



Dr. Richard A. Liebendorfer died January 28, 2006, at St. John's Medical Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma from complications following surgery for lung cancer.

Dr. Liebendorfer was born October 15, 1927, in Superior, WI. He grew up and graduated from high school in Hampton, Iowa. After high school, Dr. Liebendorfer attended the United States Naval Academy from 1946-1948. In 1952, he married his first wife, Jean Hotle (of Columbus Junction, IA) in Iowa City. He went on to graduate from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1953. He interned at the United States Navy Hospital in Charleston, S.C.; he served as a Lieutenant in the United States Medical Corps from 1953-1956. Dr. Liebendorfer completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa in 1959.

After completing his residency at UI, Dr. Liebendorfer moved with his family to Tulsa, OK and joined the staff of St. John's Hospital in 1959. He served as president of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1982 and as Chief of Staff of St. John's Medical Center from 1989-1990. Dr. Liebendorfer was a member of the American Society of Internal Medicine, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Tulsa County Medical Society, the Oklahoma State Medical Society and was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Liebendorfer retired from practice of medicine in October 2003.

He is survived by his second wife, Carole of Tulsa; daughter, Kim (Greg) Brummett and their children, Sarah and Rachel of Herndon, VA; son, Kurt (Suzie) and their children, Elizabeth and Amanda of Cypress, TX; son, Craig (Kathy) and their son, Robbie of Dallas, TX. Extended family; Joan and Bill Gilpin and family of Iowa City; Tom and Millie Hotle and family of Sioux City; Cousin Bob (Margie) Liebendorfer; Barbara and Adam Rivera; Carolyn and Joe Benham; John and Karen Henderson; Brian, Stacey and Wade Henderson; Joly and Tom Kettles; Fanny Henderson.

Special friends: Mark Frudden, Andi Schlanger, Dick Tenney, Bruce Wenger, David Jenkins, Jon Cox, and Sr. Theresa Gottschalk. He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Jean Hotle Liebendorfer (1981).

Richard will be deeply missed by his Iowa family and friends. He was an important person in all our lives; a special brother-in-law, uncle and friend. A memorial service was held at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK on February 3, 2006. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: the University of Iowa College of Medicine, St. John's Medical Center Foundation, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, Heifer International, or Neighbor for Neighbor.