



Gary Gerson Winzelberg, MD
1948-1993

On December 6, 1993, twelve months after being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Gary Gerson Winzelberg, MD, died at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was 45 years old.

Gary was born in Brooklyn, New York. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Sharon, Massachusetts. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine in 1974, and from there accepted a residency position in medicine at Boston University Hospital. Following his residency, Gary accepted a radiology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital where he was certified in both medicine and radiology. His credentials were impressive, and he was widely recruited for both academic and private practice appointments.

Gary came to Pittsburgh in the summer of 1980 and was recruited to reorganize a large, active nuclear medicine division at Shadyside Hospital. There he established conferences, reorganized the entire section—which had an exceptionally large volume of cardiac procedures—and personally called physicians with test results. He became a Phase I investigator for numerous trials and digitized and expanded the entire division while earning the respect of the medical staff. Within the Department of Radiology, the Division of Nuclear Medicine soon became the standard for the community. Gary was compulsive, articulate, energetic and demanding; sometimes all at once. However, he never demanded more from others than he did from himself—he was an excellent leader.

Although his clinical skills were extraordinary, Gary also had a talent for management and rapidly attained important administrative appointments, including president of the Medical Staff; member of the Board of Directors, Shadyside Hospital Foundation; and director of Medical Radiological Sciences and Diagnostic Imaging. He maintained memberships in numerous societies, including the Allegheny County College of Physicians, the Radiological Society of North America and the American College of Nuclear Physicians. He has been a guest examiner and reviewer for *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, *American Journal of Radiology*, and the *Archives of Internal Medicine and Radiology*. His bibliography includes more than eighty publications, along with seven chapters related to nuclear medicine.

Gary and his wife, Mary, were married as medical students. His social life was largely centered around golf; his love of the game was shared by his wife and children. As a dedicated father, Gary developed an interest in writing children's tales. He had always hoped to have these published, enabling his children to share with others the fictitious characters that their father had created for them.

Gary Winzelberg is survived by his wife and their two daughters, Jessica and Sarah, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Winzelberg and his two sisters, Eileen Rahamim and Helaine Rosenfield.

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