



Louis Tobian

September 8, 2006

Tobian, Louis Jr., M.D. Age 86, died September 2. He was preceded in death by his brother, Milton and is survived by his wife of 54 years, Frances; his daughter, Anne (Arnie) and granddaughters, Libby and Lucy Berman of Westport, CT; his sister, Jean Eisenberg of Dallas, TX and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Louis was born in Dallas, January 26, 1920, graduated from the University of Texas and Harvard Medical School. After fellowships at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and the Department of Biochemistry at Harvard, Dr. Tobian joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1954. He was Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Hypertension Division from 1964 to 1994 and Chief of the Division of Renal Diseases from 1964 to 1976. Dr. Tobian devoted his research to increasing the understanding of hypertension and many of the concepts first put forth by him are now accepted principles in hypertension. The role of calcium and potassium on vascular complications in hypertension was of particular interest. He was the recipient of the highest honors in his field: The Ciba Award of the American Heart Association Council for High Blood Pressure Research, the Franz Vollhard Award and Lectureship of the International Society of Hypertension, the American Society of Nephrology's John P. Peters Award, its highest recognition for research and clinical care, an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship in Cologne, Germany and the Richard Bright Award of the American Society of Hypertension. He served as President of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research and of the American Society of

Hypertension. Dr. Tobian founded the journal Hypertension of the American Heart Association. He was a dedicated, gifted and beloved clinician as well, and continued seeing patients until 2004. His sense of humor and intellectual curiosity were legendary. Memorial services will be held at Lakewood Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave., on Saturday, September 16 at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Renal Research Fund, Minnesota Medical Foundation, 200 Oak St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-2203