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Dr Charles A. Dobry, professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb, died September 21, 2001, after a courageous 9-year battle with lung cancer.

Dr Dobry was born on July 27, 1937, in Grand Island, Neb. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a BS degree in 1958 and from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine with an MD degree in 1962. In 1962, he completed an internship at the Ireland Army Hospital in Fort Knox, Ky. He trained in 1963 at the Aerospace



Charles A. Dobry, MD
1937-2001

Medicine School in Pensacola, Fla, and served from 1964 to 1965 as an army flight surgeon at Fort Wolters, Tex, followed by active duty in Vietnam, from 1965 to 1966. From 1966 to 1969, Dr Dobry was a radiology resident at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, Charlottesville, Va. In 1968, he was chosen chief resident. He joined the radiology staff at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1969, where he remained until his retirement in 1997.

Dr Dobry was an outstanding academic leader and gave of himself generously to the field of radiology and to "his university," where he served as vice chairman, chief of diagnosis and interim chairman of the Department of Radiology, interim dean of the medical school, chief of staff of the university hospital, president of the Nebraska Radiological Society, and fellow and councilor of the American College of Radiology. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha. In 2000, he was awarded the Silver Medal for outstanding service to radiology from the Nebraska Radiological Society.

Dr Dobry's skill as a chest radiologist was without equal. He was also a respected teacher and at his finest when teaching residents one-on-one at the view box, using his wisdom and sharp wit. He left us with a legacy of dedication to medicine and to his family. He lived his life with courage, wisdom, honor, and integrity. Such a man will not be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife Linda, two children, and four grandchildren.

—ROGER K. HARNED, MD



Ian Swatez, MD
1947-2001

Dr Ian Swatez, died on March 5, 2001. He was born on June 3, 1947, in Minneapolis, Minn. He began his career as an optometrist and served as president of the American Optometry Association. He then decided to go to medical school at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he obtained his MD degree in 1986 and completed his radiology residency in 1991.

Dr Swatez held many positions at the Regions Hospital (a level I trauma teaching hospital), St Paul, Minn, including that of chairman of

the Department of Radiology. He held several positions with the Minnesota Radiologic Society, including that of Secretary.

Dr Swatez's greatest strengths were his ability to communicate with people, both on a personal and professional level, and his tremendous enthusiasm. He was the ideal teacher: He knew his students' weaknesses and taught them in a positive manner appropriate to their level. He was named Teacher of the Year by the emergency department residents, which was quite an accomplishment for a radiologist. Students and staff alike always appreciated his humor, wit, and energy. Not a day goes by that we do not find some little token that he has left behind, whether it be a little cartoon, a message on a piece of paper, or a video clip on a computer.

Dr Swatez was a unique individual. He was a great leader, teacher, and example for all of us. As a leader, he used his humor and ability to communicate in a pleasant and productive manner to effect change. He was able to persuade people to his point of view without engendering hostility or antagonism. Everybody liked Dr Swatez, and his family absolutely adored him. Although we all feel a great loss with his passing, one finds pleasure in celebrating his life.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; and three daughters, Amy, Lori, and Jodi.

—JOSEPH TASHJIAN, MD

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