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Robert Edward Pence, M.D., age 82, of Warren, Ohio passed away at his home Friday April 23, 2010. Dr. Pence was a prominent physician with 29 years of dedicated service at Trumbull Memorial Hospital, where he served as Chief of Pathology until his retirement in 1992. He was a resident of Warren for 47 years.

Born on May 25, 1927 in Wheeling, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Samuel Edward Pence and Elizabeth Emma Reed. Dr. Pence was a 1945 graduate of Wheeling High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. After a brief period of service as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. at the end of World War II, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts with honors from West Virginia University in 1950. During his college years, he excelled in both football and track and field. In addition, he became a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and received the honor of membership to the Phi Beta Kappa National Academic Honor Society.

He went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a Doctorate in Medicine in 1954. Between 1954 and 1959, Dr. Pence completed his internship and residency in Pathology at Presbyterian Hospital in

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania under Dr. Philip Custer, one of the pioneers in Clinical Oncology. Pathology at the Presbyterian Hospital was unique in that clinical pathologists provided cancer therapy at the bedside, in addition to their traditional duties in Pathology. He received additional fellowship training in Hematology at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida from 1959 to 1960. Dr. Pence continued this work in Clinical Pathology over his years at Trumbull Memorial Hospital. Among Dr. Pence's professional memberships were those to The American Medical Association, the College of American Pathologists, The Trumbull County Medical Society, and The Phi Chi Medical Fraternity.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 54 years, Kathryn E. Pence; three children, Lisa Ann Thum, M.D. of Portland, Oregon, John Edward Pence of Portland, Oregon, Tara Leigh Johnson of Mableton, Georgia; and four grand children, Andrew, Eric, Glen and Lauren. Also surviving is his sister, Betty Pence Barlow of Beckley, West Virginia.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. Rather, a memorial celebration of his life will be planned for a later date. Family members suggest that any memorial contributions be made to: The American Cancer Society, 525 N. Broad St., Canfield, Ohio 44406; The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, Ohio 44193-1655; or The National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., 1501 N.W. 9th Ave./Bob Hope Rd., Miami, Fla. 33136-1494.

Arrangements are entrusted to McFarland & Son Funeral and Cremation Services 271 N. Park Ave., Warren, Ohio 44481. Please visit www.mcfarlandfuneral.com to view this obituary and send condolences to our guestbook.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Pence's death. Even though I haven't seen him or most of you in a while, my memories of him go back to when John and I were growing up. There are certain adults who you look back on who were always kind, friendly and a positive influence, and Dr. Pence was amongst the leaders of those people. I think in the end, what's most important are the people you've helped, the positive influence you can be on kids, and being a good family man, and he was all of those. The photo you used in the obituary couldn't have been better. You can see the kindness in his eyes and that's the way he lived his life. You all have a lot to be proud of. My heart is heavy and I know all of yours are also.

Bill Better - March 29, 2013 at 12:48 PM

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“ I'm not sure which family members are likely to read this...I was Tara's college roommate and still consider her one of my very best friend's even though we don't get to see each other very often. I was so saddened to see her e-mail this morning informing me of her dad's passing. I know too, though, that it has been a LONG haul for all of you, especially him, and I hope you are finding some peace in knowing he is out of pain and with the Lord. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers and God bless each of you.

Susan Casey - March 29, 2013 at 12:48 PM

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“ Dear Tara and Family, My most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your dear father. Throughout your university years as your deep friendship with Susan became so steadfast, I became aware of the beautiful relationship that you shared with your father, and what a kind and thoughtful man he was. His personal inspiration to you was always evident. Many blessings to you and your family as you learn to live with your loss, and the many, many loving memories which you all must treasure.

Most sincerely, Kay Ulicny

Kay Ulicny - March 29, 2013 at 12:48 PM

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“ Dr Bob stepped in to my life and provided a relationship I never had with my Father. Some of the things I held special I shared with him, golf, conversation, a good laugh, the love for his daughter Tara and the whole family, and a good cold beer. He is so special to me, as is the entire family. He provided some moments I otherwise would never have shared with my father. What a great laugh he had. And when he paused to carefully consider his response to any issue, question or comment, well, that always was so relaxing it made me sleepy. I was able to tell him I loved him over the phone, but he knows that already.

Jonathan Johnson - March 29, 2013 at 12:48 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the words in Isaiah 25:8 bring you hope and comfort.

April 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM