



Joseph Oppenheim

November 28, 1922 - November 30, 2014

Joseph McCoy Oppenheim, M.D. age 92, died Sunday, November 30, 2014 at The Lakes at Litchfield.

He was born in Coldwater, Ohio, on November 28, 1922, son of Joseph Anthony and Anna McCoy Oppenheim. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn Frances, when they were living in Lima, Ohio. He is survived by a son, Joseph Charles and wife, Diane (Gott) Oppenheim of Buffalo, Grove, IL; and a daughter, Diane Oppenheim of Western Springs, IL., her son, Anthony Joseph Malone and his son, Luca.

He and Jo Ruth (Focht) Sprang were married in 1975. He very kindly shared her blended family, of a daughter, Lynette Ruth and husband, Dr. James Fleming of Decatur, IL; a daughter, Cynthia Kay and husband Mark Tieken of Brownsburg, IN; a son, Paul Nelson and wife, Dianne Lynn of Charlotte, NC; 13 grand/step grandchildren and 11 great grand/step grandchildren.

Surviving him are a brother, Jerome, and his wife, Pauline Oppenheim, of Palos Verdes Estates, CA., and a sister in law, Dolores Oppenheim of Oceanside, CA. He was predeceased by a brother, Thomas and two sisters, Myra Ruth Oppenheim Nolan and Barbara Ann Oppenheim Weyenberg. Dr. Oppenheim earned all his graduate and post graduate degrees from Northwestern University, Evanston and Chicago, IL: a BS in 1944, ABM in 1945 Phi Beta Sigma and Phi Beta Kappa; an M.D. Degree in 1948. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corp.

1952-1954. During his tenure of surgery, he held numerous official positions among them; delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, Ohio, and two year term as President of the Lima and Allen County Academy of Medicine; President of Staff at St. Rita's Hospital and Lima Memorial Hospital. He was active in many community civic organizations serving either as board member or as president.

His life was dedicated to the challenge of Emily Dickinson: "If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain. If I can ease one life the aching, or cool one pain, or help one fainting robin unto his nest again, I shall not live in vain."

Upon retiring in 1986, he and Jo moved to Conway, SC area to enjoy the temperate climate and much golf. He worked on various neighborhood committees. They relocated in 1991, to the Lakes at Litchfield, Pawleys Island, SC. During these pleasant years of retirement, he generously used his extensive medical knowledge to help family, friends and neighbors.

A private Funeral Mass for the family will be held at the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of your choice.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *He was my uncle, my mother, Myra's oldest brother.*

Gaye Cochrane, Reno, NV

Gaye Cochrane - June 01, 2015 at 09:42 PM

CT

“ *When I first met Mack, he was helping me find a solution to a medical problem that other physicians were unable to resolve after over a year later. He was indeed able to refer me to the right specialist that in turn found the problem and sent me to an even more trained specialist, I had surgery and got better. He then became my step-father for the past 39 years. Only God could have found such a perfect match for my mom. They had a wonderful marriage and enjoyed many lovely and exciting trips together. Even in retirement when they could no longer travel, they still complimented each other's personalities. He was such a special, compassionate, understanding, intelligent, positive and loving person. He will be missed here on Earth. I am thankful he has peace and comfort now with all the glory of Heaven.*

Cindy Tieken - December 04, 2014 at 08:37 PM

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“ *I never met Doctor Oppenheim, but I heard many stories of both his military and community service as one of the first retired doctors to volunteer his services in South Carolina.*

*My condolences on the loss of a great father, grandfather, doctor and surgeon,
Nate Horowitz*

Nate Horowitz - December 02, 2014 at 09:09 PM

KF

“ I did not know Dr. O through medicine but as a sweet and dear neighbor on State St. in Lima, Ohio. Having lost touch, I am sorry to learn of his death but so happy that he and Jo had many years of happiness together. Jo, you have my deepest condolences and very best wishes for your health and happiness in this next part of your life.

Your old neighbor from the late 70s and early 80s, Kay Warner Frysinger

Kay Warner Frysinger - December 02, 2014 at 04:51 PM

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“ My mother, Naomi Saunders, worked for Dr. Oppenheim for many years in Lima, Ohio. She was so proud working for such a wonderful Doctor and still brags about working for him. He truly was a great surgeon as I, being an R.N. saw firsthand. He kept in touch with Mom through the years and she never lost that bond they had formed through their working relationship. Our sympathy to you, Jo, and all the family. He will always be remembered in our family.
Linda Schuh

Linda Schuh - December 02, 2014 at 09:15 AM

WM

“ RIP Soldier !!!!!



Wayne Williams - United States Marines - December 01, 2014 at 12:22 PM