



Dr. Burton Owen Krafte

December 23, 1930 - March 20, 2013

Dr. Burton Owen Krafte passed away March 20, 2013 at the University of North Carolina Medical Center after a long illness. Burton was born December 23, 1930 in Newark, New Jersey, the son of Matthew and Sylvia Krafte. He attended Seton Hall University, and then went on to the University of Geneva, Switzerland, where he received his medical degree. He began his medical career as an intern at Maryland Medical Center in Newark, NJ and followed that with an OB-GYN residency at the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn. Dr. Krafte served two years at the Ireland Army Hospital at Fort Knox, KY, before moving to Columbia County in 1963. There he joined the staff at Columbia Memorial Hospital and eventually became Head of OB-GYN and established a long-standing private practice in Hudson. He retired from medicine in 1990. Dr. Krafte was past president of the Columbia County Medical Society, past president of COARC, and a longtime member of the Columbia Golf and Country Club, where he enjoyed his favorite hobby frequently.

Dr. Krafte married Jean Gratkowski on June 7, 1958 and the couple was married for over 50 years until her passing in 2011. He is survived by two sons, Douglas Krafte of Chapel Hill, NC and Geoffrey Krafte of Philmont, NY; three grandchildren Corey, Katie, and Grace Krafte of Chapel Hill, NC, and one brother, Malcolm Krafte of Boynton Beach, FL. There will be no calling hours and a private service at the request of the family. In lieu of flowers, the

family would greatly appreciate memorials to COARC, PO Box 2, Mellenville, NY, 12544.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Bates and Anderson Funeral Home with burial at Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned the news of Burt's passing on Sunday, when attending his twin brother Mal's funeral in Woodbridge, NJ. We spoke alot about the family when sitting shiva with Lois, Robin, Kim, their children and Robin's husband, Ian. May Burt's soul rest in peace. With love from the other side of the family, Linda Ettinger Lieberman and family.

Linda Ettinger Lieberman - September 10, 2013 at 07:04 PM

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“ Susan Goodsill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Burton Owen Krafte



Susan Goodsill - March 27, 2013 at 09:40 AM