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Dr. Walter Davis "Walt" Stevenson III

Dr. Walter Davis "Walt" Stevenson III, 78, of Quincy and Naples, Fla., died at 6:47 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018, at his home in Naples.

Walt was born March 3, 1940, in Rochester, Minn., the son of Walter Davis and Katharine Gardner Stevenson Jr. He married the love of his life, Darlene Gates, on Dec. 23, 1965. She survives.

Walt attended Quincy High School for a year and then attended and graduated from Lake Forest Academy in Lake Forest, Ill. He graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, where he also served his internship. Walt completed his residency at the Scheie Eye Institute in Philadelphia.

Walt served for two years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was stationed stateside as a physician at the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Walt and Darlene returned to Quincy after his

discharge from the Navy and he joined the P&S Clinic on July 15, 1974, as an ophthalmologist. Walt retired in December 1999 from the Quincy

Medical Group. He served on the Board of Directors for the P&S Clinic and was a board member and past president of Quincy Medical Group (1987 to 1997).

Walt had a passion for golf and was an accomplished golfer from a young age, spending many hours at his favorite course at the Quincy Country Club. At the age of 14, Walt won the Chicago District Golf Association's Junior Event. He also was the Club Champion at the Quincy Country Club in 1986.

Walt received the Boy Scout of America Mississippi Valley Council's 12th Annual Distinguished Citizen Award, in 2000, for exemplifying Scouting's high ideals in leadership, service and ethical standards. One example of Walt's dedication to the community over the years was his involvement as a board member of the Quincy Area Project.

He was a member of First Union Congregational Church, Quincy, the Quincy Country Club, the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Naples, the Naples Yacht Club and the Club at Pelican Bay.

Walt was empathetic toward animals, and he and Darlene always had dogs and supported organizations that would help save animals and provide for their medical care.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Darlene, and their two children, Scott Stevenson of Tampa, Fla., and Laura Stevenson of Texas; his sister-in-law, Carolyn Stevenson of Quincy; three nieces and nephews, John Gardner (Dale) Stevenson Jr. of Quincy, Jennifer Gardner Stevenson of Denver and Wes (Shannon) Gates of Jacksonville, Fla.; six great-nieces and great-nephews, John Gardner "Jack" Stevenson III, Alec Nielsen Stevenson, Gunnar Stevenson Croke, Katharine Gardner Croke, Megan Gates and Shaun Gates; his two dogs, Trifle and Norma Jean; and his cat, Q Tip.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Ralph Stevenson and John Gardner Stevenson, Sr.

SERVICES: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at First Union Congregational Church, Quincy, with burial in Quincy Memorial Park

VISITATION: 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Hansen-Spear Funeral Home.

MEMORIALS: First Union Congregational Church, Quincy Humane Society or Noah's Ark Animal Foundation.

ARRANGEMENTS: Hansen-Spear Funeral Directors.

WEBSITE: hansenspear.com

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