



## Dr. George Victor 'Vic' Rohrer

November 8, 1933 - May 13, 2016

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It was at OU where he met his future wife Jean, a nursing student there. They were married in 1956. In 1971, he was recruited to the Department of Radiology at the newly opened Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and he and Jean moved their family across the country to Hershey, PA.

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Dr. Rohrer is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Jean (Blair) Rohrer,

whom he always called “my bride,” and his four children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. These include: Laura Charelian, her husband Michael and their daughter Samantha; Elizabeth Rohrer; Todd Rohrer, his wife Loretta, their son Cory Coolidge and his children Elizabeth and Mason; and Jon Rohrer, his wife Kathryn and their two children Claire and Sagan. Vic remained a proud Oklahoman his whole life. His older brother, Edward Rohrer, still lives in Oklahoma with his wife Lena Mae.

Vic proudly served on the board of the Manada Conservancy for more than 15 years and was an emeritus member of the board at the time of his death. He participated in many of the Conservancy’s preservation projects and enjoyed helping to monitor the properties. He and Jean demonstrated their commitment to preservation by donating their 80-acre mountaintop woodland to the Manada Conservancy.

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In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to:

Manada Conservancy, P.O. Box 25, Hummelstown, PA 17036 - Tax ID# 25-1784517

and/or The Children's Miracle Network, log on to <http://www.pennstatehershey.comn.org/> or you can donate via the Network Telethon to be held Sat. and Sun. June 4th and 5th.

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# Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Superb clinician, wonderful friend and teacher, a true gentleman. Deepest and sincere condolences to his family.*

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**Richard Lung** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I would like to say thank you for all of the wonderful cards and condolences that we received. It was a reflection of my husband Vic's personality and character that so many people have remembered him from the past. With the gratitude of his family, sincerely - Jean*

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**Jean Rohrer** - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I had the privilege of working with Dr. Rohrer in the radiology department during the 1970's. I remember jogging with him over the lunch hour and sharing many great stories with him. He would often say to me, "Rill, there aren't many iron men left". Hands down he was one of the finest radiologists I have ever worked along side of as a technologist and educator. A true gentleman who will be greatly missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him. Jean, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time of your loss. Dave Rill*

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**Dave Rill** - June 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Oh this breaks my heart, Jean, to know Vic is gone. What a wonderful man and doc he was. David and I pray you are finding Peace even in a time such as this, that he is Home now and that your heart aches because you were so blessed to love such a kind, sweet and gentle man who loved you and his family more than anything in the world and it showed! I thank you for sharing him with all of us over the years. He always made me smile and laugh. Lots of hugs and love to you all, Claudia & David Van Hook

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**Claudia Van Hook** - May 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Vic was a wonderful guy. He was generous with his time and his considerable talents. I loved going over films with him. He was a regular guy, enjoyed stories, loved "life." Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and his extended family.

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**Robert Hamilton** - May 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful person. I owe much to him in being instrumental in saving my job and department at PSHMC. We shared a vision and he was key in bringing it to fruition. Truly a dying breed. A class act and gentleman.

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May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dr. George Victor 'Vic' Rohrer

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**Robert Petrokubi** - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ He was my mentor in my residency at HMC. He always told me that our goal in life should be to leave the world a better place than when we entered it. He certainly accomplished that. Will be missed.

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**Robert Petrokubi** - May 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ It was my privilege to work with Dr Rohrer at HMC. He was one of the nicest people I've worked with over the years and the true definition of a gentleman. Blessings to the family.

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**Kay Cassel** - May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege and honor of working with Dr. Rohrer at HMC. In fact, he hired me for my first full time job at HMC. I learned so very much from him. He was a leader, a mentor and a role model. I remember his stories fondly. I never had the chance to share with him that I will be moving to Oklahoma - We could have shared Oklahoma stories. A truly wonderful man. Beth Herman

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May 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I will always remember Dr. Rohrer for his patience and kindness when I was a rad tech student 25+ years ago. He left quite an impression on me. Always a class act. He will be missed beyond words. Absence and death are the same. Only that in death there is no suffering. -Theodore Roosevelt Rest in peace.

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**Sue Achenbach** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ You are the best and I will never forget you. You helped me become the leader I am today. The good you did mentoring others was a gift many of us treasure. You made a huge difference in this world.

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**Marie Zanotti** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Respected, trusted - a true gentleman, mentor, friend and teacher to many. I had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Rohrer and will miss his southerly charm and graciousness. Rest in peace.

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**Kathy Remlinger** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I remember fondly the wise advice he gave me when I decided to leave Hershey for "better Things". How right he was.

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**Carol Greene** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Fond memories of Dr. Rohrer will always be with me. He always brought an air of calmness and humor into the Hospital Administration office. We also will never forget the wagon rides on his farm...lots of wonderful memories!

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**Ruthanne Kontra** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ I will always remember how Vic was kind and good when I spent a summer with the family as a teenager. It seems such a long time ago and yet the memories are so alive it could have been last year. Thank you. Rest in peace.

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**Frederic** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *in addition to being an excellent physician, you were such an amazing man. You taught me well. I have so many terrific memories of the years working with you and the innumerable fun times! You will be missed . May you rest in peace.*

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**Christine** - May 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *A prince of a guy beloved and respected by all who knew him.*

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**David Jenkins** - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *One of my all time favorite people, his gentle spirit touched so many. Rest in Peace!*

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**Sue Lewis Shebosky** - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Without question, one of the finest people I've had the privilege to work with. Always a gentleman and a joy to be around. Rest in Peace my friend.*

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**Jim Rohacek** - May 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM