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Isobel S. Sainsbury, of Canandaigua, NY, died March 12, 2004. Dr. Sainsbury enjoyed a busy career of some 60 years following her graduation from Syracuse Medical School. She is survived by her husband, A.W. Sainsbury, MD; her daughter, Anne Louise; and her sons, David and Scott.

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Daniel Thanos, of Columbus, OH, died May 3. Dr. Thanos was a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology and conducted a private practice in Cleveland, OH, and later in Willoughby, OH, for almost 40 years, retiring in 1990. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists. Dr. Thanos was on the staffs of MacDonald House of the University Hospitals of Cleveland, and Lake West Hospital in Willoughby. He served a four-year residency as well as chief resident in obstetrics and gynecology at MacDonald House of the University Hospitals from 1947-1951. Following an internship at Harper Hospital, in Detroit, he entered military service in 1944 serving with the 27th Inf. Division (NY) as battalion surgeon in the Battle of Okinawa. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and was later promoted to Division Medical inspector. During the occupation of Japan, Thanos served with the First Cavalry Division as port surgeon processing Japanese soldiers from the central Pacific. When a Cholera epidemic broke out, he instituted strict quarantine measures and trained Japanese personnel for which he was awarded a Commendation Medal. He is survived by his daughters, Georgene and Anastasia; and five grandchildren.

1944

Charles A. Rosenberg, of Silver Spring, MD, died February 9, 2007. Dr. Rosenberg, taught at several medical schools throughout his career. Following service in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps during both World War II and the Korean Conflict, he went on to have a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. During his tenure with the VA, Rosenberg continued to teach and conduct clinical research, primarily in the areas of diabetes and endocrinology. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters, Carol and Amy; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

1949

Charles J. DiCosimo, of DeWitt, NY, died June 12. Dr. DiCosimo attended Syracuse University for one year, and then transferred to the University of Rochester Navy program during World War II. He received his BA from the University of Rochester in 1945, after which he was a medical corpsman at Sampson Naval Hospital in Geneva. After graduating from Syracuse Medical School, he re-entered the Navy during the Korean War and served at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Newport, RI. After that time he served as medical officer at the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station in Newport. After his service he did a residency in pediatrics and practiced in Syracuse for 32 years retiring in 1989. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Charles, William, and James; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1958

Josette W. Bianchine, of Potomac, MD, died June 6. Dr. Bianchine was born in Gonaive, Haiti, and studied at L'Ecole LaLue (a traditional catholic school in Port-au-Prince) and worked with physicians studying malaria and tuberculosis before coming to the United States on a full academic scholarship at the University of Illinois. After graduating, she entered medical school on a full scholarship and was one of only two females in her graduating class. She completed her internship and residency in pediatrics and then served as chief resident at the Harriet Lane Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Bianchine became a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and was a practicing pediatrician in Maryland, Texas, and Ohio for more than 30 years. She was appointed research professor of medical genetics and pediatrics at Texas Tech University School of Medicine. Her areas of expertise included pediatrics, medical genetics, and the study of inborn errors of skeletal formation and metabolism. Bianchine was the primary author of more than 30 original articles on dwarfism and inherited birth defects. She is survived by her husband, **Joseph R. Bianchine, MD '60**; her son, Peter J. Bianchine, MD; her daughter, Christine R. Bianchine, JD; and several other relatives.



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Mark B. Levin, of Princeton, NJ, died June 8. Dr. Levin was a Princeton resident for the past 24 years and practiced pediatrics for more than 30 years. He was a partner with The Pediatric Group in Princeton. He was the former president of the pediatrics department at University Medical Center at Princeton and served on numerous committees, including the ethics committee. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Levin was a founding member and former president of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County. He is survived by his wife, Joan; his daughters, Dr. Janna Levin, Dr. Adrian Bardon and Rachel; his son, Dr. David Levin; and his brothers Gary and Stephen.

