



George L. Adams M.D.

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Adams, George L., M.D. Age 65 Of Bloomington passed away on 4/8/06 from cancer complications. Beloved husband, father & grandfather he was also a respected professor and Head of the Department of Otolaryngology at the U of MN. Adams was an expert in the research and clinical care of head and neck cancers. He also excelled in teaching residents, working with some 130 total and closely mentoring 64, some of whom have gone on to top positions in academic medicine. Adams served as chair of the Department of Otolaryngology for 17 years. He earned his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College and came to the University of Minnesota as an otolaryngology resident in 1968; in 1973, he joined the faculty. Adams was well-known as a teacher and researcher nationally and had been vice president of the Triological Society, president of the Minnesota Academy of Otolaryngology, and had received a presidential citation during the annual meeting in Los Angeles September 2005 from the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery having also authored/contributed to numerous text books and papers. Outside of work, he was cherished by his grandchildren with whom he had hoped to spend more time upon his pending retirement. He was known by all his friends for his boundless energy and many passions including sailing, kayaking, shelling and desire to see a greater share of national health care spending spent on patient treatment. Adams is preceded in death by his parents, Mabel & George Adams, and survived by loving wife of 39 years, Donna; sons, Brett (Jen), Jay (Emily) and Eric (Katie);

grandchildren, Cecilia, Ellen, William, Bennett and Annabel; sister, Carol (Nick) Plotnikoff; nephew, Greg Plotnikoff, M.D.; and niece, Suzy Norman. Memorial service Monday, 3 PM at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road. Any contributions may be directed to the Minnesota Medical Foundation c/o the George L. Adams Head & Neck Cancer Endowment, McNamara Alumni Center, U of MN, 200 Oak St. SE, Suite 300, Mpls, MN 55455. Washburn-McReavy Edina 952-920-3996