

MICHAEL JOSEPH JORDAN

1911 -- 1982

Michael Joseph Jordan was born in Pennsylvania. He graduated from Villanova University in 1933 and Temple University School of Medicine in 1938 and interned at St. Joseph's Hospital in Reading, Pennsylvania. Following this, Dr. Michael J. Jordan started his career, which carried him to the top of his chosen profession. He trained at Fordham Hospital in New York City in Obstetrics and Gynecology as well as pathology. Dr. Jordan then served as a house officer in gynecologic cancer at the Pondville Hospital and the Carney and Deaconess Hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts. He also trained in urology under Drs. Roger Graves and Charles Kickham. Dr. Jordan served as a resident under Drs. Joe V. Meigs and Langdon Parsons. Dr. Meigs advised him to take extra training in vaginal surgery under Dr. Walter Dannreuther. He served a residency on Dr. Dannreuther's service at the New York Post Graduate School and Hospital and established himself as an accomplished vaginal surgeon. During his residency a close and long friendship developed between the teacher, Dr. Walter Dannreuther, and the student, Michael J. Jordan. They shared professional offices until Dr. Dannreuther's death.

Michael Jordan achieved many honors in medicine. He was an associate professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology at the New York University--Bellevue Medical School and an associate clinician at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute. He was the Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Clare's Hospital for 34 years. He was a member of numerous medical societies. His

greatest honor was being elected a trustee of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation in 1965.

He married his long-time sweetheart and together they raised three children -- Kathryn, Judy and Michael J. Jordan III, who is a physician. Dr. Jordan often spoke with affection of his wife, Bert, his children, their spouses and his grandchildren. Their marriages, happiness and successes pleased him and he looked upon their spouses as his own children. His family and home life always occupied the dearest spot in his heart. It grieved him that the immense responsibilities of his position and dedication to patient care made demands on his time that deprived him of precious moments that he would like to have spent with his family.

His children fondly state that they remember him as a physician dedicated to his patients and his patients in return had the greatest respect for him. In spite of his busy schedule his children happily remember him as a father who spent time with them providing paternal tenderness, individual interest and a keen sense for anticipating their needs. He was an ever present father who made each of them an important member of their closely knit family. Their continuing devotion to his memory attests to this.

Michael Jordan was a devoutly religious man and together with his wife brought up their children in this atmosphere. After the death of his wife Bert, for whom he had an abiding love, he was drawn more closely to his children and their families. This continued until his death. He died quietly at home supported by the warmth and affection of his family.

Michael Joseph Jordan gave freely of his time to his fellowman. During an operation on a missionary nun recently returned from a far off land, his finger was inadvertently stuck with a needle. He developed a severe hepatitis which was nearly fatal. Dr. Jordan never recovered from this and developed chronic hepatitis. Twenty years after this he died from a hepatoma secondary to this tragic accident.

He was a devout Roman Catholic and his church bestowed its highest honors on him. He was made a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher and a Knight of Malta.

There is a beautiful Gaelic prayer that fulfills the hopes of all his friends and family for him: "May the Lord hold you, Dr. Jordan, in the hollow of his hand on through the twilight of infinity."

I move that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of this meeting and a copy be sent to each of his three children.

Hugh R. K. Barber