

WILLIAM HOLLAND

HOLLAND, William E., M.D. "Bill," 75, of Richmond, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 1, 2011 after a long and courageous battle with melanoma. He was born on March 30, 1936 in Windsor, Va., and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, class of 1958, where he gained many lifelong friends. He then graduated from the Medical College of Virginia and became an esteemed and beloved cardiologist. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army for two years. He taught at MCV and practiced in Norfolk, Va. prior to 1977 when he and his beloved friend and colleague, Dr. Eric Kemp, founded the practice, Virginia Cardiovascular Associates, as well as starting the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Henrico Doctors' Hospital. During his years of practice, he was a Fellow in the American Heart Association, Governor of the American College of Cardiology, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the

Richmond Academy of Medicine. He also served on the VCU Board of Visitors for nine years. After his retirement in 1998, he volunteered his medical expertise at the Cross Over Clinic on Cowardin Avenue for 10 years. He made numerous medical mission trips to Honduras and spent much of his time between trips acquiring donations of medicines and supplies for those less fortunate. He was a devoted member of Bon Air Baptist Church and attended Bayside Baptist Church in the summer months. Bill was a faithful servant and minister to the inmates of several correctional facilities through the church prison ministry. Through his various church ministries and service for the Lord, he touched many lives. He visited and comforted hundreds during their final days and led many to faith in Jesus, which to him meant more than anything else in this life. He was a wonderful provider and wise counselor to his family; he was kind, compassionate and generous to everyone he met. He never met a stranger and held a genuine interest in everyone he met. Dr. Holland was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley T. Holland and Gladys Holland; and his brothers, Shirley Holland Jr. and Richard Holland. He is survived by his wife and faithful caregiver, Linda Holland; his brother, Dr. Clarence Holland and wife, Mary Holland. He is also survived by his six children, two stepdaughters and 12 grandchildren, Mark Holland married to Heather, and their children, Devon, Jonathan and Sarah; Dr. Gary Holland of Utah and his children, Zachary, Rachael and Benjamin; Ann Tierney and her children, Kate and John Vance; Susan Phillips and her husband, Ward Phillips, and her son, Rolfe Shiflett; Brant Holland; Kathryn Holland; Stephanie Helsley married to Rob Helsley, and their children, Josh, Jake and Rachel; and Diane Bishop. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either: Cross Over Health Care Ministry, 8600 Quioccasin Rd., Suite 102, Richmond, Va. 23229 or Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Building Fund, 947 Trent's Mill Rd., Cumberland, Va. 23040. Family will receive friends on Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bliley's-Central, 3801 Augusta Avenue. A private interment will be held in Windsor, Va. for family members. A memorial service will be held at Bon Air Baptist Church on Buford Road on Friday, October 7, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at church.

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