



Dr. Alexander Maitland III

October 16, 1930 - May 2, 2014

Alexander Maitland, III entered eternal rest on Friday, May 2, 2014. Born October 16, 1930, in Easton, PA, he is preceded in death by his parents, Robert H Maitland Sr., and Dorothy R. Maitland, and two brothers, Rev. Robert H. Maitland, Jr., and John B. Maitland.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy C. Maitland and two children, Susan E. Maitland of Nashville, TN and Alexander (Rebecca) Maitland, IV of Columbia, SC. He has four grandchildren, William C. Bryant of Birmingham, AL, Laura E. Bryant of Nashville, TN and Kyle J. Maitland and James R.A. Maitland both of Columbia, SC.

As a young boy, Alex was active in his church, Trinity Episcopal Church of Easton, PA. He graduated from Abington High School, class of 1948, where he was a varsity wrestler all four years. He briefly attended West Chester College, before transferring to Lafayette College, where he double majored in Biology and Chemistry. While at Lafayette, he continued his wrestling career, becoming Middle Atlantic Collegiate Champion in 1951. Diligent studies gained early acceptance to Yale University Medical School.

1955 was a busy year for Alex. He completed his studies at Yale and more importantly he married Dorothy R. Cramer who would remain his beloved for the next 59 years.

He went on to complete his internship in general surgery at University of Rochester in NY. After which he proudly served his country in the US Army from 1957-1959, stationed in Neubrueke, Germany where he was a Captain

and surgeon. While in Germany, he and Mrs. Maitland had the opportunity to travel throughout most of western Europe. They enjoyed and shared many happy memories of their time there.

After completing his residency in Urology at Barnes Hospital, St Louis, MO., Dr. and Mrs. Maitland chose Asheville as home in 1962 because it reminded them of the beautiful, mountainous region of The Black Forest in Germany. Dr. Maitland joined Asheville Urological Associates where he practiced medicine for 35 years along with Doctors Gilbert, Coughlin, Lerner, Bitter, Armstrong and Yarborough. While in private practice, he served as Chief of Staff, Chief of Surgery, and on the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital. Additionally he served as a consultant at both the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Asheville and Duke University Department of Urology.

Dr. Maitland was closely involved with the Mountain Area Health Education Center in its formative years. First he served as a member of the initial Advisory Committee which outlined the organization and the scope of the program. Later he served on the board of directors, both as president and as a member.

Early on, Dr. Maitland was a proponent of drug education and made an speech to the Rotary Club of Asheville in 1969 regarding the signs and dangers of drug abuse.

Dr. Maitland also pioneered the integration of the Buncombe County Medical Society. In 1975, Dr. Otis Michael, a prominent African-American physician, sent Dr. Maitland a letter thanking him for his courage to speak out to allow physicians of color to play golf and tennis at a local country club. Dr. Michael wrote: "...I know that you have been ridiculed and received some abuse...and that words alone cannot compensate for the time, effort and diligence that you have pursued..."

He was an early supporter of Project Access, which continues to provide care to low income residents of Buncombe County.

Dr. Maitland was also an active member of the community. He was a member of the Zeb Vance Debating Society, Asheville Community Theater, serving

both on the Board and acting in several productions. He generously lent his talent and is best remembered as a Russian agent in "Don't Drink the Water" and in a leading role of "Promises, Promises". He served on the Boards of Children's Home Society, St. Genevieve's of the Pines School and Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community.

Dr. Maitland will be missed by all who knew him. He was devoted to his family, his patients and to the practice of medicine. The family wishes to thank the staff of Deerfield Skilled Nursing and Care Partners Hospice who cared for Dr. Maitland with great love and tenderness as his health declined. Words cannot express our gratitude.

