

Alumni

W. Lloyd Berridge Jr. (M.D. 1955) died December 9, 2009. He was 79. After earning his medical degree and serving two years in the U.S. Navy, Berridge became medical director for the Chevrolet Division of General Motors and remained there for 30 years. Following his retirement from GM, he became a commander in the Navy until retiring again in 1991.

Marian "Molly" Braumoeller (M.D. 1960, Residency 1964) died July 20, 2010. She was 76. Braumoeller practiced for 30 years at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Walnut Creek, California.

Erwin Clahassey (M.D. 1944), 93, died July 19, 2010. He served as a physician with the U.S. Navy during World War II, then completed ophthalmology residencies in Chicago and at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He practiced in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for more than 40 years.

Robert P. DeClark (M.D. 1964) died August 18, 2010. He was 71. DeClark served as a radiologist at the Medical X-Ray Center in Sioux Falls, Iowa, for 36 years.

Melvin Figley, M.D. (Residency 1951), died June 7, 2010, at age 89. Figley left his position as associate professor of radiology at the U-M in 1958 to join the University of Washington, where he remained until retiring as emeritus professor of radiology and medicine in 1986. A founder of modern angiography, he helped develop cardiac catheterization and was an expert in pulmonary radiology.



Hani Hennein, M.D. (Residency 1991), 52, of Elmhurst, Illinois, died July 2, 2010. He was professor of cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Donald H. Huldin (M.D. 1959, Residency 1963), 77, died July 17, 2010, at his home in East Lansing, Michigan. He practiced dermatology in Jackson for seven years and in Lansing for 27 years. He was a clinical professor at the Michigan State College of Human Medicine from 1971-97, and was active with the Ingham County Medical Society.



Harry M. McCormick (M.D. 1946) died July 16, 2010, at 87, of cancer. He served as a physician in the U.S. Navy in Korea, then completed his residency training and served as assistant professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania. During his career, McCormick was a pathology lab director at hospitals in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wyoming, and after becoming certified in treating addiction worked in Wisconsin and Ohio.



Stanley L. Michael (M.D. 1955), 87, died June 30, 2010. A family medicine specialist, he was an honorary staff and board member at Munson Medical



Center in Traverse City, Michigan, and formerly served as a flight officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

John A. O'Sullivan (M.D. 1956) died July 23, 2010. He was 80. O'Sullivan practiced obstetrics and gynecology for many years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Walter Z. Rundles Jr. (M.D. 1945, Residency 1951) died June 7, 2010, at age 89. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. An ophthalmologist for 40 years in Flint, Michigan, Rundles was also a past president of the Genesee County Medical Society and the Michigan Medical Society.

Bernice Cohen Sachs (M.D. 1942), 91, died August 21, 2010. She practiced psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine at Group Health Cooperative in Seattle, Washington, for 48 years. Sachs served as president of several local and national medical organizations, and was the first woman president of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine.

Almon "Al" Schut (M.D. 1956), 82, died June 25, 2010. He served two years in the U.S. Army, earned his medical degree, then completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. In 1960 he joined the staff of Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and founded Kalamazoo Ophthalmology with colleagues in 1972. During his career, Schut conducted research with the Upjohn Company, taught at Western Michigan University and worked with the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. He retired in 2004.

Seymour Taffet (M.D. 1943) of Naples, Florida, died August 2, 2010, at

age 91. He was a battlefield surgeon in Europe during World War II, and received the Silver Star for bravery in action. Taffet practiced family medicine in Bloomfield, New Jersey, for 40 years. He was on the staff of East Orange General Hospital and headed the Department of Family Medicine at Mountainside Hospital before retiring in 1986.

William M. Tappan (M.D. 1945, Residency 1952) died May 6, 2010. He was 90. A veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, Tappan served in Italy near the end of World War II. He was a general surgeon in Reno, and was named Distinguished Physician of the Year by the Nevada State Medical Association in 1996.

Faculty

William J. Oliver (M.D. 1948, Residency 1953) died May 11, 2010. He was 85. Oliver served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, then returned to the U-M, completed a residency in pediatrics, and joined the faculty. He became a professor at age 40, and shortly thereafter, in 1967, was named chair of the pediatrics department. Under his leadership, the subspecialties of pediatric surgery and neonatology were added to the department. Oliver was one of the first pediatric nephrologists in the nation and participated in the first kidney transplant in Michigan. He traveled the world as a visiting professor, and accompanied U-M geneticist James V. Neel and anthropologist Napoleon Chagnon on six excursions to the Amazon to study the primitive Yanomami Indians. Donations in his memory may be made to the William J. Oliver, M.D., Fund at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, 301 E. Liberty, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Michael A. Wainstock, M.D., died August 3, 2010.



He was 94. A pioneer in the use of ultrasound technology, Wainstock led the ultrasound unit within the U-M Department

of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences for nearly 25 years. In 1955, he designed an instrument, eventually called an ultrasonic guided gamma probe, which non-invasively detects malignant tumors in the eye. Wainstock was the first to devise a specialized silicone contact lens that, combined with ultrasound and X-ray, allowed pinpoint localization of foreign bodies near the whites of the eyes, eliminating X-ray inaccuracies in that area. Through a bequest, he established the Michael A. Wainstock Collegiate Professorship in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center; contributions to the professorship may be sent to 301 E. Liberty, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

Friends

Herbert Amster died October 13,



2010. He was 75. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Amster was a successful local businessman and entrepreneur, and

co-founder of the Ann Arbor technology firm Irwin Magnetic Systems, which specialized in computer backup systems. In 1987 he was named Michigan Industrialist of the Year. Amster struggled with lupus, a painful autoimmune disease, and his experience led him and his wife of 54

years to create the Herbert S. and Carol L. Amster Lupus Research Fund at the University of Michigan; donations to the fund may be sent to 301 E. Liberty, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Helen Mardigian died August 4, 2010, at age 88.



Mardigian and her husband, Edward, who died in 1993, were deeply involved in the Armenian Church and community in

southeast Michigan and abroad, and supported construction and maintenance of churches, museums, hospitals, universities and community institutions. Within the U-M, the couple's generosity extended to the Armenian Research Center at the UM-Dearborn, the Comprehensive Cancer Center and Geriatrics Center, and cardiovascular medicine.

Angela Dobson Welch, 84, died



from complications related to cancer on June 26, 2010. A lifelong resident of Ann Arbor, she was active in several area organizations

including the Ann Arbor Art Association, Planned Parenthood, Salvation Army, the Huron Valley Child Guidance Clinic and the Washtenaw Historical Society. Inspired by two of her brothers who struggled with and eventually succumbed to Alzheimer's disease, Welch and her husband established the Angela Dobson Welch and Lyndon Welch Endowed Research Fund in the Medical School Department of Neurology, with plans to augment the fund to include a professorship. —MF