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John Nelson Bickers, M.D., born August 30, 1930, passed away Monday January 25, 2010 at the age of 79.

Dr. Bickers was the beloved husband of Mary Phelps Bickers; father of Joan Karen Bickers Dearing of Mandeville, LA, John Michael Bickers of North Palm Beach, FL, and David Nelson Bickers of White Plains, GA; son of the late Bessie Southard Bickers and Joseph W. Bickers of White Plains, GA, grandfather of Paul Tyler Dearing, Casey Elizabeth Dearing, Catherine Elaine Dearing, Justin Michael Bickers and Hunter Austin Bickers; step grandfather of Andrea Lowe Bickers and Lenzy Barber; father in law of Mark Dearing, Judy Lowe Bickers and Denise Bradley Bickers; brother in law of Helen Phelps Mims and Dr. George T. Mims.

He was born in Stokesdale, NC, grew up in White Plains, GA and has resided in Louisiana since 1957, most recently in Covington, LA at Christwood Retirement Community. Dr. Bickers was a 1950 graduate of the University of Georgia in Athens, and a 1954 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, in Augusta. He served a one year internship at City Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He was a Medical Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service in Washington, D.C. for two years, before beginning a residency in Internal Medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in New Orleans, LA. He remained on the staff at the V.A. Hospital, in the Chest Disease Section for one year, and then joined the faculty at the LSU Medical Center in New Orleans in 1961. There he founded the Department of Medicine, the Section of Hematology and Oncology, and was its Director for 30 years. He directed the construction of the Leukemia unit at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and was its Medical Director for 20 years. Dr. Bickers was also Director of the Medical Oncology Fellowship program for over 20 years. He conducted clinical research, directed mainly at improving treatment in patients with cancer and he was the author or co-author of over 40 publications. He attained the academic rank of Professor of



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Medicine and was certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. Dr. Bickers retired from the full time faculty in 1998, but continued to work on a part time basis until 2005.

Dr. Bickers was a member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Metairie, LA and belonged to many medical organizations. One in particular was the Southwest Oncology Group of which he was a member from 1965 to 1998. He was a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, and a member of The American Society of Hematology, and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Family and friends, members of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, and former associates from LSU Medical Center are invited to attend a “Celebration of Life” Memorial Service on Saturday January 30th, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in the Garden Room at Christwood Retirement Community, 100 Christwood Blvd., Covington, LA 70433, Ph: 985-898-0515.

A brief remembrance ceremony and prayer will be conducted by Rev. Robert E. Malsbary. Burial will be a private ceremony at Centennial Christian Church in White Plains, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Christwood Retirement Community, or the charity of your choice.



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PL

Patsy Laplante posted:

Dear Joan and Family, I was so sadden to hear of your Father's death. Joan, you have been a wonderful daughter to your Father and you took such good care of him and your Mother. May you find peace in knowing that you will now have him close to you forever. All my Love to you and your family, Patsy

January 29 at 6:13 PM

IH

Imogene Heidloff posted:

My condolences at this time

January 29 at 5:35 PM

AR

Annabel Rutland posted:

Dear Mrs. Bickers and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. You do not know me, but Dr. Bickers was my husband's (James Rutland) oncologist for many years. He was diagnosed with mulitple myeloma and we was told he lived longer than any other person with that disease.(24 years) We lost him to the disease 2 years ago. Our family would like you to know how much we appreciated your husband, and we will pray for you all, that you feel the comfort of God's presence.

January 28 at 5:30 PM

NW

Neil Wolfson, Md posted:

Dr. Bickers was one of my clinical instructors. I always looked forward to his rounds. He was kind to students and patients alike. His teachings have stayed with me for 40 years and helped to form the base of the medical knowledge I use to this day.

January 28 at 1:48 PM

ND

Nanette Christensen Dornhofer posted:

Mary, I was very sorry to read of Dr. Bickers passing. My sympathy goes out to you and your family. I will always remember his help when Jackie Christensen got her training potty chair stuck on her head. He did not crack a smile and was so wonderful. That episode has always stuck out in my mind. He did so much for others and was always a perfect gentleman. He will be sadly missed. Sincerely,
Nanette Christensen Dornhofer

January 28 at 10:25 AM



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Katherine Norris - Romero posted:

My condolences to all of the family regarding the loss of your loved ones. I remember him from Charity Hospital.

January 27 at 3:40 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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