



David L. Barclay, MD
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David L. Barclay, MD (1930-2011) passed away Saturday, June 11, 2011 in Amarillo, Texas, after a brief battle with cancer. Born in Everett, Washington on September 17, 1930, Dr. Barclay received both his undergraduate (BSc, 1951) and medical (MD, 1955) degrees from the University of Washington in Seattle. After a rotating internship at Baltimore City Hospital, he served as a Captain, USAMC at Fort McClellan, Anniston, Alabama, from 1956 to 1958. He completed his residency at Charity Hospital (Tulane Division), Louisiana, New Orleans in 1961. On completion of his training he joined the faculty at Tulane University, rising from the rank of Instructor to Professor between 1961 and 1968. It was in New Orleans where, on a blind date, he met his bride, Jane Claire Overstreet. In 1970, they moved to Little Rock, Arkansas where he assumed the position of Professor and Chair at the University of Arkansas. In 1978, he entered private practice (where he had a very active practice), rejoining the University in 1994. In 1999, he assumed the position of Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Texas Tech University in Amarillo, Texas. From 2002 to 2004 he also served as the Regional Chair for the Amarillo branch of the Texas Tech program. Despite serious health issues, he remained active in his practice until his retirement in 2008.

Dr. Barclay's passion was his work, and while he practiced the full spectrum of obstetrics and gynecology, he was board certified in Gynecologic Oncology and was nationally known for his expertise in the clinical management of vulvar carcinoma. He was active in multiple regional and national medical organizations. Dr. Barclay was a Founding member of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology, Society of Gynecologic Surgeons and the International Society for the Study of Vulvar Disease. In 1991, he served as President of the Society of Pelvic Surgeons. He received honorary memberships in many regional medical societies, related to guest speaking invitations. In addition to being regarded as a consummate clinician, he was also known for his teaching excellence, for which he received numerous awards. Dr. Barclay was actively involved in the academic mission as well, publishing numerous peer review articles, book chapters and educational videos.

From an early age, Dr. Barclay excelled at golf, and was a club champion in Tacoma and Seattle. In 1947 he was the state Junior Champion in Wisconsin and was the S.C.G.A. Junior Champion in 1948. In addition to teaching his grandchildren golf, he and his family enjoyed family time at Lake Ouchita in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Jane, four children Carlene (Kim) Lokey, Tammy (Allain) Lokey, David Jr., (deAnna) Barclay, and Janie (Bill) Kinsinger, and five grandchildren. It difficult to argue with the last line in his obituary – "He truly accomplished all that he set out to do."

Submitted by Dr. Larry J. Copeland