



Dr. Walter Ellsworth Ogilvie III

September 12, 1920 - November 29, 2015

In loving memory of....

Walter E. Ogilvie, III, MD "Terry", died peacefully on November 29th. Terry, the oldest son of the late Walter E., Jr. and Marie Spaulding Ogilvie was born in Buffalo, NY, on September 12, 1920. He lived his first 7 years in Havana, Cuba then his family moved to New Jersey. He graduated from Hackensack (NJ) High School in 1938; from Hamilton College (Clinton, NY) in 1942; from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (New York City) in May, 1945 and was commissioned in the Navy as Assistant Surgeon, Lt. (jg). After two years of internship at the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, he spent time at the US Naval Hospital in Bainbridge, MD. He was then sent to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Swannanoa, NC for three years. Terry completed medical residency training at the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn following his military service. Terry next moved to Asheville where he practiced as an internist on the staffs of the Mission and St. Josephs Hospitals. He opened an office for the practice of internal medicine at 394 Merrimon Avenue in February, 1952. He retired after 30 years of practice. In retirement Terry was active at UNCA where he was instrumental in the establishment of the College for Seniors initially as an instructor and in his later years as a student. He established the Ogilvie Scholarship Fund for UNCA students studying art and music. He loved classical music and worked to bring chamber music to the Asheville area.

As an avid photographer, Terry had a strong concern for the art of

photography versus the mechanics. He maintained his own darkroom and produced some outstanding images from his travels in Cuba, India, Mexico, and Guatemala.

In the early to mid-sixties Terry established the f/32 Gallery located at 32 Biltmore Ave. where a small group of photographers would meet periodically to hang their work, discuss their merits and promote their sale. Terry recalled that while he never sold any of his works, he was pleased that someone did like one of his pictures enough to steal it from the gallery!

Despite his impaired sight Terry faithfully attended the f/32 meetings, sitting in the front row to view the projected images and offer his opinions.

A lifelong bridge enthusiast, Terry took bridge lessons as child and played continuously (with the exception of his medical residency) throughout his life.

Earning the distinction of Life Master, he was a member of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and served as president of the Asheville Bridge Group. He played every other Thursday evening for 30 years with a small group of friends. His failing eyesight caused active retirement from the game although he enthusiastically served as a mentor for beginning players.

Terry is survived by three nieces, Dionne Elinor Butt of Florida and her daughters, Lindsey, Amanda and Ashley; Jennifer Ogilvie Johnson of North Carolina and her sons Colin and Brandon; and Melissa Spaulding Polier of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his sister Dionne Ogilvie Butt and brother Douglas Spaulding Ogilvie.

Memorial donations may be made to the UNCA Ogilvie Scholarship Fund or a similar fund promoting education.

A Memorial Reception is being planned for a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Walter Ellsworth Ogilvie III*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *It was so nice to read these memories. He was always Uncle Terry to me. My oldest and clear memories are of his enthusiasm and passion. He so loved photography and what a true artist he was! I loved his stories of his travels and digs. We shared a love of reading and he sent me books he thought I would enjoy. I am grateful for all your caring as I know he was as well. I am grateful my sister Jennifer was able to see him, touch him and say goodbye.*

melissa butt-polier - December 11, 2015 at 08:16 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Ogilvie. It was a privilege to have known him and be of service to him for many years. He was a most thoughtful man and will surely be missed by all.*

*Neil Thagard
Neil K's Hairstyling*

Neil Thagard - December 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM

WE

“ Well,

My interactions with Dr. Ogilvie were mostly just in passing (as we are neighbors) saying hello with a wave or a quick salutation. I was lucky enough to take care of his yard and help him with the occasional project around his house when he was unable due to his shoulder pains. It was during this time, that Dr. Ogilvie was able to show me about his passions and his never-ending desire to learn. This has always been inspiring, the fact that we are never too old to stop learning or even to start a new hobby. I know he loved traveling, history, photography and he had a great knowledge of so many different things. Another lesson I learned is that you should really take the time to get to know the people that live right around you...they all have something special to share or teach :) We will miss you Dr. Ogilvie.

~Wes Snoddy

Wes - December 08, 2015 at 09:52 PM

JJ

“ In addition to all of Terry's wonderful accomplishments and interests, he was loved very much by his family! Terry was inspired to be the person he became by his adoring parents, Walter and Marie. Terry's father was also an extremely accomplished man (with the support of his wife Marie). Terry was taught from an early age, that education opens all doors in life. He had wonderful relationships with both his parents. They certainly were proud of him!

Terry was the oldest of three children. Douglas Spaulding Ogilvie was his brother (died in 1990) and Dionne Ogilvie Butt his sister (died in 1995). They truly were close as siblings. I remember the laughter and jokes between them. My memories of Terry and Doug are of the excitement and joy they shared over common interests or just spending time together! Doug was the Headmaster of the Devonshire College Preparatory School. Terry was nine years older than his sister Dionne (my mother) and was a protective, loving older brother. I remember the fond stories she would tell of him. Dionne lived in Pennsylvania, so just about every evening they would speak on the phone and discuss the days events.

As Terry's niece, I remember he was the special uncle that had to take a plane to visit us. It was always so special to meet him at the airport. We lived in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, I guess because Terry was single he had to do the majority of travel. He was a kind uncle with many interesting stories. When I was eight Terry took me "rock hunting" in North Carolina. Really it was for gems but he called it "rock hunting" and I was hooked! We discussed gems and different types of rock all day. I also shared the interests of anthropology with Terry and enjoyed many conversations over pieces (broken or not) of pottery he had excavated himself during his travels. I loved my Uncle Terry very much and will miss him forever!

Jennifer Johnson - December 04, 2015 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ I am saddened to learn of the death of my friend, Terry. He was physician to me and my husband, a bridge partner, Frequently after a bridge game, Terry, Charlie Brau, Nell Pittman, and Al and Claudia Paramore, would gather for a highball and then go out to eat, especially for chicken livers which the men loved to eat.

Terry had a passion for archaeology. After a "dig" in Argentina, Terry flew to La Paz for sight-seeing. At some point, he developed altitude sickness. He phoned my daughter Barbara who was living there and who was having him over for dinner that evening. Barbara immediately arranged for a flight to a place at a lower altitude from which he eventually flew back to the States. Terry credited Barbara with "saving my life."

I spoke with him the day before I moved from Asheville to Yorktown, about a month ago. We had a great long chat recalling the good ol' days.

I will miss him.

Jerry Petty

Jerry Petty - December 03, 2015 at 05:26 PM

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“ I'm remembering Terry in three contexts. First, I am grateful for the 12 or so years he provided skilled and caring medical services to my parents. Second, I am thinking of Terry's involvement with UNCA during the years my husband was Chancellor and the concern they shared for the well being of the university (also the Shakespeare class that Sam taught in which Terry was an enthusiastic student). And finally, I am happy to have enjoyed a friendship as Terry's neighbor in Chunns Cove: Sam and I enjoyed cordial visits in which Terry always offered a civilized glass of sherry, and we all were entertained by his last, well-loved dog Kid. Terry was a man of many interests, and he shared his eclectic knowledge graciously. We shall miss him back here in Chunns Cove, and I will hold him in high regard in my memories.

Nancy Schuman - December 02, 2015 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Melissa Spaulding Butt-polier was added to the Family Tree.*

Jennifer Johnson - December 02, 2015 at 12:02 PM

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