



William G. Slate

February 6, 1925 - November 21, 2009

William Gaines Slate, age 84, of Marco Island, FL, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Born in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1925, Dr. Slate received his MB and Ch.B degrees in Medicine and Surgery at the University of Cape Town in 1950, then came to the U.S.A., where he earned his MS in Obstetrics and Gynecology during residency at the State University of Iowa in 1955. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Germany and teaching at the University of Illinois, Dr. Slate settled in California in 1960. There, he was senior attending gynecologist and obstetrician at several hospitals in the Los Angeles area and taught ob/gyn at Loma Linda State University, rising to chairman of the department by 1962.

In 1968, Dr. Slate was invited to come east by Dr. Russell Ramon de Alvarez, Chairman of the Ob/Gyn Department of Temple University, and was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Temple University and Chairman of the Ob/Gyn Department at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. In 1972, on the invitation of Dr. Roy Holly, the Chairman of the Ob/Gyn Department of Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Slate was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical Center of Delaware. He held the latter position until 1991 when he retired, and is still an honorary member of the staff. He has also consulted at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute and the Elsmere Veterans Administration Hospital.

Dr. Slate was a founding member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of South Africa, and has served terms as the President of the Delaware Division of the American Cancer Society and the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia. He is a Life Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Dr. Slate is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Carole Voth Slate; son, Victor Gaines Slate; and brother, Dr. Francis W. Slate. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Heather Slate.

Interment will be held in Naples, Florida at a later date.

To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

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Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. William Slate was an extraordinary obstetrician and gynecologist who dedicated his life to his profession and teaching. He held the rank of full Professor and Chairman of the Department at medical school hospitals. He set an example of being a great physician and healer.*

I had the pleasure and honor of being invited by him in the past to lecture at his conferences at the Medical Center of Delaware.##imported-begin##Albert Altchek, MD##imported-end##

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“ *Carole, Bob and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was a kind and caring friend. We'll never forget when he came to visit Bob after his neck surgery some years ago. We pray God will be very near to you at this sad time to comfort you.*

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“ *To lose one who contributed so much to so many is all the more painful. Carole, our prayer is that the Comforter will give you peace. We have fond memories of your family in Delaware at the West Wilmington Church.##imported-begin##Dr & Mrs Robert Goyne##imported-end##*

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“ Our symptahies to you, Mrs. Slate, and may he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Digamber S. Borgaonkar, Ph.D.##imported-end##

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