

In memoriam

David F. Altman (ΑΩΑ, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, 1971, Faculty) passed away August 12, 2025.

Galen L. Barbour (ΑΩΑ, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, 1976) passed away December 29, 2023.

John A. Benson, Jr. (ΑΩΑ, Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, 1968, Faculty) passed away September 16, 2025.

Robert W. Brangle (ΑΩΑ, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 1958) passed away November 23, 2024.

Paul A. Capelli (ΑΩΑ, Medical College of Wisconsin, 1956) passed away September 17, 2025.

David Louis Crain (ΑΩΑ, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 2001, Alumni) passed away August 19, 2025.

Antoinette C. Cramer (ΑΩΑ, The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1961) passed away July 25, 2024.

Charlie W. Dean (ΑΩΑ, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, 1973) passed away July 1, 2025.

Ben J. Dolin (ΑΩΑ, University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1971) passed away August 12, 2025.

James F. Duesman (ΑΩΑ, Creighton University School of Medicine, 1965, Alumni) passed away September 24, 2025.

David Duggan (ΑΩΑ, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, 1979) passed away October 1, 2025.

Carol O. Ellis (ΑΩΑ, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, 1967) passed away October 11, 2025.

Mark Feldman (ΑΩΑ, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, 1970) passed away March 5, 2024.

Curtis M. Garner (ΑΩΑ, University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, 1958) passed away September 15, 2025.

J. Kempton Hayes (ΑΩΑ, Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine, 1977, Alumni) passed away September 4, 2025.

George F. Heinrich (ΑΩΑ, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, 1998, Alumni) passed away June 19, 2025.

Arlo S. Hermreck (ΑΩΑ, University of Kansas School of Medicine, 1965) passed away September 28, 2025.

Dorothea Ruth Johnson (ΑΩΑ, The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1956) passed away March 4, 2025.

Francis J. Kazmier (ΑΩΑ, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, 1959) passed away August 20, 2025.

Donald W. Klass (ΑΩΑ, University of Minnesota Medical School, 1952) passed away December 15, 2024.

E. F. (Bud) Klein, Jr. (ΑΩΑ, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Medicine) passed away September 26, 2025.

Wesley P. Kozinn (ΑΩΑ, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, 1972) passed away July 26, 2025.

Richard G. Lester (ΑΩΑ, Eastern Virginia Medical School, 1989, Faculty) passed away May 16, 2025.

William T. McLaughlin (ΑΩΑ, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1956) passed away August 14, 2025.

Robert L. Meckelnburg (ΑΩΑ, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, 1955) passed away August 14, 2025.

Dace Bolyan Mitchell (AQA, University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, 1975, Faculty) passed away September 2025.

Mary F. Nawrocki (AQA, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, 1951) passed away September 13, 2025.

Russell M. Nelson (AQA, Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah, 1949, Alumni) passed away September 27, 2025.

Robert W. Putsch (AQA, University of Colorado School of Medicine, 1964) passed away September 6, 2025.

Clinton Lloyd Rogers (AQA, University of Maryland School of Medicine, 1959) passed away September 5, 2025.

James R. Scott (AQA, Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah, 1982, Faculty) passed away April 7, 2025.

Bruno P. Sicher (AQA, Hahnemann Medical College, 1957) passed away October 5, 2025.

David C. Simpson (AQA, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, 1968) passed away August 19, 2025.

Steven A. Smith (AQA, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, 1978) passed away April 21, 2025.

Lyn Marie O'Rourke Stadish (AQA, University of California Irvine School of Medicine, 1986) passed away July 14, 2024.

Gerald E. Sullivan (AQA, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 1962) passed away August 19, 2025.

Rose Lou Tse (AQA, The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1959) passed away October 3, 2024.

Lawrence J. Wartel (AQA, Tufts University School of Medicine, 1964) passed away October 6, 2025.

Gerson Weiss (AQA, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, 1963) passed away July 29, 2025.

Lawrence K. Wolfe (AQA, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, 1960) passed away April 14, 2024.

John A. Benson Jr., MD

Dr. Benson (AQA, Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, 1968, Faculty), graduated from Harvard Medical School, and completed residency and fellowship at the Brigham and Massachusetts General Hospitals and the Mayo Clinic.

At his passing he was Professor of Internal Medicine, Emeritus, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska; President, Emeritus, American Board of Internal Medicine; and an active member of *The Pharos* editorial board.

He was appointed the first president of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and president-emeritus in 1991. His emphasis on setting standards in graduate medical education strengthened the medical profession, enhanced the humanistic qualities of physicians, improved the competency certification process through continued research and led the establishment of gerontology as a recognized subspecialty.

Among his appointments and awards, Dr. Benson was president of the American Gastroenterological Association and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He was a Master of the American College of Physicians and received ACP's John Phillips Memorial Award in 2000 and Oregon's ACP Chapter Laureate Award in 2002. Also at ACP, he co-shared the Abraham Flexner Award in 2010. The Oregon Laureate Award called him one of those rare individuals who have the unique capacity to motivate others to their best potential. In a similar spirit, in 2000, the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon honored him with the Mentor Award.

Dr. Benson's tenure at University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) began in 2003, when his wife, Dr. Tilden, was recruited as dean of the UNMC College of Nursing. He led UNMC's 10-year reaccreditation efforts in 2006, launched the popular "Music as Medicine" series, anchored the medical center's healthcare reform initiative, contributed to teaching and curriculum development, and was a magnet on numerous search committees for recruiting talent to UNMC.

A 2011 UNMC Today article that profiled Dr. Benson said the couple's recruitment "may have been the greatest two-for-one deal in UNMC history." He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Ginny); six children; and seven grandchildren.