wife for 59 years of Dr. Elliot Field Gellman; adored mother of Flora (Joe) Dulle, Allison (Duke) Creighton, Jennifer(Henry) Grasser, Rosanne (Hal) Tolin and the late Kerry (Mitzi) Gellman; devoted grandmother of 16; beloved daughter and daughter-in-law of the late Abe and Flora Joseph and the late Jerry and Frances Gellman; dearest sister of Lawrence (Judith Ryan) Joseph, the late Arnold and late Philip Joseph and the late Ruth (Paul) Kagan and adored sister-in-law of Claudia (Bob) Horn; a dear aunt, cousin and friend.

#### **John Hered, MD '67**

Hered died Sunday, October 30, 2016. He graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. and Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Mo. After completing his neurosurgical residency at the University of Washington in Seattle, Wash., he served two years in the United States Air Force in Anchorage, Alaska. He practiced neurosurgery for more than 30 years in Wichita, Kan. Hered is survived by his wife, children and one grandchild.

**Michael J. Perley, MD '61**

Perley died Thursday, September 29, 2016. He received his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and was been in practice for more than 20 years. He was an endocrinologist in Lakewood, Calif. and was affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Lakewood Regional Medical Center and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. He was one of 6 doctors at Lakewood Regional Medical Center and one of 14 at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center who specialize in Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism.

**Collyn Franzenburg Schmidt, GN '61**

Schmidt died at the age of 92 on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Schmidt is survived by well over 150 nieces and nephews extending to the fourth generation around the world. She will be missed.

**1970's****Aaron M. Bernstein, LA '48, HS '73**

Bernstein died Tuesday, November 15, 2016. He was a Washington University and Chicago Medical School graduate and United States Army and Air Force Medical Corps captain. Bernstein had a career as an internist in University City, Mo. for 40 years and continued to practice at the Veterans Administration for 15 years. His career included academic appointments at St. Louis University and Washington University Medical Schools. He was the beloved husband of Bonnie Bernstein; dear father and father-in-law of Brad (Maira), Robin (Ken Kalman), Scott and Lori (Claude Alain) Bernstein; dear grandfather of Simone, Jacob and Sophie Bernstein, Rachel and Asher Kalman, Samuel and Rebecca Alain; dear brother and brother-in-law of the late Viola (the late Gerald) Feit; a dear uncle, cousin and friend.

**Chauncey C. Maher III, MD '72**

Maher died Saturday, December 24, 2016. Maher attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. where he later served as chief resident at Barnes Jewish Hospital. He went on to become an award winning psychiatrist at his practice in Washington, D.C. where he practiced for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen H. Maher; daughter, Emily (Alex) Rabin; sons, Chauncey (Erin) C. Maher, IV, Elliot Maher and Sean Maher; grandchildren, Jake and Reese Rabin and Chauncey C. Maher, V; brothers, Peter Maher and Benjamin Maher; sisters, Nancy Wilson and Mary Lindquist; uncle, David (Carlotta) Maher; and many nieces and nephews.

**Janet Williamson, OT '71**

Williamson died Sunday October 30, 2016 at 83. She received her degree in Occupational Therapy from Washington University and had a rewarding career at Jewish Hospital as head of the OT Department. She volunteered at the International Institute of St. Louis and at English as a Second Language. Her passion was gardening and teaching young people about native wild flowers, trees and prairies. Williamson was a great supporter of Planned Parenthood and worked as an escort defending the reproductive rights of women. She was a preacher's daughter from Kansas. Williamson dedicated her life to promoting equality and helping people from every walk of life. She is survived by daughters Catherine (Paula Gianino) and Sherry, and granddaughters Elizabeth and Katherine. She is preceded in death by beloved husband of 62 years, Joseph R. Williamson MD, brothers Wayne Reinhardt (Tina) and Paul Reinhardt (Clara). She was the beloved family member and friend to many.