



Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf

April 30, 1921 - September 9, 2022

Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf passed away peacefully in Texas with family at his side on Sep 9, 2022, at the age of 101. Ken was born in Whitley Bay, Northumberland, England the only child of William and Margaret Metcalf. He attended medical school at Newcastle-on-Tyne where he met the love of his life, a fellow medical student, Norah Frances Lambe. They graduated from medical school in Dec 1943 and were married Aug 2, 1944. After serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1944-1948, Ken joined the Anatomy Department at the University of Bristol beginning a long and distinguished career which would eventually encompass teaching medical students and other health professionals, supervising graduate students, writing research grants and performing medical research. In 1968 he and Norah brought six of their seven children to the United States. At the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Ken started several innovative teaching programs including Living Anatomy and expanded the deeded body program. In 1973, they moved to Omaha where Ken took the position of Chairman of Anatomy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. During his career he won more than 15 teaching awards, including a national award, the Alpha Omega Alpha Distinguished Teacher Award for Basic Science in 1991. He authored/co-authored 89 papers, 9 Anatomy textbooks, 162 abstracts, and presented multiple papers at conferences and seminars in the U.S., Europe, Africa and Asia. He was a long-standing external examiner at the University of Ibadan, the University of Benin, and the University of Lagos, all in Nigeria, and served as an external

examiner at the University of Kuwait. Ken and Norah worked at UNMC until retiring at age 70. Ken continued to teach part-time until the age of 84. In 2009, after almost 65 years of marriage, Norah passed away peacefully at home while Ken held her hand. Ken traveled to England every year with his beloved wife. His last trip was in 2021 at the age of 100. They raised seven children: Peter (Karen), Michael (Kathy), Nicholas, Mandy (Dennis Long), Pet Christiansen (Lynn), Lindsey Holley (Darren) and Jordan (Jane). Five of them became Physicians, one became an Attorney, and one became a Special Education Teacher. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Norah, his two eldest sons Peter and Michael, one grandson, David Metcalf and a son-in-law (Dennis Long). He is survived by five children, 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Ken was loved and respected by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. Visitation: 9:30am Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE immediately followed by a memorial service at 11:00am, also at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, send memorials to St Jude's, Shriners Hospital, Tunnel to Towers Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - September 29, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Ken and Norah, two great educators. I miss you both. I am just finding this notice today after a search. I last heard from Ken via a Christmas card in December 2020. The card was a photo of Ken on a John Deere tractor snow plow on his acreage. He was a man of energy and enthusiasm. Fantastic fun lecturer. I was in Ken and Norah's anatomy fearful foursome as medical student; Gross Anatomy, neuroanatomy, embryology, and living anatomy. I remember in Gross anatomy lab, a group of four students had a cadaver with a poorly embalmed brain. Ken stepped in, encouraged them, then personally dissected for them and made the nasty experience a treat. The department head one on four for more than an hour. That was Ken!*

Teaching anatomy to a general surgery resident, she told me once, "You sure use a lot of Latin." That was Ken's mark on our lives. Anatomy was all Latin. How else would you say, "rectus abdominis." I loved them both.

David Staab - March 23 at 04:22 PM



“ *Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf.*



September 27, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *Wow, what a life well lived. I was a medical student of both Drs. Metcalf and will never forget them. Kind, caring, great teachers, and FUNNY were words that describe them both. They made coming to class daily a great experience and took much of the stress out of it all, especially for 1st year medical students. They will never be forgotten. They both did a LOT of good for the world through their travels and education of students. I'm honored to have known them both. May they Rest In Peace!*

*Dwight T. Jones, MD
Chairman of Otolaryngology - UNMC*

Dwight Jones - September 27, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Kenneth Metcalf.*



September 26, 2022 at 11:44 PM