

1935

Theodore J. Prowda, of Scottsdale, AZ, died May 22.

1939

Ralph L. Prowda, of Fayetteville, NY, died March 23 at the age of 89. Dr. Prowda was a practicing pediatrician in Syracuse until retiring in 1977. He then joined the Onondaga County Health Department, retiring as the deputy commissioner of health in 1995. Dr. Prowda was a school physician to the Syracuse school system, the assistant director of the Parochial School Health System and an attending physician at Crouse, Community and St. Joseph's hospitals. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lillian; his sons, Peter and Robert; and four grandchildren.

1941

Harold B. Smith, of Jamesville, NY, died December 18, 2003.

1942

Jack E. Thomas, of Elmira, NY, died May 5 at the age of 87. He had had a long battle with strokes and dementia.

March 1943

Edward A. Swift, of Syracuse, NY, died on June 25 at the age of 85. Dr. Swift interned at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. He then enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, rising to the rank of captain while serving in the European Theater of WWII. After the war, he received advanced surgical training at the Mayo Clinic, earning a master's degree in science and surgery from the University of Minnesota. For 18 years, Dr. Swift served ably as the chief of surgery at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital. During these years he also served as an attending surgeon at Community General Hospital and Upstate Medical Center and was a clinical professor of surgery at Upstate. He was president of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association as well as the Priestly Society of the Mayo Clinic. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association in 1988. He was honored by the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology for his many years of voluntarily assisting students in the Upstate Anatomy Lab. Dr. Swift was a co-founder of the local chapter of the Physicians for Social Responsibility and was a member of the international Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He was president of his medical school class and together with his wife, Mernie, they kept the class together for more than 60



Edward A. Swift, MD, 13/43

years. The Swift Foyer in Weiskotten Hall is named for the Swift Family. He is survived by his wife, Miriam B. Swift, MD, 3/43; his daughter, Cheryl Doble; three sons, Douglas, Bradley, and Stephen; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

December 1943

Jay W. Miller, of Princeton, NJ, died on April 9. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia.

1949

Russell W. Greenhalgh, of Marietta, NY, died on June 21 at the age of 78. Dr. Greenhalgh served as a captain in the US Navy in the Korean Conflict where he received a Bronze Star. At one time he had a private practice in surgery and then was director of St. Joseph's Hospital's Emergency Room for many years. Dr. Greenhalgh was a member of the American Medical Association and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeanne; two sons, David Greenhalgh, MD, '81, Richard E. Greenhalgh; two daughters, Marion Greenhalgh, Elizabeth Greene; six grandchildren, and a brother, Carlton Greenhalgh.

1986

Franklin L. Johnson, of Liverpool, NY, died on August 1. Dr. Johnson practiced obstetrics and gynecology, serving the community of Syracuse for 14 years. He was a member of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Diversity Committee. Franklin "Frank" was a devoted father, husband and family man. Everyone who knew Frank "Bubba" was touched by his big, warm smile. He is survived by his wife, Robin Carter Johnson, MD; his two children, Joelle and Franklin Jr.; his grandmother, Martha McBath;

his mother, Jackie Session; his brothers, Tony, Jeffrey, David, Anthony Gaskin (Little Tony), and Russell; and his sister, Debra; and many other relatives, friends and co-workers.

Residents

Gerard L. Eastman, of Huntington, NY, died July 22, 2003.

Gene M. Holden, of Wilmington, NC, died May 1 at the age of 92. Dr. Holden was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a physician for the Amherst High School football team, attending their games, and provided emergency medical services to the Amherst Fire and Police departments. He also made house calls. Dr. Holden joined the staff of several Veterans Affairs hospitals. He retired from the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. Dr. Holden raised Morgan horses and was active in horse-related 4-H programs. He is survived by his wife, Alberta; two sons, Merrill and Montgomery; two daughters, Barbara Hobart and Mary Louise Holden-Hall; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Former Faculty

Alfred Decker, of Tupper Lake, NY, died August 12, 2003.

Paul F. Wehrle, of San Clemente, CA, died May 11 at the age of 82. Dr. Wehrle was a pediatrician and researcher who helped diagnose and devise treatments for polio, smallpox and other infectious diseases. He is credited for helping to develop the vaccination that led to the World Health Organization to declare smallpox eradicated in 1980. In the 1950s, he worked on the clinical trials of the Salk polio vaccine. Dr. Wehrle published numerous academic articles and books on infectious and communicable diseases. He also did research on the effects of air pollution on people and served as a member of the Air Pollution Training Committee of the U.S. Public Health Service. He taught at Upstate Medical University and was acting chairman of the Microbiology Department from 1959 to 1961. He was chair of the University of Southern California's Pediatric Department from 1961-1988. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beth; his sons, Malcolm, Paul A. Wehrle, MD, Karl Wehrle, MD, and Robert; his sister, Ellen Meehan; and 12 grandchildren.

Robert E. Westlake, MD, R-1950, of Stuart, FL, died April 28, 2003.