A celebration of his life and memorial service will be held at St Giles Chapel on the Campus of Deerfield Retirement Community, Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00am. The family will host friends and family at a reception following the service.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Maitland and his family would be most honored by donations to Habitat for Humanity, 33 Meadow Road, Asheville, NC 28803, United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, 50 South French Broad, Asheville, NC 28801 or Deerfield Skilled Care, 1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, is assisting the family.

Condolences may be sent through the website, www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Giles Chapel of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community

1617 Hendersonville Road

Asheville, NC 28803

<http://www.deerfieldwnc.org/st-giles-chapel>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Alexander Maitland III*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Maitland and family we were so saddened to hear of Dr. Maitland's death. He was a true gentleman and a wonderful doctor. We all hold treasured memories of him as we worked with him over the years. His compassion for his patients will long be remembered by us and by the many patients he attended to over the years. May you find comfort in treasured memories and in God's love and grace. Mission Belle's Alumni*

Mission Belle's Alumni - June 01, 2014 at 05:18 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Dr. Maitland's death. He was a wonderful man and physician. I feel fortunate to have started my nursing career on the urology unit where he always took the time to listen and work collaboratively to improve patient care. As his family, I know you were equally blessed by his kind gentle spirit. His family was always important to him and he frequently shared stories about special times. You are in my prayers.*

Ramona Craft Whichello

Ramona Craft Whichello - May 15, 2014 at 09:06 PM

BK

“ I came to Asheville in 1980 as a young doctor. We were a small, tight community of peers then. Alex was one of the most welcoming and engaging physicians in town to us newcomers in the community and profession. That never changed. He not only was a friend each time we met each other but also a consummate physician who cared deeply for his patients. I looked up to him, and he helped mold me along with the other icons who I treasured as mentors. His cheerfulness and warmth never failed to brighten my day whenever I saw him. The world is a better place thanks to his life. It's men (and women) like him that make me proud to be a physician

Bruce Kelly

Bruce Kelly - May 14, 2014 at 04:59 AM

BR

“ When I saw that Dr Maitland had passed away this week I thought how timely he died during nurses' week. Dr Maitland was a nurses' doctor. He always took time to explain things to you and make sure you knew what he wanted done for his patients. I never remember him yelling or belittling anyone which is quite a tribute. You always wanted to do your best so that he wouldn't be disappointed in you. I can remember after Dr Maitland retired another physician came to the desk and said he needed a urology consult. Who did we think was a good urologist? Without skipping a beat the 3 of us there said Dr Maitland. The physician said didn't he retire? We said yes but you asked us who was a good urologist. Another nurse came along about then and he asked her about a urologist. She of course said Dr Maitland and the other doctor walked away shaking his head. I am sure everyone will miss Dr Maitland. He was a great man. I hope it isn't inappropriate but I had this random picture of Dr Maitland that I am adding.



Barb McElroy RN - May 08, 2014 at 06:52 PM

AN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope.

Ana - May 07, 2014 at 07:42 PM

RA

“ *Regions Nashville Main Associates purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Alexander Maitland III.*



Regions Nashville Main Associates - May 07, 2014 at 10:05 AM

LT

“ *Dr Maitland was such a gentle, caring, and appreciative man with a dedicated and loving family! Both his presence and that of Mrs. Maitland will be missed in Deerfield Health Care .*

Linda Thompson, R.N.

Linda Thompson - May 06, 2014 at 07:54 AM

GO

“ *Dr . Maitland was my wonderful Doctor until he retired!! It was always a pleasure to see him because he made you feel safe and took care of my problem in a careing way!
I missed him and have not seen another Urologist until the last few months! he was a very good man and the world will miss him very much!
MAY GOD BE WITH HIM , HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!
GLENN AND HELEN O'KELLEY*

GLENN & HELEN O'KELLEY - May 06, 2014 at 06:56 AM

KH

“ *Sending love to the Maitland family with wonderful remembrances filling my mind! What a great man, husband, father and grandfather.*

Kate Roberts Henry - May 04, 2014 at 10:12 AM