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**Willard R. Short**, of Cortland, NY, died August 19, 2004.

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**Charles R. Pyke**, of Fineview, NY, died November 8, 2007. Dr. Pyke began his career practicing general medicine and then specialized in orthopedics, practicing in Oswego since 1956. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; his son, Robert; his daughters, Karen, Melanie, and Marianne; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**1944**

**Seymour F. Wilkins**, of Fayetteville, NY, died January 11. A dedicated pediatrician who practiced in the Syracuse area for more than 40 years, Dr. Wilkins was of the generation of physicians who made house calls without concern for the time or day and looked upon his patients as his personal extended family. He was a member of the Onondaga County Medical Society and a life member of the New Medical Society of the State of New York. He served his country during World War II in the medical corps of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his brother, Warren; and several nieces and nephews.

**1945**

**David B. Jones**, of Palo Alto, CA, died December 16, 2007. A seven-decade resident of Syracuse, NY, Dr. Jones enjoyed a long and productive career at the SUNY Upstate College of Medicine in Syracuse, graduating first in his medical school class in 1945, and continuing on as a teacher and then professor of pathology until his retirement in 1992. His work there was interrupted only by his service as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and a fellowship in neuropathology at the Mayo Clinic. The sixth generation of his family to enter medicine, Jones was a pioneer in electron microscopy, an international expert in kidney pathology, and author of over 90 articles on kidney disease for professional journals. He founded the Cytotechnology program in the College of Health Related Professions and served as a consultant in nephropathology for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

In 1988 he was named New York State Distinguished Pathologist of the Year. The College of Medicine honored him and his colleague Robert Rohner, MD ’52, by establishing the Jones-Rohner Endowed Professorship in Pathology in 1991. David was known for his prodigious memory, integrity, and humility. He loved teaching. His family and friends remember him as a loving and generous father, husband, grandfather, uncle, brother, cousin, and son. He put the interests of others first, and was stoic in life’s difficulties. He was a true gentleman. Even in his final illness some of his last words were, “What can I do for you?” He was an avid salmon fisherman, gardener, photographer, model ship builder, and loyal member of the First United Methodist Church in Syracuse. A memorial service will be held in Syracuse in July. He is survived by his daughters Linda Suzuki of Walnut Creek, Laura Johnson of Palo Alto, granddaughters Elizabeth and Margaret Johnson, and brother Tracey K. Jones Jr., of Sarasota, FL. David was born in Canton, China, the youngest child of Marion and Tracey K. Jones, YMCA missionaries. His beloved wife, Jean, and daughter, Susan, preceded him in death. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, Setnor Academic Bldg., suite 1510, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210 or a charity of your choice.

**William F. Knoff**, of Cazenovia, NY, died January 11. Dr. Knoff served as captain in the U.S. Army in WWII and was a faculty member at Upstate for 38 years. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his daughters, Katherine and Nancy; his son, William F. Jr.; and several grandchildren.

**George A. Sisson**, of Oak Brook, IL, died October 6, 2006. Dr. Sisson served as director of the residency program at SUNY Upstate for several years and then became professor and chair in Otolaryngology at Northwestern Medical School where he trained more than 150 residents and 35 fellows. Sisson was a director of the American Board of Otolaryngology and served as president, and was a co-founder of the American Society of Head and Neck Surgeons and served as its first secretary. In 1989, he received the high-



**David B. Jones, MD '45**

est honor from the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons when he was named its Hayes Martin Lecturer. In addition, Sisson served as president of many local, regional, and national organizations including the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, American Association of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Association of Department Otolaryngologists, and the Society of University Otolaryngologists. He authored and co-authored more than 300 books, chapters, and journal articles. Sisson is survived by his wife, Mary Alice; and three children and their families.

