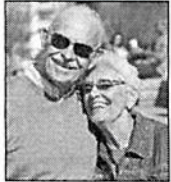


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**Dr. George E. DUVOISIN M.D.(1930 - 2018)**



**DUVOISIN, George E., M.D.**

**November 10, 1930 - May 06, 2018**

It is with heavy hearts that we make known the death of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, brother, grandfather and great grandfather. He died peacefully early on a beautiful Sunday morning surrounded by the love of his family at his home in Spokane.

He was born to Louisa and Edward Duvoisin on November 10, 1930 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. In 1934, after his father passed away, the family moved to Clearwater Beach, Florida where he grew up working hard helping his mother and brother build a beach cottage business. He attended high school at Phillips Andover Academy near Boston and then on to Williams College where he majored in Chemistry and, most importantly, in 1950 he met the love of his life, Fiorenza Pascoletto, a 21-year-old from Italy. They fell in love and were married in a simple ceremony in Vermont in June of 1951.

Following college, George and Fiorenza moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he attended Emory School of Medicine and then entered the Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Hospital and Vicenza, Italy. In 1961 the family moved to Rochester, Minnesota where he trained to be a cardiothoracic surgeon and received a Ph.D. in Surgery from the University of Minnesota while training at the Mayo Clinic.

In 1969, the family moved to Spokane where he started work as a cardiothoracic surgeon and enjoyed taking care of and visiting his hundreds of patients not only in Spokane but in towns from Miles City, Montana to Brewster in the Okanogan Valley. He was always proud of the medicine he was able to practice, the chance to help patients he cared for at Sacred Heart Medical Center and the opportunity to perform one of the first open heart surgeries at the new hospital in 1971.

His passions, in order of importance, were his wife Fiorenza, his large adoring family, taking care of his patients, the practice of medicine, traveling, steelhead fishing on the Clearwater River, fixing things, history and reading.

George is survived by Fiorenza, his beloved wife of 67 years, his brother Dr. Peter (Jane) Duvoisin, children Stephen (Debbie), Marc, Robert (Yvonne), Barbara, grandchildren Gina (Dave Fleschner), Jennifer (Ajay Rana), Jacqueline (Paul Holden), Natalie (Elliot Claypool), Maximillian, Nicholas, George, Marcus, Chrissy (Brent Thompson), John (Eileen), Afanasi, Fedya and great-grandchildren Sebastian, Eloise, Georgia, Sofia, Grace, Francesca, Noah, Maximillian, Emma, Roberto, Catalina, Rosie, Eli, and Lainey.

A gathering of family and friends is being planned for later this summer to honour our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, brother, grandfather and great grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Students Mastering Important Lifeskills Education at [www.smilelifework.org](http://www.smilelifework.org) or the Providence Health Care Foundation at [www.providence.org/givingewa](http://www.providence.org/givingewa).

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