



## Richard Edward Student, M.D.

June 3, 1929 - August 22, 2020

Student, Dr. Richard Edward "Dick" age 91, surviving son of Walter and Elizabeth Student, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 22, 2020. Dick was preceded in death by his loving devoted wife of 61 years, Kathleen "Kay"; and daughter, Mary Frances. Dick is survived by 4 children, Richard Jr., Suzanne (Paul), Thomas (Gail) and James (Missi); 12 grandchildren, Richard III (Carrie), Kathleen (Ryan), James, Brian (Sarah), Christopher, Caroline, Victoria (Christopher), David (Anne Marie), Madeleine, Jeffrey, Jack, and Claire; and 5 great-grandchildren, Richard IV, Veronica, Charles, David and Michael. Dick was born in Minneapolis, graduated from St. Boniface Grade School and De La Salle High School. Dick earned his BS and MD degrees from the University of Minnesota, where he also completed his surgical residency in Ophthalmology. Following Dick's graduation from medical school, Dick and Kay married and began their long loving life together at Fort Polk in Louisiana. Dick served as the commanding officer of the medical battalion of division artillery for the 1st Armored Division. Returning to Minnesota, Dick and Kay moved to the Iron Range where Dick served as a beloved general practitioner in Eveleth and Hoyt Lakes. They returned to the Twin Cities with Dick completing his ophthalmology residency in 1962, establishing his private practice at the Northeast Eye Clinic and Northeast Optical in St. Anthony Village and performing surgery at Unity Hospital. He retired in 1999. Dick was widely respected for his thoughtfulness, ethical judgement, integrity and exceptional surgical skills. As such, he was elected President of the Hennepin County Medical Society serving from 1987-1989, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota Medical Society in 1991, was appointed the President of the Parent's Council at Washington University in St. Louis, served on the admissions committee for the University of Minnesota Medical School, and was a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. Dick was also a 20 year member of the Sky Light Club where he enjoyed the camaraderie of many friends. Dick was a youth hockey, baseball and golf coach, and he never missed his children's or grandchildren's games, matches or meets. Alongside his beloved Kay, Dick was an exceptional bridge player, avid golfer, and intrepid global traveler. Dick's loving nature, exceptional sense of humor and storytelling, plus extraordinary intelligence will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Dick will be remembered as a devoted, loving, and committed husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and physician. He will forever

serve for his progeny as an enduring, shining example of a truly great, honorable man.  
Catholic services with his family have been held. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel  
952-920-3996

# Cemetery

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## **Hillside Crematory**

2610 19th Ave NE

Minneapolis, MN, 55418

# Comments

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“ I remember babysitting for the Student family (Richard, Suzanne, Thomas and James) at the age of 12. It was my pleasure getting to know the children and watching Dick and Kay go to extravagant galas and prestigious events. My favorite times were when Dick gave me a ride home after babysitting. He was always so generous in paying me way too much for my time. Of course, I never minded.

We missed the Students when they moved to Golf Terrace but always kept in touch as

Dick was our ophthalmologist. I remember driving all the way to N.E. Eye Clinic for appointments. But I always loved visiting with Dick.

We are sorry for your loss and will always remember Dick. Deepest sympathy from the Wayne and Verone Sanders family (Mary, Margaret, Therese and Maureen).

**Mary Linker** - September 01, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ I worked at the N.E.Eye clinic from 1977 to 1994. We kept in touch Christmas cards. A few of us retired employees met for lunch at Jax restaurant the guest of honor was Dr. Student. The stories caused much laughter. Dr. Student was much loved and respected. My deepest sympathy to the family



**Judith Ziemer Hendricks** - August 30, 2020 at 04:58 PM