

### **In Memoriam**



#### **Seymour L. Romney, MD (Aug. 22, 2010)**

Seymour “Cy” L. Romney died August 22, 2010 at age 93 in Rye, NY. A native of New York, Dr. Romney was born on June 8, 1917. A graduate of Johns Hopkins (1938), he received his medical degree from New York University in 1942. He then served in the U.S. Naval Reserve and was assigned to the Submarine Research Laboratory in New London Connecticut from 1943 to 1945. Dr. Romney’s postgraduate education included appointments at Beth Israel Hospital Boston, Free Hospital for Women in Brookline Mass., Boston Lying-In and Harvard. He completed a research fellowship in Ob/Gyn with the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation at Harvard in 1956.

In 1957, Dr. Romney was appointed Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, and served in that capacity until 1972. After

stepping down as Chair, he served as the Director of Gynecologic Cancer.

Dr. Romney authored dozens of peer-review manuscripts, multiple chapters and co-edited the textbook, *Gynecology and Obstetrics, The Health Care of Women*. He served in national leadership positions in Planned Parenthood, National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and was an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Romney was one of the co-founders of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, founded in 1992, and was named the first Chair of their Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife Shirley (Gordon), his son Benjamin (Ginger Benlifer), his daughter Anne (Tim Haynes), and multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dr. Romney will be remembered as a leader in the discipline; making a difference in the lives of many women.

*Submitted by Irwin R. Merkatz, MD*