



## Dr. Richard S. Wagner, Jr.

May 22, 2016

Richard S. Wagner, Jr, M.D., of Lancaster, PA and Naples, FL, age 88, died on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Lancaster General Hospital. He joins his wife of nearly 60 years, Sarah Hooker Wagner, who died May 7, 2013. He met Sarah, the love of his life, as an intern at the Lancaster General, where he established his career.

Dick was a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree at Temple University, School of Medicine and post graduate degree of Master of Science in Anesthesiology. He continued at Temple University Hospital for his internship, residency and fellowship in Anesthesiology. During his fellowship, he was privileged to study with Chevalier Jackson at the Chevalier Jackson Clinic in bronchoesophagology, where he completed post graduate courses. He was an instructor at Temple University Hospital, Department of Anesthesiology prior to serving in the United States Navy.

While in the Navy, Dick was stationed at the United States Naval Hospital in the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD where he was on the medical teaching staff and Assistant Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology. He held the rank of Lieutenant Commander when he resigned.

He established his private practice in anesthesiology in 1957 as a solo practitioner, which evolved into Anesthesia Associates of Lancaster, Ltd. He was chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at the Lancaster General Hospital, and earlier in his practice, was a member of the courtesy staff of the St. Joseph's Hospital and a consultant at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. He was on the honorary medical staff of the Lancaster General Hospital since he retired in 1992 from the active medical staff in the practice of anesthesiology.

During his membership in the Medical Staff of the Lancaster General Hospital, he was chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, a member of the Executive Committee of the medical staff, and Chairman of the Impaired Physicians Committee, which he was asked to establish. He was Chairman of the Intern and Resident Committee and in 1964 helped establish a Director of Medical Education and Department of Medical Education for the medical staff. He also served on the Bylaws Committee, Credentials Committee, Transfusion Committee, Operating Room Committee and others. He authored many articles and papers in his field, plus was a Diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a fellow of the American College of Anesthesiology.

Dick's professional memberships included the Lancaster City and County, Pennsylvania and American Medical Associations and the Pennsylvania and American Societies of Anesthesiologists, as well as the International Anesthesia Research Society, the Society of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologists and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia.

A member of the Board of the Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists, Dick also was chairman of the Committee on Insurance and Legislation, and served as a Delegate from Pennsylvania to the House of Delegates of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

As a young man, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He was Program Director of the Lancaster Council's former Camp Chiquetan and the Boston Massachusetts Boy Scout Council, Camp Look in Middleboro, Massachusetts.

Dick served on the Board of Directors of The James Buchanan Foundation, where he was chairman of the Carriage Committee and directed the restoration of James Buchanan's Germantown Rockaway carriage.

Dick had many interests, including golf, hiking, birding, gardening, study of antiques and travel.

He was the son of the late Richard S. Wagner and Edith Keefer Wagner of Lancaster, PA.

Dr. Wagner was predeceased by his wife, Sarah Hooker Wagner, and is survived by two children: Margaret Hooker Wagner of Larkspur, CA and Richard S. Wagner, III, husband of Bess Hart Wagner of Winston-Salem, NC, and two grandchildren, Melissa Hart Wagner and Richard Seymour Wagner, IV. Also surviving is his sister, Edith Groves of Lancaster, PA, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with The Reverend Dr. Donald W. Hackett officiating. Private interment will take place in Tyrone, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dr. Richard S. Wagner, Jr.'s name can be made to [LancasterHistory.org](http://LancasterHistory.org). Checks can be made out to

LancasterHistory.org and mailed to 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA  
17603.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard S. Wagner, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Wagner Family,*

*Though many years have passed since we lived in your parents' neighborhood, we enjoyed visiting as we would meet while outside walking. Your father's wonderful contributions to medicine in Lancaster were remarkable! He was a quiet but strong leader for so many. Your mother was warm and welcoming. We often talked about Wilson College and your grandmother's affiliation to it.*

*Just know I am keeping you all in thoughts and prayers as you make this transition in your lives. You can be so comforted to know what a wonderful difference both of your parents made in our community to benefit many others.*

*Sincerely,*

*Deborah Benson Everett, now of Oak Bluffs, MA*

**Deborah B. Everett** - May 24, 2016 at 06:30 AM



*Dear Deborah,*

*Many thanks for your kind words and remembrances. It put a smile on my face to think of my grandmother and Wilson College!*

*With gratitude,*

*Margaret Wagner*

**Margaret Wagner** - May 24, 2016 at 11:20 PM