



Dennis Niewoehner

August 31, 2020

Niewoehner, Dennis Erwin, MD, age 80, of Edina, Minnesota, died on August 31, 2020. Born on a farm and raised in Sumner, Iowa, Dennis graduated from Dartmouth College (A.B.), Dartmouth Medical School (B.M.S.), and Harvard Medical School (M.D.). He moved to Cleveland for his residency in Internal Medicine at Case Western University. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, serving as a physician for Peace Corps volunteers in Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka from 1966 to 1968. He then completed his residency and a fellowship in pulmonary medicine at Case Western University, after which he served on the faculty. He became Chief of the Pulmonary Section of the Minneapolis VA Medical Center in 1976, a position in which he served until 2010. He continued his research and patient care at the VA until 2018. He was also a Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He was a superb mentor to his students, trainees, and colleagues throughout his years at the VA and University.

Dennis was an international leader in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) research and an expert in clinical trials. His research shaped the treatment of patients with COPD. In 2012, he received the John Blair Barnwell Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Science, the highest honor for scientific achievement in the VA system. He also received the award for Distinguished Scientific Achievement from the American Thoracic Society in 2009.

Dennis had a wonderful sense of humor, a talent for story-telling, and

extraordinary athletic skills. He had a voracious appetite for books and a love of travel.

Dennis was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. With Catherine, his wife of 55 years, he enjoyed monthly dinners with the same group of friends for 40 years and time with family at their lake house in northern Wisconsin.

He is survived by his wife Catherine, daughter Elizabeth (Richard) Pearce, son Christopher (Rachel), grandsons Alexander, Ian, Benjamin, and Ethan, and sister Joyce Dahlquist. Services will be held at 10AM on September 22 in the Memorial Garden at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina with live attendance by invitation only. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 4439 W. 50th Street, Edina, MN 55424 and Dr. Niewoehner Memorial Fund, Center for Veterans Research and Education, 1 Veterans Way (151), Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Previous Events

Funeral

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
4439 W. 50th Street
Edina, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Dennis Niewoehner.



September 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM