



David R. Willhoite, M.D.

October 26, 1937 - December 18, 2011

David R. Willhoite, M.D., age 74, passed away peacefully in his hospital bed on December 18th, 2011 while surrounded by numerous family, friends and loved ones. Visitation and a memorial service will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Visitation will be on Monday, December 26th from 6-8 pm. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 27th at 9 am followed by a procession to Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery. After interment, a reception will be held at Oak Hills Country Club. David was born on October 26th, 1937 in Ada, Oklahoma to Fred and Odetta Willhoite. An accomplished student-athlete, he graduated from high school at the age of 16, studied at the Oklahoma Baptist University and obtained his medical degree at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. David joined the U.S. Army in 1963. During his first yr in the Army he served as a flight surgeon with the 11th Air Assault Division, the predecessor to the 1st Air Cavalry Division which was the first combat helicopter unit in the Army. Afterwards he completed his residency specializing in orthopedic surgery and served one year overseas at a MASH unit in Korea during the Vietnam War. He left the Army in 1972 with the rank of major and started his private practice in San Antonio, TX. David was a man of few words but quick wit and while he enjoyed much in this life, including his love of God, he had three passions which defined him. First and foremost, his love of family. If he was able to help a family member in need, he did. Secondly, helping his patients. In his decades of private practice, he called in sick only once that can be remembered and he would often negotiate

barter agreements with patients who had difficulty paying for his services. Thirdly, his love for the game of golf. A long-time member of Oak Hills Country Club, he was constantly working to improve his game. He eventually earned his pro card and qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in 1990. David was widely respected amongst his peers and hospital staff. His office employees were very dedicated to him and his practice where staff turnover was very low. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends but we take solace in knowing he is no longer in pain and rejoicing in God's presence. David was predeceased by his wife, Cecily Willhoite; grandson, David H. Willhoite; daughter-in-law, Robin Willhoite and stepson, David McMahon. He is survived by girlfriend Barbara Sharp; sons Michael Willhoite and wife Teri; Steve Willhoite and wife Autumn, Don Willhoite and wife Angie; stepsons Pat McMahon and wife Yvette; Tim McMahon and wife Debbie; stepdaughters Molly Leonard and husband Tommy; Elizabeth Spiers and husband Keith plus 14 grandchildren.