1976

James P. Jonak, of Hartfield, VA, died May 20. Dr. Jonak was a native of New York State and graduated from Olean High School, class of 1958. He received his BS degree from St. Bonaventure University, and his MA and PhD degrees in chemistry from the University of Buffalo. He then completed four years of extensive research with the Department of Experimental Therapeutics at Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo. He practiced medicine as a family practice physician in Virginia for an HMO in Richmond; Fort Chiswell Medical Center, Wytheville; Ft. Eustis McDonald Army Hospital and retired from the Riverside Hayes Medical Center in the fall of 2007. He is survived by his wife, Holly; his brothers, Thomas, Dr. Michael Jonak, and Lawrence, and many other relatives.

1993

Gail L. Dolbear, of Chittenango, NY, died May 24. Dr. Dolbear was professor of OB/GYN at Upstate until her retirement in 2006. She also had a private practice in Manlius and practiced in a clinic in Syracuse as well as volunteering for overseas missions. Dr. Dolbear was published in numerous medical journals. She is survived by her husband, Kyle; her daughters, Heather and Jessica; her parents, Russell and Irene Newell; her sister, Kathleen; and two grandsons.

House Staff

Barton A. Harris, of Charles Town, WV, died April 1. Dr. Harris began his career with the North Shore Medical Group in Huntington, NY. He then went to work for DuPont Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, DE, and later for Squibb Pharmaceuticals in Princeton, NJ. He developed and executed research protocols, bringing the antibiotic, Amantidine, as well as other medications on line. Harris was the director of utilization at The University Medical Center at Princeton and was in practice with Princeton Hospital Medical Group. He also developed and directed the impaired physician program for the New York State Medical Society. Harris served as captain in the Army during the occupation in Germany from 1956 to 1958. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughter, Verlee; his step-daughter, Brea; his sons, Barton, Nathan, Calvin and James; and 13 grandchildren, six nieces and four nephews.

Chalmers J. Lyons, of Jamesville, NY, died May 5. Dr. Lyons completed his medical internship in Indiana and his residency in internal medicine at Boston City Hospital. He became a board certified cardiologist at SUNY Upstate and was board certified in electrophysiology after a fellowship in Salt Lake City. He practiced cardiology in Syracuse and retired in 2005. Lyons was an avid boater and enjoyed time on the St. Lawrence River. He recently completed a book, *River Ramblings*, an illustrated text referencing historical properties along the St. Lawrence River. Lyons was also the author of numerous medical papers. He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary; his daughter, Christina; his son, Richard; his brother, Richard; his sister, Betsy; and several nieces and nephews.

Faculty

Robert O. Becker, MD, died on May 14. Dr. Becker was an orthopedic surgeon and research scientist who served as chief of orthopedic surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Syracuse, NY, and clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at both Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse and the Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport, LA. He was author of several books and more than 150 papers in the peer-reviewed literature, including two publications from 1961 now considered seminal works in the field of bioelectromagnetics. The first established that electrical currents played a role in wound heal-

ing, which led directly to present-day techniques for the electrical stimulation of bone growth, and the second used magnetic fields to detect the flow of an electrical current in peripheral nerves, which caused a subsequent reevaluation of magnetic field effects on living organisms. Becker's work led to the first official hearings on the potential health effects from high-voltage transmission lines before the New York State Public Service Commission; his interviews on related topics appeared on the Canadian Broadcasting System, the BBC, and CBS' *60 Minutes*, among others. He was recipient of the William S. Middleton Award from the Veterans Administration in 1964, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from New York University Medical School in 1966, the Nicholas Andry Award from the Association of Bone and Joint Surgery in 1979, and twice nominated for the Nobel Prize. Becker remained active well into retirement, focusing on the commercial development of technology from his later research and assisting public-interest groups concerned about adverse effects from exposure to artificial electromagnetic fields. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; his daughter, Lisa; his sons, Michael and Adam; and two grandchildren.

Family

Glen M. Fowkes, of Syracuse, NY died April 30. He was the father of **Mary Fowkes, MD, PhD, '99**. Memorial contributions may be made to Upstate Medical Alumni for the Medical School Scholarship Fund, Upstate Medical Alumni Office, Suite 1510, Setnor Academic Building, 750 East Adams Street, Syracuse, NY 13210 (info: 315-464-4361).