

Stanley R Lane

April 24, 2020

STANLEY R. LANE, M.D.

When Dr. Stanley Lane of Moorestown passed away on April 24, 2020 at age 78, he had lived a happy, fulfilling life. He spent nearly half a century in response to a calling he had sensed by the age of five to practice medicine. He also enjoyed a happy 55 year marriage after falling in love before he turned 18. He adored his daughter Victoria (Stuart) Paulsen and doted on his grandsons Erik and Spencer Paulsen, his parrot, and his dog.

Stan idolized his family physician who was a compassionate and exemplary gentleman. He made house calls and was a good listener who never seemed impatient. Stan expected to take his place after completing his training; but his revered roll model succumbed to a heart attack on the way to a house call. Stan remained fixed on his course.

Stan grew up in New York City where he took full advantage of its famous cultural opportunities and great eating places. As he prepared to graduate from New York University Heights, he interviewed and chose to attend New York Medical College. His interviewer must have been amused when he asked Stan about his plans. Stan described his intention to teach, be involved in research, and also have his own medical practice. Stan was incredibly well organized, and with his unlimited energy, he managed to do it all.

He married as he began his second year of medical school. His wife, Cecelia eventually became concerned when she heard other medical student's wives constantly complain that they often felt lonely and neglected because their husbands were always studying. It occurred to her that, while she and Stan played lots of golf and tennis, ate out, and attended concerts and the theatre, she had never actually seen him study; so she asked Stan how he was doing in school. He just shrugged and said, "Don't worry sweetie, I'm in the top 10% of my class." "But you never study!" she said. Stan just bellowed out with that big deep laugh of his: "Oh, I don't really need to study!" This remained a mystery until Cecelia woke up one night at about 4:00 A.M. No Stan. She finally found him on the living room rug surrounded by books. Mystery solved.

The U.S. Army allowed Stan to enlist under a deferment program so that he might complete his studies without interruption. He remained in New York to complete his internship and residency before moving to Washington D.C. He had accepted an invitation to take part in an Allergy Fellowship program at the Children's Hospital of the D.C. In addition, he worked in immunology at N.I.H., and at Walter Reed Army Hospital. As he was involved with intriguing research and the resulting articles, Stan became fascinated by immunology. His days often concluded with "moonlighting" in the E.R. at a hospital off the beltway, scene of horrible, high-speed accidents.

By 1970, the U.S. Army called Stan to head the Allergy/Immunology department at Walson Army Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey. The Viet Nam war raged on, and the hospital had an overflowing workload. Stan started work at the crack of dawn as patients arrived by helicopter from all along the east coast; but after hours, he made time to unwind at the golf course on the base. He also took an hour break every day to have lunch with Cecelia and exchange stories about their daily encounters, a habit they would continue throughout their life together. Still, the volume in Stan's clinic broke all records at the Army Hospital. He also became known for saving quite a few lives, including top brass. Stan received several commendations and was promoted to Major Lane. In the end he resisted pressure to remain in the Army due to his concern that if he continued to be promoted, he would have less exposure to patients. Stan was determined to serve patients rather than become an administrator.

In 1972 as his Army commitment was fulfilled, Stan was approached by the Burlington County Medical Society. They convinced him to stay in the area. He was welcomed onto the staffs of all the area Hospitals, an office was located for him, and Elizabeth Meyers (mother of Nancy Laessle), who had been one of his first patients, found a beautiful home for the Lanes to rent reasonably in Moorestown. He was the first allergy/Immunologist to set up in Burlington County. Stan promptly headed a free clinic at the Burlington County Memorial Hospital in Mt. Holly.

He loved being close enough to Philadelphia to participate in their fine teaching hospitals. He got involved at St. Christopher's Children's Hospital, which then served a particularly needy population. He also traveled to Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, where he lectured and made weekly rounds as a Clinical Assistant Professor for over 25 years. He believed in passing on the wisdom of experience, and teaching those who would follow.

Stan was also a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Temple University School

of Medicine for over 10 years. He was a Fellow of The American Academy of Allergy, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Allergy & Immunology. He was a past President of the Burlington County Medical Society and member of the Society's Committee on Legislation. He was extremely active on the Environmental Committee of the Medical Society of N.J., the State of N.J. Environmental and Occupational Committee, and the State Department of Health, Occupation and Health Committee. He was on the Governor's Council for Solid Waste. He was President and founder of the Independent Physicians Association of Burlington County.

Stan loved the Moorestown Rotary Club, their camaraderie and the work they did. The year Stan became Rotary President, the club succeeded in their effort to wipe out Polio world-wide. He also headed the Moorestown Rotary Substance Abuse Committee, presenting programs in schools and meeting both with students and their families.

Stan was ahead of his time as an early anti-smoking crusader. By 1980 he had published several articles about the effects of passive or "Sidestream" smoking. He refused a lucrative position the American Tobacco Co. offered in an effort to silence his opposition. Stan was heard on radio and TV interviews as he informed the public about the serious health risks of smoking. An overview of the body of work he published and presented at various professional meetings here and in London would demonstrate the amazing variety of his pursuits.

Dr. Lane loved his patients, and they loved him. Many of them enjoy relating stories of how he saved their lives, how he stopped his car to resuscitate a woman who was unconscious on her lawn after multiple yellow jacket stings while gardening, the time he resuscitated a child dragged from the water with no pulse, and how they watched him reverse someone from blue and lifeless back to consciousness when resuscitated by him during a church service. These and many other stories could make Dr. Lane part of the area folklore. He will not be forgotten.

