



Arthur French

May 18, 1918 - April 26, 2011

Dr. Arthur B. French, M.D., a long time resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away on April 26, 2011 in Corvallis, Oregon, where he had resided the last 1½ years.

Arthur Bancroft French was born May 18, 1918 in Hanover New Hampshire. He grew up in Hanover, attended Phillip Exeter Academy and then Dartmouth College where he graduated in 1940. He attended Medical School at Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins University. He then served in the US Army Medical Corps in Britain from 1943 to 1945. In 1943 he married Margaret Storrs, of West Chester, PA, with whom he had six children and to whom he was married for 24 years before they were divorced.

Following his internship and residency in Gastroenterology, and a Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital he took a position at the University of Utah Medical School in 1951. In 1955 he moved the family to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he taught at the University of Michigan Medical School and Hospital. For many years he served as the Director of the Clinical Research Unit there. He retired from the University of Michigan in 1985. He then practiced at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit before retiring from medical practice in 1997. Arthur loved the outdoors: hiking, skiing, canoeing, and fishing. In his later years he traveled extensively with several trips to Europe, Alaska, Nepal, Antarctica, and Scandinavia.

Arthur is survived by son and daughter in-law Harry and Mary Orovan-French of New York City, son, daughter in-law, and grandsons Rowland, Karen,

Christopher, and Andrew French of Corvallis, OR, son John French of Seward, AK, son, daughter in-law, and grand daughters Arthur Jr., Marsha, Kathrine, and Julia French of Houston, Texas, son Charles French of Big Timber, MT, daughter and son-in-law Julia and Bryce Whitiker of Salt Lake City, UT, and by his companion of 10 years, Beverly Ward of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth French-Lathem of Hanover, NH, and brother Rowland French of Eastport, ME.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am May 7, 2011 at the First Congregational UCC of Corvallis.