
In memoriam

JAMES W. CALDWELL, MD

***Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
Baylor University Medical Center***

Dr. James W. Caldwell, a long-time leader in Baylor University Medical Center's (BUMC's) Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, died on January 9, 2008, at the age of 79. A native Texan, Dr. Caldwell attended Miami High School in Miami, Texas, and West Texas State University. Before graduating from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, he served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and worked in radio, television, and newspaper. He completed his residency at BUMC and then practiced at the hospital, becoming associate director of the physical medicine department in 1963 and chairman in 1985. During his tenure as chairman, the department took a true multidisciplinary approach, with physiatrists working regularly with physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and others. Numerous outpatient and inpatient programs were developed, including a dysphagia program, mastectomy program, postamputation prosthetic clinic, and neonatal programs. In 1985, Governor Mark White appointed Dr. Caldwell to the Texas State Medical Board. He was also involved in research and in numerous professional associations.

J. HAROLD CHEEK, MD

Department of Surgery, Baylor University Medical Center

BUMC surgeon and breast cancer specialist J. Harold Cheek, MD, died at the age of 90. Born in Eldorado, Oklahoma, in 1917, Dr. Cheek was raised in West Texas and graduated from Texas Tech University. He attended Baylor College of Medicine in Dallas and finished his degree at Southwestern Medical School in 1944. He then completed a residency in surgery, which was interrupted by 2 years of service in the army. He began practicing at BUMC in 1951 and was a major figure at the hospital for more than 50 years. Dr. Cheek developed a special interest in the detection and treatment of breast cancer and was the first surgeon in the Southwest to specialize in breast diseases. He established BUMC's breast oncology fellowship program, which has trained 23 fellows, and, with Dr. Alvin Sears, he helped establish Baylor's first mammography unit. Dr. Cheek served as president of the BUMC medical staff in 1979 and vice chairman of the Department of Surgery from

1987 to 1991. Outside of the hospital, he was president of both the Dallas County and Texas Divisions of the American Cancer Society and was a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. For his many contributions, he received the Sword of Hope Award and the Certificate of Merit Award from the American Cancer Society, the Taittinger Award of Distinction from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and both the Wings of Eagles and Circle of Care Awards from Baylor Health Care System Foundation. Dr. Cheek retired in 1996. An interview of Dr. Cheek was published in April 2002 (see www.BaylorHealth.edu/proceedings/interviews.htm).

CHARLES W. COLEMAN, MD

Department of Surgery, Baylor University Medical Center

Dr. Charles Coleman, age 61, died on January 30, 2008, passing away peacefully in his sleep. Born in 1946 in San Antonio, he attended Baylor University and the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio. After his surgical residency at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, he practiced with the Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic and BUMC from 1980 to 2003. Outside of medicine, he had a passion for family, music, and nature.

UWE FROHBERG, MD

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Baylor University Medical Center

An associate professor at Baylor College of Dentistry and a surgeon at BUMC, Dr. Uwe Frohberg died on January 24, 2008. He was 53 years old. A native of Germany, Dr. Frohberg attended the University of Düsseldorf Medical School, where he earned doctorates in both medicine and dental medicine. He served for several years as a clinical instructor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Cologne Medical School. In 1994, he was invited to come to Dallas by Dr. Gil Triplett; for several years, he split his time between Dallas and Germany until in 1999 he moved to Dallas full time. Dr. Frohberg was known as a dedicated teacher, an international lecturer, and a researcher. His clinical interests focused on surgery of the jaw and face, sleep apnea, habitual snoring, bone-replacement substitutes, and bone grafting techniques. He also led missionary groups to Mexico to treat patients with cleft lip deformities.