In Memoriam

E. Maurice Wakeman, M.D., FAAP, of Guilford, Conn., alternate AAP District I chairperson, died Oct. 12 in Houston at age 65.

He succumbed to complications from interventional treatment of a malignant brain tumor. The tumor had been diagnosed about a year ago and had recurred despite surgical procedures and radiation.

"Maurice and his (wife) Judith attended and greatly enjoyed the recent meeting of the Pediatric Travel Club in Montreal," said former AAP President Howard Pearson, M.D., personal friend of Dr. Wakeman.

"Typically, they kept the details of Maurice’s illness to themselves and faced the future with quiet courage and optimistic realism."

Dr. Wakeman was born and raised in New Haven, Conn. His father, Edward Wakeman Sr., was a longtime New Haven pediatric leader and a founding member of the Pediatric Travel Club.

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Wakeman served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Navy, and did his residency at Grace New Haven Hospital, where he finished as chief resident. He had lived and maintained a private practice in Guilford for 35 years until his death.

He also was a member and vice chairman of the Guilford Board of Education and a member of the Governor’s Task Force on the National Child Health Block Grant.

Leading a successful effort to establish the Guilford Center for Children, the first state-funded day care center, he served on its planning committee for three years and as 1971-72 chairman. Dr. Wakeman also served on the Guilford Community Mobilization Team and was medical advisor to the Guilford schools from 1983 until his death. He recently had been appointed to the Yale Preferred Health Board of Directors.

As an associate clinical professor of pediatrics at Yale University School of Medicine, he taught medical students in his office.

Dr. Wakeman had been active in the Academy since joining in 1967. He served two terms as chairman of the Hezekiah Beardsley Connecticut Chapter of the Academy. He also served as Chapter Forum Committee chairman and as a member and chairman of the AAP National Nominating Committee.

"Maurice Wakeman epitomized the complete pediatrician," said AAP Executive Director Joe M. Sanders Jr., M.D.

"He was revered by his patients for the compassionate care he rendered," Dr. Sanders said, "and he was respected by his colleagues for his thoughtful and analytical approach to issues impacting children.

"He touched the lives of many, and he will be missed."

Dr. Wakeman is survived by his wife, Judith Ravel; six children from his first marriage; two stepchildren; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service was held in November.

At his family’s request, contributions in memory of Dr. Wakeman may be made to: The AAP Friends of Children Fund, Attn: Dept. of Development, 141 Northwest Point Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

For a personal tribute to Dr. Wakeman from the parent of a patient, see Second Opinions, page 34.

Louise Powers Ainsworth, M.D., FAAP, of Columbus, Ohio, died Oct. 9 at age 89. Before her retirement, she practiced pediatrics in Columbus with her husband, Marion Ainsworth, M.D., FAAP, who died in 1992. She also was on staff at several Columbus area hospitals and taught pediatrics at Ohio State University.

John Cywinski, M.D., FAAP, of Lake In The Hills, Ill., died Oct. 26 of a cerebral hemorrhage while attending a Notre Dame football game in South Bend, Ind.

He was 62. A 1956 graduate of Notre Dame University, he received his medical degree from St. Louis University in 1961, and served in the Navy from 1964-66.

In private practice in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Dr. Cywinski taught at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, and was on staff at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill., and Columbia Hoffman Estates Medical Center. He was a member of the Chicago Pediatric Society.

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