



Robert E. Booth, Sr., M.D.

March 2, 1919 - March 11, 2009

Robert Emrey Booth, M.D., 90, formerly of Haddonfield, N.J., and Chestnut Hill, PA, died on March 11, 2009 at Waverly Heights, a retirement community in Gladwyne. Dr. Booth grew up in Fox Chase in Philadelphia, graduating from Olney High School where he excelled in multiple sports. He received a BA in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 1940, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He was Eastern Intercollegiate Badminton champion and co-captain – with Digby Baltzell – of the varsity squash team. In 1943 he graduated from the Medical School of the University of Pennsylvania where he served an internship the following year. He served his residency in Radiology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania from 1944 to 1946 under the renowned Eugene Pendergrass, M.D. After a year at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Booth served in the medical corps of the U.S. Navy at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia from 1946 to 1947. He was then the Director of the Department of Radiology at the U.S. Naval Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Radiology, Municipal Hospital, Key West, FL from 1947 to 1948.

After the War, Dr. Booth returned and was the first Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, New Jersey, a position he held for 36 years until 1985. He was simultaneously Chairman of the Department of Radiology at the Elmer Community Hospital. He developed three large private practice radiology offices in Southern New

Jersey, one of which, "Booth Radiology", still bears his name.

Dr. Booth received numerous honors and was President of the Medical Staff at Underwood Memorial Hospital, President of the Medical Staff at Elmer Community Hospital and President of the Medical Club of Philadelphia. He was an enthusiastic and avid golfer, as a member of the Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Dr. Booth and his wife, Elizabeth Collinson Booth, who pre-deceased him, were actively involved in the College of Physicians and the Union League of Philadelphia. Dr. Booth was a member of the American College of Radiology and the Philadelphia Roentgen Ray Society, where he served on the Executive Board. He was the second of three generations of avid members of the Union League of Philadelphia.

Dr. Booth spent most of his career in Haddonfield, NJ, moving to Chestnut Hill for several years before finally residing at Waverly in Gladwyne. He is survived by three children Robert Emrey Booth, Jr., M.D., Leslie Booth Faust and Alison Booth Halloran, as well as 10 grandchildren: Courtney, Robert and Thomas Booth; Whitney, Lauren and Hilary Faust; Booth, Reid, Gardner and Dillon Halloran. Dr and Mrs. Booth summered for a half century on Lake Kezar in Maine, where theirs and their family's fondest memories still reside.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robert E. Booth, M.D. fund at the Penn School of Medicine, Office of Development & Alumni Relations, Attn: Leah Cianfrani, 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3309.