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MEMORIAL: WILLIAM ROBERT GASTON, 1936–2010

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William Robert (Bill) Gaston, M.D., a well-known and highly regarded Houston cardiologist died at The Methodist Hospital on March 1, 2010. He was born in San Angelo, Texas in 1936 to Robert and Thelma Gaston and is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Judith Ann Gaston, 3 children,

6 grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas, Bill entered Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1958. He later transferred to Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston, Texas, from which he graduated in 1962.

Bill served an internship, followed by residencies in internal medicine and cardiology at BCM. He was chief medical resident of the Ben Taub Hospital before serving his country as a major in the United States Army. He then began to establish his impeccable legacy in cardiology in the Texas Medical Center. He became board certified in internal medicine in 1969 and in cardiology in 1970. Bill was appointed to The Methodist Hospital staff in 1967 and retired in the year 2000. His

hospital affiliations included The Methodist Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and Ben Taub General Hospital. He was active in many professional societies and organizations including Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, Harris County Medical Society, Texas Heart Association, American College of Physicians, Houston Society of Internal Medicine, American College of Cardiology and the Houston Heart Association.

During his long and illustrious career, Bill worked with many internal medicine and cardiology colleagues, including Paul Peterson, Jim Alexander, Herb Fred, Don Chapman, David Graham, William Winters, Frank Smith, and Ed Lynch.

In 1995, Bill joined the Baylor academic faculty as a clinical cardiologist and was most admired for his skills in mentoring young physicians with his keen wit and sharp intellect. He sought to instill in them not just his knowledge, but his trademarks of compassion, honesty, commitment, integrity, and common sense.

Life was not all work for Bill. He excelled at tennis, loved to sail, and was passionate about photography of the outdoors. Bill spent the happiest times of his life in his last few years with Judith Ann at their Circle G Ranch where the buffalo and longhorns roam. Many people are proud to have known Bill, to have been his colleague, and to have had their lives enriched by him.