

In Memoriam

Dr Raymond Edward Parks died on August 9, 2001, at home in St Simons Island, Ga, after a prolonged illness. He was born on August 29, 1922, in St Paul, Minn, and received a BS degree in 1942 from the College of St Thomas (St Paul) and his MD degree from Yale University School of Medicine (New Haven, Conn). He graduated first in his class and was the recipient of the Campbell Gold Medal.

Dr Parks served as Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1946–1948). He was a resident in radiology (1948–1951) at the Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore, Md) under the leadership of Russell H. Morgan, MD. He moved to the University of Miami (Fla) in the early 1950s and was appointed associate professor at the medical school in 1954 and became professor and chairman of the Department of Radiology in 1956. He also served as associate dean of the medical school. While in Florida, he served with distinction on numerous state and federal health and radiation commissions and was consultant to the Veteran's Administration Hospital, U.S. Air Force Hospital, and U.S. Naval Hospital.

During a sabbatical in 1968, he accepted an invitation to serve as visiting professor at the University of Capetown, South Africa, and was asked by the professor of surgery to serve as radiologist on the cardiac transplant team. Two months later, he participated in the postoperative work-up of Dr Christian Barnard's second transplantation patient.

He returned to Florida in 1969 and was appointed director of radiology at the Broward General Medical Center, North Broward Hospital, and Imperial Point Hospital. He became president of the Broward County Medical Association in 1977. He was a member of 18 professional societies, held six visiting professorships, and was author or co-author of more than 85 publications.

In 1980, he moved to California, where he became clinical professor at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine and in 1983, vice-chairman of the department and chief of the Division of Diagnostic Radiology. Although he "retired" in 1985, he returned to teach part-time for another 3 years.

A quiet, gracious, and courteous gentleman, he always had a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. He was a stimulating and engaging teacher, as well as a consummate outdoors man who loved sailing, fishing, camping, hiking, pheasant hunting, and golfing. He had a broad knowledge of trees and plants and was an excellent photographer. All who knew him mourn the loss of a dear friend, dedicated professional, and remarkably versatile human being.

He is survived by his devoted wife Marjorie; his sons Raymond, David, and William; his daughter Mary Catherine; and five grandchildren.

—ALBERT B. SHACKMAN, MD



Raymond Edward Parks, MD
1922–2001



Joseph Lee Rector, Jr, MD
1919–2001

Dr Joseph Lee Rector, Jr, retired chief of radiation therapy at St Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo, died January 10, 2001, at Manor Care Center in Reno, Nev. He was born January 20, 1919, in Conway, Ark. He attended Harding College in Searcy, Ark, where he met his wife Ruth Yingling. He graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville with a BS degree in 1941 and an MD degree in 1943. In 1944, he completed his internship at St Joseph Hospital in Tacoma, Wash.

Dr Rector served in the U. S. Army, entering in 1944 as a 1st lieutenant and rising to the rank of major at discharge in 1946. He served in the medical corps of the First Army Corps of Engineers.

After World War II, Dr Rector was a general practitioner in Cheyenne, Wyo, Clarendon, Ark, and Wynne, Ark. In 1951, he took a position at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark. In 1956, he started a radiology residency at Research Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He was under the tutelage of Dr Ira Lockwood, a former president of the Radiological Society of North America. He was certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1958. After certification, he joined Drs Louis Scarpellino and Gerhardt Schottman at St Luke's Hospital (Kansas City), where he was director of radiation therapy until his retirement in December 31, 1983. He enjoyed teaching residents and is well remembered by them.

Dr Rector was a member of the Jackson County Medical Society, Missouri State Medical Society, American Medical Association, Greater Kansas City Radiological Society, Missouri State Radiological Society, American College of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America, and the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.

Dr Rector was an avid reader, having read many of the world's great classic books. He enjoyed fishing in the Missouri Ozarks and traveling in Europe with his wife Ruth. His hobby was flying a Beechcraft Bonanza airplane, which for 25 years was his favorite form of recreation. He was a man of good humor and benign pragmatism.

After retirement, Dr Rector lived at home in Fairway, Kan, until 1997, when he and Ruth moved to Reno to reside with his son and family until his death.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia R. Gilbert; his son, Joe Lee Rector III; grandson, Kent; and three granddaughters, Jole (pronounced Joe Lee, after her grandfather), Faith, and Shelby. His wife of 57 years, Ruth Y. Rector, preceded him in death in 1999.

—G. DAVID DIXON, MD