

Gordon Palmer McNeer

November 24, 1905 — January 18, 1967

An internationally-known specialist in the treatment of cancer, Dr. McNeer died on January 18 at the age of sixty-one. He was an attending surgeon at Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases and at the James Ewing Hospital of the City of New York. He was chief of the gastric and mixed-tumor services of both institutions. He held the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at Cornell.

Dr. McNeer was born in Alaska. He attended the Choir School of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York and Phillips Andover Academy. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1927 and received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1931.

During World War II, Dr. McNeer served as chief of surgery with the Fifteenth Evacuation Hospital in Burma. On his return to Memorial Center, he became one of the pioneers in the use of the flexible gastroscope to diagnose cancer and disorders of the stomach. In recent years he concentrated on analyzing malignant melanoma and in 1966 was awarded the Janeway Medal and Lectureship of the American Radium Society for his work. He wrote many scientific articles, and collaborated with Dr. George T. Pack on a book, *Cancer of the Stomach*.

Dr. McNeer is survived by his widow, the former Artemisa Evans; a son, Gordon E. of Berkeley, California; a daughter, Miss Ann B. of Florence, Italy; and two brothers, Lynn and Lawrence of Lake Alfred, Florida.

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