

H. Randolph Tatem III '59

There was no published obituary on Randy but Sue did write this personal view of him..... "Randy Tatem died in November in his sleep in the hospital. He was 79. He was a physician and from 1996 he seemed determined to try out everything the various specialties of medicine had to offer. The doctors and medical staff did wonders keeping him alive for twenty years. Randy is missed by his cat, his wife, his daughters, his six grand children, his sister, his nieces and nephews, his colleagues and his many friends.

Randy had a distinguished career in radiology and nuclear medicine at Hahnemann, was chief of the Radiology Service at Fort Leonard Wood (rank of Major) during Viet Nam, and at Doylestown Hospital. He had a fine education at The Lawrenceville School, Williams College, and Hahnemann University School of Medicine. He had a rotating internship at West Jersey Hospital and a Residency in Radiology at Hahnemann. He was honored with Fellowships from the American Cancer Society, American College of Nuclear Physicians, American College of Radiology, and Traineeships from the Public Health Service.

After retiring he lived in resort towns in Hawaii, New Jersey, and Colorado. He enjoyed cooking, especially meat, and was known in the family and locally for his roasted turkeys and his chocolate chip cookies. He loved games and won cribbage nearly every day. He loved mahjong and Monopoly and Rummikube and Poker. He liked pencil solitaires in Game Magazine and Soduku. He loved sports and became a big fan of women's soccer, but his favorites were always the Flyers ice hockey team. His own sport in school was swimming the backstroke. He did cross country skiing and scuba diving.

He traveled Around the World with National Geographic in 2008 and crossed off most of his bucket list.....Machu Picchu, Easter Island, Samoa, Barrier Reef, Angkor, Pandas in China, Tibet, Serengeti, Luxor and Cairo, Taj Mahal and Morocco. He also visited England, Spain, Italy, Lourdes and Paris, Kyoto, China, Hong Kong, and the Galapagos. He hiked in many of our National Parks [Yellowstone, Glacier, Olympic, San Juan Island, Badlands, Joshua Tree, Rocky Mountain and Smoky Mountains, Yosemite Everglades, Canyonlands, Acadia, Rushmore, Cave of the Winds]. He went to Key West and to New York and Washington DC and Niagara and Miami and Orlando. He drove the Oregon and Washington state coasts and along the Columbia stopping at every light house. He snorkeled most of the Hawaiian Islands [Hawaii, Maui, Lanai, Oahu, Molokai] and Grand Cayman. He submerged in submarines to 100 feet and to 400 feet and watched whales and went to blowholes and aquariums and zoos and museums and cruised to Alaska. He drove around Oahu and Maui and Kuwai and Grand Cayman.

He liked music and left about 40 pounds of CDs including "The Barefoot Man", Beatles, John Denver, Chuck Mangione and Iz and mostly Glen Yarbrough. Most people know he collected frog memorabilia. Cleaning out his stuff I found about 15 pounds of hard candy, mostly Werthers and Root Beer Barrels. Cat Varmint slept with his little paw on Randy's hand every night. Donations could go to staffordspca.org, 140 Andrew Chapel Road, Safford VA 22554 where we adopted our beloved cat Moses or to Aspen Valley Hospital, 0401 Castle Creek Road, Aspen, CO 81611.

He loved his family and pets, gathered ocean smoothed pebbles on Seven Mile Beach and often climbed to Crater Lake at the Maroon Bells. He was a Happy Man who lived a Great Life."

