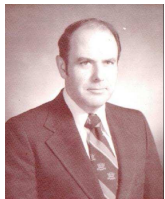

Dr. Alvin Keroack

Dr. Alvin J. Keroack entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Wingate of East Longmeadow. Alvin was born on May 13th, 1926 to the late Albert J. and Anna (Shea) Keroack in Ware Massachusetts. He was a graduate of UMass Amherst and Yale Medical School. Dr. Keroack worked for many years out of his solo private practice at his home in Sixteen Acres, delivering babies and caring for people of all ages. He was an entrepreneur and innovator as well. In 1963, he was the co-founder and first President of Wesson Emergency Associates, one of the first group of physicians in America to specialize in Emergency Medicine full time. He went on to be Chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Medical Center. In 1983, he introduced Springfield to the concept of convenient walk-in care with the opening of the Family Care Medical Center on Allen St. Dr. Keroack was a dedicated parishioner of St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Springfield. He also served as a member of many professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Hampden District Medical Society, and the American College of Emergency Physicians. In his spare time, he took much pride and joy in maintaining the farm in South Belchertown which had been in his family since the 1840s. In addition to his parents, Dr. Keroack was preceded in death by his son, Dr. Eric J. Keroack, as well as his sister Eileen Keegan. Dr. Keroack will forever be in the hearts of his loving family including his beloved wife of 69 years, Mary Phaneuf Keroack. He also leaves his sons Dr. Mark A. Keroack and his wife Dr. Ann Errichetti of East Longmeadow, Dr. Brian Keroack and his wife Carol of Falmouth, ME, Dr. Myles Keroack and his wife Maria of Marblehead, MA, and Dr. Christopher Keroack and his wife Beth of Ludlow; and his daughter Rhys Payton of Newport RI. Dr. Keroack also leaves behind his sister Eleanor Mumford and her husband Robert of East Longmeadow, as well as fourteen grand children. He will be remembered fondly by his many former patients, friends and colleagues. The family also wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of Wingate East Longmeadow, who provided comfort and compassion in his final months. Family and friends are invited to the Sampson Chapel of the Acres on Tinkham Rd in Springfield on Friday, April 26th from 4-7pm for a period of visitation. Friends are also invited to join the family at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Springfield on Saturday, April 27th for a liturgy of Christian Burial beginning at 11:30. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery in Palmer. In lieu of flowers, Dr. Keroack's family has requested that a memorial donation in his memory be made to the Baystate Health Foundation: 280 Chestnut St Springfield, MA 01199

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