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A Moment of Silence for Louis Latimer,DC (1937-1999)

Editorial Staff

Dr. Louis P. Latimer, 62, president of the board of directors of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and an integral member of the Chiropractic Centennial Foundation, died Sunday, March 7 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Latimer succumbed to complications arising from a battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held at the Gabriel Funeral Home in Carbondale, Pennsylvania on Saturday, March 13. Rev. Fred Thomas and the Rev. Lynda Bryan of the Clifford United Methodist Church officiated. The internment was at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Finch Hill.

Dr. Latimer was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania to the late Elizabeth Stuart Latimer and William Percy. He was educated at Kingston High School, Loyala University, and graduated from the National College of Chiropractic in 1962.

Dr. Latimer spent 37 years helping advance the chiropractic profession. In 1973, he was named the Pennsylvania "Chiropractor of the Year" and also served as the chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Chiropractors. He was the District III director of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (1982-88).

In 1988, Dr. Latimer was elected by his peers to be the District III director for the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). He also held the offices of treasurer (1993), vice-president (1994) and president (elected April, 1998) with the NBCE.

In 1993, Dr. Latimer was named as the representative of the NBCE to the board of trustees of the Chiropractic Centennial Foundation (CCF). Later that year, he was appointed CCF secretary. He also served on the CCF's awards and honors committee.

Dr. Latimer had residences in Carbondale, Pennsylvania and Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; a daughter, Lisa Moody; two sons, Stuart and Gary (Gary is chiropractor practicing in Carbondale, Pennsylvania); four sisters, Delores Williams, Jean Adler, Romaine Kunkle, and Caroyln Baglievo; eight grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the Latimer family requests donations be made in memory of Dr. Louis Latimer to the Shriners Crippled Children and Burn Hospital, Irem Temple, P.O. Box 160, Dallas, PA 18612.
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