



Dr. Alexander Gordon Bearn

March 29, 1923 - May 15, 2009

ALEXANDER G. BEARN died peacefully at home in Phila. on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the age of 86. Dr. Bearn is survived by his loving family, his wife of 56 years, Margaret (née Slocum), his daughter and son-in-law Helen and Russell Pennoyer of New York, his son and daughter-in-law Professor Gordon C.F. and Ellen Bearn of Bethlehem, PA, his five grandchildren, Gordon, Robert and Margaret Pennoyer, Cary and Alice Bearn, and his brother Michael Bearn of Hampshire, England. Physician, scientist, early human geneticist and author, Dr. Bearn was Executive Officer of the American Philosophical Society, Professor of Medicine Emeritus of Cornell University Medical College and Physician-in-Chief at New York Hospital, Trustee Emeritus and Professor of the Rockefeller University and former Trustee of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He was also Senior Vice President of Medical and Scientific Affairs, International Division for Merck & Co. A Memorial Service will be held at 3 P.M. on Thursday, May 21st, at the Brick Church, Park Avenue and 91st St., New York City. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Philosophical Society or the Rockefeller University.