

Ernest William Lampe

December 27, 1896 — October 19, 1966

Dr. Lampe, distinguished surgeon and teacher, died of a heart attack at the age of sixty-nine. At the time of his death he was on the courtesy-attending staff of The New York Hospital, Clinical Professor of Anatomy, Emeritus, at Cornell, and Visiting Surgeon at Bellevue Hospital.

With the opening of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in 1932, Dr. Lampe joined the medical faculty as an instructor in surgery, to begin an illustrious career in teaching. Although well known as a surgeon, he was famous for his classical monographs on surgical anatomy, and his popular course in this subject was attended by surgeons from all parts of the world. It was, however, in his weekly evening seminars for attending and resident staffs of The New York Hospital that his method of teaching became a truly memorable experience; then, his complete absorption and contagious enthusiasm and his vivid descriptions of anatomical details were enhanced by free-hand blackboard sketches which revealed still another authentic talent. His clear and concise instruction was always given sympathetically, not as a superior but as a peer. In all sincerity he would listen with interest to the opinion of a student and react with pleasure if he thought it contributed to the discussion.

Dr. Lampe was born in one of the last frontiers of this country, a small mining town, Virginia, Minnesota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1920, and received his medical degree in 1923 at Rush Medical School.

Dr. Lampe was a diplomate of and examiner for the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the New York Academy of Medicine, a member of the New York Surgical Society, the Harvey Society, the New York Society for Thoracic Surgery and the New York State Society for Medical Research.

For his many years of exemplary service to the Finnish community along the eastern seaboard, he was decorated in 1954 by the Government of Finland with the title of Knight, First Class, Order of the Lion of Finland.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Yvonne Lampe; three brothers, Arthur, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Elmer, of Hanover, New Hampshire, and Jacob, of New York City; and three sisters, Mrs. Ernest Knuti of Evanston, Illinois, Mrs. Lewis Woodruff of Joliet, Illinois, and Mrs. Paul Peterson of Nyack, New York.

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