



Dr Richard E Tracy

April 30, 1934 - October 21, 2019

Dr. Richard Tracy, a long time resident of New Orleans, passed away on October 21, 2019 at the age of 85. Richard was born to Charles and Bernetta Tracy in Klamath Falls, Oregon on April 30, 1934. He graduated from The University of Chicago with an MD and a PhD in Pathology. He settled in New Orleans in 1967 where he was to become a Professor at LSU Medical School. He dedicated his life to research in cardiovascular disease, publishing over 50 journal articles and writing a book on heart disease. He also worked as a Forensic Pathologist for the Coroner of Orleans Parish until he became ill at the end of 2017. Richard was a gentle soul who quietly dedicated his life to the service of others. He never asked for acknowledgement for his efforts, instead quietly working to further the understanding of cardiovascular disease and publishing his last paper only a few months before his passing. He also continued to serve as a Forensic Pathologist long after other doctors would have retired. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Tracy and his mother Bernetta Hart Tracy, his brothers, Elwood Tracy and Glen Tracy. He was also preceded in death by the mother of his children, Dr. Else Tracy and his wife, Mary Catherine Pelias. He is survived by his daughters Laura Ellen Tracy-Kinsey and Lisa Carpenter as well as his stepsons Gus Pelius III and Frederic Andrew Pelius. Memorial donations can be made to your local United Way agency or to Gulf Coast Family Counseling Agency at 509 Jackson Ave. Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama