



Dr. Raymond M. Dorsch

February 6, 2016

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Beyond his career as an orthopedic surgeon, Ray was an active contributor to the community. He was a member of the Board of the Cornwall-Lebanon School District for over 30 years, and served as its President for 18 years. He also served as President of the Falcon Foundation which he helped to create. He also served on the Board of Lebanon Valley National Bank. Ray discontinued his orthopedic practice in 1987 to become Vice President of Medical Affairs for the Good Samaritan Hospital. Upon retiring from that position in 2001, he reminded his colleagues in his Dorsch's Desk newsletter, "If I've taught you anything, it is to respect yourselves and others..." He continued his association with the hospital thereafter through his work with the GS Foundation. Dr. Dorsch also volunteered on World Blindness Outreach missions, helping impoverished people of South America regain vision. He loved to travel and was a passionate gardener.

Dr. Dorsch is survived by his wife of 27 years, Marie S. Dorsch; by his sister, Nancy Costantino; his children, Susan Dorsch Brawner, R. Michael Dorsch, III and Peter M. Dorsch; his step-children, Wendy De Luca, Tracy Gray and Amy Trefsgar; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many other loving spouses and family members of these individuals. Ray is pre-deceased by his daughter, Alison C. Dorsch.

A memorial service for Dr. Dorsch will be held at 11:00 on February 11, 2016 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 600 S. 12th Street, Lebanon, PA with visitation at the church beginning at 10:00 that morning. Inurnment will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of gifts or flowers, the family requests

that contributions be made to one or more of the charities that Ray would favor.

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