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Sad News Guys,

Dick McKeever died unexpectedly on July 26. He was a good friend of mine and of many of you.

His obit is attached.

Gordon

Clark Dickson McKeever, MD. died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 79 years of age. He was born on January 21, 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri along with identical twin brother, Grant Rexford to parents Dorothy Mae Grant and Duncan Clark McKeever, MD.

"Dick's" family moved to Houston in 1939 where his father was one of only two orthopedic surgeons. He graduated from Lamar High School in 1954 and was a member of the state championship swim team. In 1958 he graduated from Wabash College in Indiana and then, following in his father's footsteps, he attended Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia graduating in 1962. In his second year of orthopedic residency at Jefferson, he was drafted into the Air Force. During the next four years he completed his residency at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, achieving the rank of major. Upon honorable discharge in 1970 he returned to Houston joining his twin brother to start the McKeever Orthopedic Clinic and so began his 45 year career in orthopedic surgery. They were among the original ten doctors at Memorial City Hospital.

Throughout his lengthy career, he has excelled in many and varied areas such as: An active reserve undercover narcotics detective with the Harris County Sheriff's Department for 17 years during which he received several marksmanship awards; a team doctor for Stratford High School for 20 years; Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at

Memorial City Hospital; a leading researcher and expert in osteoporosis who traveled the world lecturing, and a skilled carpenter and craftsman. There was nothing he could not fix, build, or modify.

Later in his career he took a fellowship in age management medicine so he could better understand and extend the lives of his older patients. In addition, had the wonderful opportunity to work alongside his younger brother John, also an orthopedic surgeon, in Corpus Christi for two years.

Dr. Clark is survived by his wife of 51 years, Pat, his son David, son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Terri, daughter Pam, twin brother Dr. Grant McKeever, younger brother, Dr. John McKeever and his three beautiful grandchildren, Luca, Kailey and Cade. In addition, he leaves behind numerous and wonderful in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

From the time he started making orthopedic insoles at the age of 12, mopping operating room floors at the age of 15, to his recent unfortunate passing, his love of medicine, continuous search for knowledge and care for his patients remained his driving force. However, more important than this was his adoration for his family.

He was an amazing doctor, husband, father, brother, friend, and care taker to all who knew him. This is a devastating loss to our family and he will be greatly missed.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, August 1, 2015, 1:30 PM, at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church located at 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079. In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions in Dr. McKeever's memory may be directed to the American Heart Association or the Parkinson Disease Foundation.

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