
In memoriam

MORRIS EDWIN MAGERS, MD

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Dr. Morris Magers, an internist at Baylor University Medical Center, died on March 12, 2007, at the age of 91. Raised in Gainesville, Texas, Dr. Magers attended Newman Daugherty High School, North Texas State Teachers College, and Baylor Medical School. After a medical internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he joined the US Army in 1943—despite being blind in one eye from an injury he received in 1935. He was chief medical officer in the jungle training camps in Hawaii before being discharged in 1946 with the rank of major. In 1946, he married Margaret Brewster Dunbar, whom he had met in Hawaii, where she had been working as a Red Cross employee. Dr. Magers completed his internal medicine residency at Henry Ford Hospital and then moved to Dallas in 1956. He practiced internal medicine and cardiology with the Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic until he retired in December 1993; at one point, he served as chief of medicine and chief of staff of the clinic. Dr. Magers was also an associate clinical professor of internal medicine with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

JAMES LESTER MATTHEWS, PhD

Baylor Research Institute

Dr. J. Lester Matthews, retired executive director of Baylor Research Institute, died on May 21, 2007, at the age of 80. Dr. Matthews was born in Denton, Texas. He served in the US Navy from 1944 to 1946. Afterwards, he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of North Texas—where his father, J. C. Matthews, had served as dean of

the College of Education and college president. Dr. Matthews went on to receive his doctorate in physiology from the University of Illinois in 1955. He held teaching positions at Cisco Junior College, the University of North Texas, the University of Illinois, Baylor College of Dentistry, and Baylor University and served on the graduate faculty of Baylor University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and as an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Matthews became a world-renowned authority on bone physiology and the ultrastructure of mineralizing tissues, publishing more than 50 defining articles and participating and chairing symposia in that field. He also coauthored the first atlas of normal human ultrastructure, which was published in 1971; held 27 patents; and served on grant review committees and six journal editorial boards, including that of *Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings*. At Baylor University Medical Center, Dr. Matthews established the autoimmunology laboratory in the Department of Pathology; was named associate dean of continuing medical education in 1975; and was appointed the first executive director of the Baylor Research Foundation (later renamed the Baylor Research Institute) when it was established in 1982. He held that position for 8 years, until his retirement. Afterwards, he continued his career as president of PhotoBioMed Corporation and MicroBioMed Corporation of Dallas. Dr. Michael A. E. Ramsay, president of Baylor Research Institute, commented: “Dr. Matthews contributed greatly to the growth and success of Baylor’s research and continuing education. He retired in the mid-1990s, but his work lives on in Baylor’s research and in the accomplishments of those who knew and learned from him. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him.”