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## In Memoriam

### Dr. Bell, bioethics leader



Dr. Bell

William Reed Bell Sr., M.D., FAAP, of Pensacola, Fla., died July 28 at age 86.

The former chair of the AAP Committee (1986) and Section (1991) on Bioethics, he was a founding member of both. In 2002, he was honored with the section's William G.

Bartholome Award for Ethical Excellence for significantly impacting public discussion of ethical issues in pediatric medicine.

Dr. Bell was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 to serve as founding director of the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention of the National Institutes of Health. He also was medical director of Florida's District I, Children's Medical Service Program (1989-2001).

A past president of the Florida Chapter and Florida Pediatric Society, he created the first and only children's hospital in northwest Florida at Sacred Heart Hospital, served as its first medical director (1969-1986) and developed the pediatric residency program.

Dr. Bell served in the Navy in World War II, then graduated Alpha Omega Alpha from Duke University College of Medicine in 1953 and completed pediatric residency and endocrinology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine Hospitals (1957).

He is survived by his wife, Nell, six children, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.