



Sydney S. Schiffer, MD

February 18, 1914 - February 21, 2012

Sydney Sommer Schiffer MD, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away February 21, 2012 at the age of 98. He is survived by his beloved wife, Fern Wehde Schiffer, whom he met during WWII. Both were in the U.S. Army at that time. Fern was a 1st LT and he was a Major. They married May 8, 1946 and have been married over 66 years. He is also survived by a daughter, Brenda Hoffman and husband Terry; sons Brian Schiffer, Brent Schiffer and wife Jan; sister-in-law, Ellen Schiffer; grandchildren, Amber, Arthur and Aaron Schiffer, Michael and Matt Hoffman, Breanne and Joel Schiffer. Dr. Schiffer received his medical degree from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1938. He performed an internship at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, and William J. Seymour Memorial Hospital, Eloise, Michigan. In 1939, Dr. Schiffer did post graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School. Following this he was an internal medicine resident at Sea View Hospital, Staten Island, New York, and later at Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital, San Antonio. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1942 to 1946. When the U.S. Air Force became a separate service, he became an Air Force Physician. Dr. Schiffer was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1949. He was former Chief of Staff of the Robert B. Green Hospital and had served as chairman of the Department of Medicine in every major hospital in San Antonio. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a member of the Texas Academy of Internal Medicine, the College of Physicians of Canada, American Medical

Association, Texas Medical Association, and Bexar Bounty Medical Society. He was past president of the San Antonio Heart Association. Dr. Schiffer was in private practice in San Antonio from 1946 to 1988. Sydney was past president of the San Antonio Club of Internists. He was a consultant to the Internal Medicine Department of Wilford Hall U.S.A.F. Hospital for 12 years. He was also a member of the Board of Bexar County Hospital District. He was founder of the Metropolitan Professional Building, the Diagnostic Clinic of San Antonio and the San Antonio community Hospital. He was a clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

SERVICES

A memorial service will be held today Feb. 24 at 2:00 PM at Temple Beth-El, 211 Belknap. A private graveside service was held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Temple Beth-El in his memory.