**1946**

**George R. Frempter**, of Fallbrook, CA, died December 28, 2007. Dr. Frempter served in the U.S. Navy, and one of his assignments had been a tour of American Samoa, where he treated various tropical diseases including leprosy. Later he was assigned to Camp Pendleton and was sailing to Japan when the Korean War Truce was signed. He is survived by his wife, Norma; his sons, George Jr., Gerald, and Richard; his sister, Elisa; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



**John Prior, MD, HS '48,** shown here with **Lou Rosati, MD, '66,** at Reunion Weekend 2006

### 1948

**Herbert J. Leary**, of Cooperstown, NY, died November 18, 2007. Dr. Leary served as chief resident and instructor in surgery at Upstate after completing five years of surgical residency. During this time, he also served as a teaching fellow in pathology and received a grant from the American Cancer Society. An Air Force veteran, Captain Leary served during the Korean War. Dr. Leary practiced as a general surgeon for more than 35 years in the Mid-Hudson area. He was appointed as director of surgeons at Vassar Medical Center where he was later elected as president of the medical staff. Dr. Leary is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughter, Ellen; his sons, John, Brian, James and Dennis; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### 1960

**David J. McMahon**, of Pensacola, FL, died May 8, 2007. Dr. McMahon served in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer from 1961-1968. His assignments took him to Yokosaka, Japan, to Portsmouth, VA, for a four-year surgical residency training at the U.S. Naval Hospital, and to Camp Pendleton, CA, where he was the staff surgeon at the U.S. Naval Hospital from 1967-1968. He spent a year in Quang Tri, Vietnam, with the Medical Division of the U.S. Marine Corps. He later was chief of surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Beaufort, SC, from 1973-1978. McMahon became staff surgeon of the Naval Aerospace and Regional Medical Center from 1978-1981. After retiring as Captain from the U.S. Navy in 1981, he opened a private practice in general surgery, retiring in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Catherine; his sons, Tim and Rob; his daughter Maggie; his stepsons, Robert and David; and seven grandchildren.

### 1966

**Adrienne Panitz** passed away after a long illness on November 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband **Lawrence Panitz, MD '66,** her daughter Jennifer, her son Michael, her grandson Philip, her daughter-in-law Debra, her sisters-in-law, Thelma Klein and Eileen Haimowitz and a host of other relatives and friends. Adrienne was a beautiful, loving, kind and compassionate human being, cherished in life and will be adored forever in the hearts

of her survivors. Contributions in memory of Adrienne Panitz may be made to the Class of 1966 Scholarship and sent to the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, Setnor Academic Building #1510, 750 E. Adams St., Syracuse, NY 13210.

### 1977

**Thomas Wormuth**, of Atlanta, GA, died July 31, 2007.

### 2006

**Timothy P. Dennie**, of MacEdon, NY, died November 20, 2007. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Elaine; his brothers, Michael, Andrew, Matthew, Patrick, Joseph, and Nicholas; his sister, Barbara; and many other relatives.

### Faculty

**John "Jack" Prior, MD, HS '48,** of Manlius, NY, died on November 23, 2007. Dr. Prior earned his medical degree at the University of Vermont and completed his residency training in pathology at Binghamton City Hospital. He joined the Upstate Medical University Department of Pathology, retiring as professor in 1971 to become laboratory director of Community General Hospital until 1987. Prior served as president of the New York Association of Public Health Laboratories, Blood Bank Association of New York State, Syracuse Red Cross Blood Program, New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council, and the CNY Lung Association. Prior was a past president of the Onondaga County Medical Society and authored more than 80 articles in medical journals, primarily concerned with cardiovascular and neoplastic disease. Dr. Prior served in the U.S. Army during WW II with the 10th Armored Division in the European Theater. His decorations include the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Belgian Croix de Guerre and the medals of the cities of Bastogne and Metz. Following WW II he was a member of the Army Reserve and commanded the 376th Combat Support Reserve Hospital, from which he retired in 1977 with the rank of colonel. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth Titus Troy Prior; six children: Anne, Polly, John, Dr. Thomas, Jeffrey, and Colonel; 19 grandchildren; a brother, Dr. Paul Prior; and several nieces and nephews.