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Dr. Ray M. Antley

Aug. 1, 1937 - Oct. 16, 2014

Dr. Ray Mills Antley of Morganton died Thursday, October 16, 2014. He was born in Richmond, VA on August 1, 1937 to the late H. Ray Antley and Wilhelmina Mills Antley. He grew up in Columbia, SC and graduated from Columbia High School in 1955. Dr. Antley received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College in 1958 and his M.D. from Emory University in 1962. He then interned in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Hospital from 1962-1963 and was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 – 1966. Dr. Antley was stationed at the Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, LA. After serving in the Air Force he studied genetics at the University of Wisconsin. Subsequently he was the head of Medical Genetics at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis for ten years. During that time he and Dr. David Bixler identified a new cranial facial syndrome, named the Antley-Bixler Syndrome. He then trained as a radiologist and moved to Morganton in 1985 to practice with Dr. Phil Howerton and Dr. Beman Snow. He was board certified in Medical Genetics and Radiology and was one of the founders of Blue Ridge Radiology Associates. He remained at Blue Ridge Radiology until his retirement in 2011.

Dr. Antley loved worked in the Morganton community. He established Blue Ridge Radiology Accelerated Reader Awards for area elementary school students. He was a member of the Rotary Club and named a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of

Grace Episcopal Church and was a member of the Jamestowne Society.

Dr. Antley pursued many hobbies. He bicycled from Seattle to Denver in 1976 as a bicentennial event and enjoyed running marathons, one of which was under three hours. He loved collecting antiques, attending operas, and traveling abroad.

He was devoted to his family. Dr. Antley is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann McSwain Antley; sons, Dr. R. Mills Antley, Jr. and his wife, Lisa, of Morganton and Dr. Angus Antley and his wife, Elizabeth, of London, England; a daughter, Dr. Catherine M. Antley and her husband, Gideon Bavly of Burlington, VT; grandsons, Peter, Eric, and James Antley of Morganton, Paul and David Fischer of Burlington, VT, Jones Ray and Heath Antley of London; a granddaughter, Meredith Antley of Morganton; a sister, Mina Mills Antley of Columbia, SC; and a brother, Philip Antley and his wife, Joy, of Prosperity, SC.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 20, 2014 at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center. A celebration of Dr. Antley's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Grace Episcopal Church in Morganton with the Rev. Gary Parker officiating. A reception for the family to receive friends will be held in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. Following the reception, interment will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, 303 South King Street, Morganton, NC 28655 or to Doctors Without Borders USA, P.O. Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.