In lieu of flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057 in Stan's memory or a charity of donor's choice.

Comments



“ I just found out today that Dr Lane passed away. Dr. Lane was a GODSEND in my life. When I moved to South Jersey, I kept going back to my Dr. in North Jersey. Finally I asked someone about an Asthma specialist in the area, and they sent me to Dr Lane, and I've never looked back. It's amazing that Dr. Lane accomplished so much in his life, yet he never spoke of any of his accomplishments and accolades. Dr. Lane was always concerned about my health. #RIP Dr. Lane . 18 years as your patient and I always admired your knowledge of this and other diseases. Rest well. Sorrowfully Submitted
Melanie Draughon

Melanie Draughon - November 04, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about this, I only just learned of it now.



Kimberly Ashford - June 29, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ When soon many other Drs couldn't figure out what was wrong with me Dr Lane did I had high toxic levels of carbon monoxide poisoning I am forever grateful to you God bless you and the ones you leave behind

Mary - February 15, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Jenn V. lit a candle in memory of Stanley R Lane



Jenn V. - October 22, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ Bonnie Word lit a candle in memory of Stanley R Lane



Bonnie Word - July 20, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ Thank you, Dr. Lane, for saving my life and improving the quality of my remaining years with your pioneering medical knowledge and compassion.

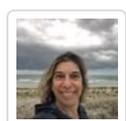
Susan Farrell - July 16, 2020 at 11:47 AM



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Elise Segal - June 28, 2020 at 11:23 PM



“ Great photo, my dad was surrounded by such great people. He loved those holiday office parties.

Tori - November 13, 2020 at 12:30 AM



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Victoria Paulsen - May 18, 2020 at 09:24 AM



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Tori Paulsen - May 17, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ This is a photo of Stanley and Cecelia as teenagers

Victoria Paulsen - May 17, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ Wow , what a beautiful couple !

Elise Segal - June 28, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ Dr Lane was one of the best doctors in his field. I was his patient from the age of 5 through adulthood. He saved my life too many times to count and I will forever be thankful for the care he bestowed upon me. He was always there no matter what was going on! I remember many times him coming up from the beach, or coming in on the weekend to treat me so I could avoid the emergency room. No matter what time of day he was there to help. I will always remember his big personality, his positivity, his commitment to his patients and his laugh. Dr. Lane thank you for your love of medicine and your above and beyond commitment to your patients. I know I will forever be thankful! God bless you and your family.

Theresa Nissen - May 06, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Starting in 1976 when we moved to the area from north Jersey I was a patient of Dr.Lane's and finally became an employee of his for many years up to retirement. I totally agree with Ms Nissen's praise and heartfelt comments. His patients always came first. May he rest in peace.

Alice Hart - May 18, 2020 at 08:48 AM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy - Tori, your dad was very special and you will always be his little girl. Know that whenever you need him, he will be right beside you in spirit.

David Duffy & Family

David Duffy - May 20, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Lane's passing. My prayers and deepest sympathy are with his wife and family. I was a regular patient for several years and he was always there for me. He had my unending loyalty when he helped me through an extremely difficult allergic reaction and he came in to the office on a day he didn't have hours. I couldn't believe it when he finally retired and I hoped that he would enjoy his retirement. After reading his obituary I have an even greater respect for him and his many years of service. May God bless his family. Well done good and faithful servant.

Becky Weinstein

Rebecca - June 29, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Just informed by former neighbors in Willingboro of Dr. Lane's passing. I referred to him often as the gentle giant. I first met him as an adolescent. I had hives everywhere unresponsive to RX prescribed by my PCP. One call later and Dr. Lane met my mother and I after hours at the office in Moorestown that evening since he was headed to Atlantic City the next day for a conference. It didn't matter that I was not an established patient. I remembered he called the next morning to see if my symptoms had improved. They had. I would spend the next 3 yrs under his care receiving weekly allergy shots. I was off to college fortunately no longer bothered by hives but more importantly, he had taught me how to manage my medications just in case they returned. I would meet Dr. Lane almost 12 yrs later. I had gone to medical school in St. Louis and ironically did my residency at Children's in Washington DC . His old stomping ground. I returned to NJ after fellowship and our paths crossed numerous time but now professionally. He was still a kind ,caring and very competent physician. He loved his patients and taking care of them . Clearly my first interaction with him was memorable. I had no idea of all he had accomplished. I have since relocated to Houston, TX 17 yrs ago. May God in his gentle mercy ease the pain of your loss and replace it with the memories Dr. Lane has created with each of you. In time

you will recall the memory and the tears no longer will flow but be replaced with a smile as you reminisce. Seeing his photo and hearing his name brought back so many fond memories for me today

Bonnie M Word, MD

Bonnie - July 20, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of a great man. Since Dr Lanes passing I have often reflected on the warm compassion he had for all around him, his wonderful baritone voice that still can be heard in my thoughts and lastly his brilliant mind. Dr Lane will always be in the top of my list for problem solvers I have known in the immunology area of South Jersey. To the family, grandkids and beloved wife; he always shared how proud he was about all of you. May his love surround you and keep you with wonderful memories.

Lisa Fisher - October 19, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Wow I just became aware of Dr Lane's passing. What a tremendous doctor. He took care of my son from the age of 5 for 7 years thereafter ...he helped him with all his allergies ...thank you Dr Lane for being the great doctor you were to so many people

Margie Ciuffo - November 16, 2021 at 06:11 AM