



Samuel Craighead Alexander, M.D.

May 3, 1930 - June 23, 2010

Samuel Craighead (Craig) Alexander, M.D., of the Quadrangle, Haverford, PA died unexpectedly in Rockport, Maine June 23, 2010. He was born May 3, 1930 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but spent his formative years in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was a graduate of The McCallie School, Davidson College ('51), and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine ('55), where he also did his residency, studying under Dr. Robert Dripps. He also was a Fellow in pharmacology for two years, studying under Dr. Carl Schmidt.

In his professional life Dr. Alexander was a leader in Anesthesiology, serving as both a prominent researcher and teacher in the field. He began his teaching career as a member of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He served two years in the Public Health Service as Director of the Winslow Navajo Indian Hospital in Arizona. He was Chairman of the Anesthesia Departments at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and University

of Wisconsin School of Medicine, serving at the latter for 20 years. He then returned to Philadelphia and was Dean of Affiliate Affairs for Hahnemann Medical College. He was active in the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Association of University Anesthesiologists. He was instrumental in helping to establish the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research.

Dr. Alexander was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder and a Deacon at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Betty also attended the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church in Door County, Wisconsin, where they had a summer home.

Dr. Alexander was a passionate student of history and an avid photographer. He and Betty travelled extensively throughout the United States and overseas, including trips with their grandchildren to England, Spain, South Africa, and Easter Island. He spent many summers participating in photography seminars at the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport, Maine. It was while he was engaged in this activity that he passed away suddenly.

He was married for 58 years to his childhood sweetheart from North Carolina, Betty Pyron Alexander, who survives him. He is also survived by three children, Christian A. Libson (Jeff) of Bryn Mawr, P A, Samuel Craighead Alexander III (Amy Wasserstrom) of Takoma Park, MD, and Baine B. Alexander (Charles Curtis) of Madison, WI., as well as eight grandchildren, Adam, Alex, and Quinn

Libson and YouQui Wei; Lily and Langston Alexander; and Beckett and Wyeth Jackson. He is also survived by a sister, Margaret Alexander Farthing of Clarksville, MD

His Memorial Service will be held on Monday June 28th, 2pm in the Sanctuary of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA

Dr. Alexander was a lifelong supporter of Davidson College. Memorial donations

may be made to the College for the Samuel Craighead Alexander' 51 Memorial

Fund and may be sent to Davidson College, Box 7174, Davidson, N.C. 28035-7174.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **28**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA

Tribute Wall



“ We were very sorry to hear about Craig. We got to know Betty and Craig in Sturgeon Bay at our Pack and Ship business. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Deb & Gary DeFerrari##imported-end##

July 09, 2010 at 09:57 AM



“ Betty,
I am not sure you will remember me - many, many years ago I worked with you when you were coming in to the Sports Med PT Clinic. I met hundreds of people during my 32 yrs at UWHC - you are one that I will always remember fondly. I wanted to let you know that I am so sorry to hear about your husband. May your heart be comforted by the love and support of your family and friends.
Kris Jensen##imported-begin##Kris Jensen##imported-end##

June 28, 2010 at 08:35 PM



“ Betty,
I just returned home this afternoon and learned of Craig's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. You're all in my thoughts and prayers. Craig was a remarkable man.
Chris##imported-begin##Christine Comeford##imported-end##

June 27, 2010 at 10:51 PM



“ Dear Betty, Craig was such a great person and he will be missed on Glidden Drive. Carl remembers rock hunting with he and the grandchildren, especially his knowledge and curiosity. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With love and sympathy. Carl and Ruth##imported-begin##Carl and Ruth Scholz##imported-end##

June 27, 2010 at 03:10 PM



“ To the Family of Mr. Samuel Alexander:

I would like to express my condolences for the loss of your husband, father and brother, Mr. Alexander. When reading his funeral announcement, I could tell how much he was loved and how much he will be missed. But the Bible helps us to understand that there is hope for our dead loved ones. At John 5:28, Jesus promises that those in the memorial tombs will be resurrected and be reunited with their loved ones on this earth. It is this earth which Jehovah God also promises to restore back into a paradise similar to the one He originally created. Second Peter 3:13 states there is a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. At Psalms 37:29 it states that it will be the righteous ones that will possess the earth and live on it forever. These are promises that we should all look forward to being fulfilled. And how joyful your heart will be to see Mr. Alexander alive again. I hope this has provided some hope and comfort for you during this time in your life. Once again, I express my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Francine Smith##imported-end##

June 27, 2010 at 07:43 AM



“ A great teacher of anesthesia during my residency.##imported-begin##Dr. Lynn Rusy##imported-end##

June 26, 2010 at 05:59 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss
Hope to see you soon in Door County
Craig was a lifelong learner pursuing photography these recent
years.
He will be missed.##imported-begin##Mickey and Boyd
Fellows##imported-end##

June 26, 2010 at 04:26 PM



“ Dear Betty and Family,
Our sincere sympathies to all of you from your neighbors on Glidden
Drive. Craig was an amazing man....he will be missed by
all.##imported-begin##Tom and Jerri Girman##imported-end##

June 26, 2010 at 11:18 AM