

# John Roger Newstedt 1916-2006

## Dr. Roger Newstedt was surgery innovator

His family had deep roots in Cincinnati

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HYDE PARK - In the early 1980s, J. Roger Newstedt, a general surgeon at Christ Hospital, developed a new operation for hiatal hernia and esophageal reflux.

"He loved being a surgeon, but was completely humble in his accomplishments," said his daughter Anne Phelps of Loveland, Long after his retirement, it was commonplace for former patients to tell her how he had saved their lives.

Dr. Newstedt practiced general and gastrointestinal surgery at Christ and at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center from 1952 until he retired in 1991. Then he was an industrial physician at the GE Aircraft Engines plant in Evendale for several years.

He died Sunday at the Deupree Community Center in Hyde Park. He was 89.

Born in 1916 at Bethesda Hospital, Dr Newstedt was the son of August Newstedt, who had emigrated from Syke, Germany. While his father was a wholesale jeweler on Seventh Street, other family members opened Newstedt-Loring Andrews, a jewelry store that has been operating in Cincinnati for more than 100 years. His great-grandfather Herman Duhme founded Duhme & Co., known in 1869 as the largest silver manufacturer and retailer in the West. It was the exclusive local distributor of Rookwood Pottery.

Dr. Newstedt grew up in Hyde Park and was a member of the Walnut Hills High School Class of 1934. After graduating from Yale University and Harvard Medical School, he began a surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. That was interrupted by World War II. He served as a medical officer in the Pacific Theater with the Amphibian Tractor Battalion, which was instrumental in liberating hundreds from a Japanese internment camp at Los Banos in the Philippines. For his service, he received three Bronze Stars.

Dr. Newstedt was a clinical professor in the department of surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a past president of the Cincinnati Surgical Society.

His first wife, Dorothy Byrd Newstedt, died in 1979. His second wife, Maria Borsay Newstedt, died in 1998.

In addition to his daughter Anne, survivors include two other daughters, Carol S. Hesser and Susie S. Goldman; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Service is 10:30 a.m., Thursday at the Norman Chapel at Spring Grove Cemetery,

Memorials: The Deupree Community, 4001 Rosslyn Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45209; or the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, J. Roger Newstedt M.D, Charitable Fund, 200 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

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