

IN MEMORIAM



Robert J. Lull, MD, 1940–2005

Robert J. Lull, MD, died on May 19 in San Francisco, CA. As chief of nuclear medicine at San Francisco General Hospital for more than a decade and a vital member of local, state, and national medical societies and professional medical organizations, he was a respected clinician, effective spokesperson, valued colleague, trusted mentor, and close personal friend.

Bob was born August 23, 1940, in Buffalo, NY. He received his undergraduate degree from Canisius College in 1962 and his medical degree from Albany Medical College in 1966. He did his internship and internal medicine residency at Brooke General Hospital (San Antonio, TX) from 1967 to 1970. After a 2-year nuclear medicine residency at William Beaumont General Hospital (El Paso, TX), he was assigned to the nuclear medicine department at Brooke Army Medical Center, where he became chief of nuclear medicine. In 1976, he became chief of nuclear medicine at Letterman Army Medical Center at the Presidio in San Francisco. When Letterman closed in 1990, he retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army and took the position of chief of nuclear medicine at San Francisco General Hospital, where he was also a professor of radiology and director of the nuclear medicine residency program.

Bob was active in numerous medical organizations, including the SNM, where he served on several practice guideline committees, as chair of the Academic Council, and as a Young Professionals Committee mentor. He was a past president of the American College of Nuclear Physicians (ACNP), as well as a past president of the California chapter of that organization. At the time of his death, he was a member of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM). Bob was a prominent figure in California medicine and served as president of the San Francisco Medical Society in 2002. He served as the editor of the monthly magazine, *San Francisco Medicine*, was active in the California Medical Association, and was a past president of the Northern

California Chapter of the SNM. Bob's numerous publications and lectures reflected his wide range of interest in nuclear medicine as well as the variety of patients he treated, first during his Army service and then at a busy urban hospital center.



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Bob was truly a Renaissance man, enjoying music, tennis, boating, horseback riding, the arts, opera, fine food, and wine in his rare free time. He played the trombone with several bands. He also enjoyed traveling and speaking on many aspects of nuclear medicine. He was a strong advocate for nuclear medicine and will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues.

Bob is survived by his ex-wife and friend, Lee Lull; his companion, Jan McNaughton; 2 sons, Jonathan and Benjamin; 3 grandchildren, Rowan, Catherine, and Julian Lull; and his brother, Donald, and sister-in-law, Carol.

Bob will be remembered by his colleagues and friends as an outstanding mentor, teacher, and practitioner of nuclear medicine. I will remember him as a close and dear friend whose death was a shocking tragedy but whose life will continue to inspire all who knew him. In honor of Bob's lifetime commitment to nuclear medicine, the SNM, ACNP, ABNM, and the Education and Research Foundation (ERF) for the SNM have established the Robert J. Lull, MD, Memorial Fund. Charitable donations should be sent to the ERF at the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Development Department, 1850 Samuel Morse Drive, Reston, VA, 20190, with a note that the donation is to support the Lull Memorial Fund.

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