



Charles S. Lambdin

July 29, 1930 - June 4, 2005

Charles S. Lambdin, M.D. of the 5300 block of Peake Lane passed away June 4, 2005 at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth.

He was born July 29, 1930 in Burton, Ohio. He leaves his beloved wife, Betty, to whom he was married for 52 years. He is also survived by his daughter, Debbi Barley, of Stanford, CA; and his sons, Jef, of Lumberton, NC, and Bob of Lexington, SC. Also surviving him are his two wonderful grandsons, Will and JB, as well as his two precious granddaughters, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Nell. Also, his two sisters, Mary Lou of Fort Collins, CO, and Betty from West Farmington, OH.

Charles graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio University and received his Doctor of Medicine from Northwestern University. After a year internship in Cleveland, OH, he had a distinguished career in the United States Navy Medical Corp, where he twice received the Legion of Merit, a Navy Unit Commendation, and a Navy Commendation Medal. He served his orthopedic residency in the Navy at Camp Lejeune, NC; Chelsea, MA; and Indianapolis, IN. During his tenure in the Navy, he became Chief of Orthopedics at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in 1967. In 1975 he became Deputy Commanding Officer and Director of Clinical Services of the National Naval Medical Center, in Bethesda, MD. He then became the Commanding Officer of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Okinawa, Japan, where he converted the hospital from an Army to a Navy facility, serving from 1976-1979. After a tenure as the Commanding officer of the Naval Regional Medical Center at Camp

Pendleton, CA, Charles retired from the Navy in 1980 with 27 years of active duty.

Charles then worked as the Chief of Orthopedics at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton, VA from 1980-1995. Upon retirement, he served as the Acting Chairman and Program Director, Orthopedic Surgery, at the Eastern Virginia Medical School. Charles' interests spanned many activities including one of his most cherished, volunteering as a tutor for the Jeremiah Project, which gives academic assistance to underprivileged children.

Charles was a devoted member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth. He served on the Vestry and as a Lay Reader; also he sang in the choir and played hand bells. St. Christopher's awarded him the Golden Christopher for his services. Among his passions was studying the Bible, his grandchildren, golf, traveling and crossword puzzles.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, VA, with the Reverend Eileen Walsh presiding. His family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to benefit the Music Ministry at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 3300 Cedar Lane, Portsmouth, VA, 23703. His remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Belated condolences. I happened upon the obit while I was at this web site entering condolences for someone I used to work with. My deceased husband, Joe, used to play golf with Chuck and perhaps, we used to square dance together. I cannot remember our connection that well, but I remember Chuck advising me about my knee joint problems keep moving, a lovely dinner at your home, and I remember your lost luggage on a trip to Machu Picchu. I also remember that you had an artistic bent. They are all fond memories.##imported-begin##Geraldine S. Hatfield##imported-end##*

January 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *I served under Captain Lambdin as Chief of Patient Administration at Naval Hospital, Okinawa. He was a gentleman, a fine doctor and leader, and a true human being. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family. He will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##John E. Kraft LCDR USN RET.##imported-end##*

July 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ We had a message from Dale Kaiser when we returned home that Dr. Lanbdin had passed away. I'm very sorry. Even if expected, it hurts and we feel the loss of someone who has been a part of us for so long.

My first encounter with him was as a lowly intern at Oak Knoll in 1962 and to put it bluntly, I was intimidated and afraid.

I wasn't sure what to expect after I started my orthopaedic residency at Portsmouth and found out he was going to be the chief. As the years passed I learned more and more to respect and appreciate him as a person and chief.

After my residency I was associated with orthopaedists from the ivy leage schools and the Mayo Clinic and never had to take a back seat to any of them, thanks to his teaching principles and the excellent program he provided I wish I would have said thank you before.

I know he is now at home with the Lord.

*Sincerely and sorrowfully,
Curt Adams###imported-begin###Curtis D. Adams###imported-end##*

June 15, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty & family: MaryLou informed us of Chuck's passing. The world has lost a truly vital and special soul who has left it in many ways a far better place. A greater tribute can not be made for any man. Few people have left more profound and distinct memories for us. Our sincere condolences and prayers go out for Chuck and the entire family. With sympathy Dale & Carole Kaiser###imported-begin###KAISER###imported-end##

June 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the Lambdin family.

I have fond memories of Dr. Lamdin introducing me to the card games of Hearts and Spades. In order to date his lovely daughter Debi in the early 70's, a couple of card games had to be played before you could leave the house. His wife would be his partner and Debi would be mine. He was a ruthless player. At the end of every hand, he would often question something you played several tricks earlier. I was always trying to disguise which suits I was vulnerable in for he would take advantage if he could.

May his family experience all of God's blessings during this period of grief.

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A/K/A Benjamin Watkins Leigh CPA##imported-begin##Chooch##imported-end##

June 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ This is a time to lean on family and friends and more importantly God and Prayer. May you cherish your wonderful memories. Rev 21:1-4##imported-begin##yrobinson##imported-end##

June 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ My father was Robert William Lambdin. Chuck's brother.

I remember going to a restaurant with my dad and Uncle Chuck in Texas after their sister Eva's funeral many years ago. The schtick in this restaurant was that if you wore a tie they would cut it off and nail it to the wall. Uncle Chuck was good natured, but would not allow them to deface his uniform. Somehow they let us eat there without touching the tie.

I didn't know him as well as I should have, but I will always remember him as a man of honor.

My sincere condolences on your loss.##imported-begin##John E. Lambdin##imported-end##

June 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Chuck Lambdin was a friend and colleague at the VA hospital in HAMpton. He will be missed. Ou deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Sam and Linda Weinberg##imported-end##

June 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr Lambdin was my orthopedic residency director at EVMS from 1988 thru 1992, and a great inspiration to all of us. He gave me the chance to become an orthopedic surgeon for which I will forever be grateful!...He was a genuine soul, father-like to us all, cared for people and humanity in his practice of medicine. His integrity was a great example for all in training. His humor and realism were entertaining, great role model and mentor!! May his memory be a blessing to his kind family##imported-begin##Jack L. Siegel MD##imported-end##

June 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr. Lambdin gave me a start in orthopedics. I owe him my career. Please except my deepest sympathy.

Lance##imported-begin##Lance Davlin##imported-end##

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“ TO THE FAMILY, I READ OF THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. WHEN WE LOSE A LOVED ONE FOR WHATEVER REASON, WE MISS THEM VERY MUCH. FOR THAT REASON WE CAN BE COMFORTED BY REFLECTING ON THE PROMISES FOUND IN GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE, WHICH ASSURES US THAT ALL THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN DEATH WILL RECIEVE A "RESURRECTION." JOHN 5:28,29. REVELATION 21:4 ALSO ASSURES US THAT "DEATH WILL BE NO MORE." PLEASE FIND COMFORT IN THESE PROMISES. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##Patricia Alford##imported-end##

June 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM