

DR. LAWRENCE O. GOODMAN, M.D., 92

Dr. Lawrence O. Goodman M.D., or as he was known to his friends, "L.O." died peacefully, Wednesday, August 12, 2009, while under the care of the Iowa River Hospice



House. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Marshalltown with Pastor Richard Sipe officiating. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com. Pursel Davis Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

L.O. was born January 4, 1917, in Pleasant Hill, Illinois, the oldest child of three children to Dr. James E. Goodman and Virginia K. (Ogden) Goodman. He graduated from Pleasant Hill High School in the spring of 1934, after participating in sports and serving as quarterback on the high school football team (135 lbs). He participated in Glee Club, Dramatics Club, and was co-editor of the school annual for 1934. Upon graduation, he was Valedictorian and Class President. He won a scholarship to the University of Illinois by competitive examination. He attended the University of Illinois from 1934 to 1936 (undergraduate) and then entered the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago from 1936 to 1940, followed by an internship and residency at St. Louis City Hospital from 1940 to 1943.

L.O. served in the United States Army/Air Force, entering as a medic in March of 1943. Upon honorable discharge in September 1945, he had attained the rank of Captain. He served two years in the Mediterranean Theater as assistant surgeon to the XII Air Force Service Command Headquarters. He received five battle stars. In 1946, L.O. joined the Marshalltown Medical Clinic consisting of Drs. E. Marble, W. Marble, Wells and Jefferies; later to be joined by Dr. Ron Terrill and Dr. Kenneth Lyons. In

1996 he retired from the practice of medicine at the age of 79 years. He dearly loved the practice of medicine. He didn't want to quit even at age 79, but upon his retirement he was heard to say "I better stop now before somebody sues me." In 1948 L.O. met and courted a girl from Auckland, New Zealand, Noue Lamont, who was visiting a fellow New Zealander here in Marshalltown. On April 20, 1949, L.O. and Noue were married. One year later, in April of 1950, their first son, James Lamont Goodman was born; on April 20, 1954, Richard Bruce Goodman was born and on January 12, 1959, Jeffrey Lawrence Goodman was born. L.O. and his wife raised three children in Marshalltown where he continued to reside until his death.

In addition to his professional career, L.O. greatly enjoyed golf, three-cushion billiards and a variety of card games. He was active in the American Medical Association and served in the House of Delegates of the Iowa Medical Society. He was very active on the Evangelical Hospital Medical Staff and was very dedicated to the teaching of the cardiac arrhythmia course for ICU nurses.

L.O. will be greatly missed by his devoted wife of over 60 years, Noue Goodman; his three sons, Jim (Dianne) Goodman of Marshalltown, Iowa; Rick (Kathy) Goodman of Kirkland, Washington; Jeff (Liz) Goodman of Des Moines, Iowa; as well as five grandchildren and one great-grandson.



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