

Alumni

John R. Charters (M.D. 1965) of Hinsdale, Illinois, was 74 when he died on Nov. 9, 2013. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Charters spent the majority of his career as a radiologist at Rush-Presbyterian-Saint Luke's Medical Center.

Qais A. Farjo (M.D. 1995, Residency 1999, Fellowship 2000) was 43 years old when he died on Feb. 27 in Ann Arbor. Farjo, a medical director of the Michigan Eye Bank, was committed to advanced vision restoration techniques with corneal transplantation. He was on the University of Toledo faculty and also had private practices in Toledo, Ohio and Brighton, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Qais A. Farjo, M.D., Memorial Lectureship in Ophthalmology and sent to UMHS Medical Development, 1000 Oakbrook, Ste. 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6815.

George John Chatas (M.D. 1957, Residency 1960) died Feb. 28 at the age of 81 in Ann Arbor. After completing his training in anesthesiology, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a physician stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. Chatas later settled in Ann Arbor and founded Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor, where he worked until his retirement.

Robert "Bob" Selman (M.D. 1958), 79 of Tequesta, Florida, passed away on June 3 at Hospice of Palm Beach County in Jupiter, Florida. Selman, a charter fellow and lifetime member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, practiced medicine in Oakland County, Michigan, for over 30 years. He was an avid Wolverine fan and season

ticket holder, having followed in his father's footsteps when he received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School.

John P. Stewart II, M.D. (Residency 1956), was 86 when he passed away on June 14. In 1952, he graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine, where he was inducted to the AOA Honorary Society. He did his medical internship and residency at the University of Michigan and returned to Frankfort, Kentucky, in 1956 to become the city's first radiologist. He also worked as director of the Stewart Home & School, a private special education residential facility in Kentucky founded in 1893 by his great grandfather, John Q. A. Stewart.

Paul Woodrow Brown (M.D. 1950), 94, of Fairfield, Connecticut, passed away on May 4. Brown received his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1942. After serving in the U.S. Army

during WWII as an infantryman, stevedore and medic, he returned to the U-M and received his M.D. in 1950. He re-enlisted in the Army Medical

Corps, completing his internship and orthopaedic residency at Letterman General Hospital and Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in San Francisco. He went on to serve as: a professor of orthopaedic surgery and as chief of the Hand Surgery Division of the University of Colorado Medical Center; a professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University

of Miami School of Medicine; and the chairman of the Department of Surgery and chief of the General Surgery Residency Program at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Thomas R. Peterson (M.D. 1953, Residency 1958) passed away on March 27 at the age of 89. In 1944, Peterson earned a scholarship to the University of Michigan, where he studied architecture and played football under Coach Fritz Crisler. The following year, he was drafted and served as an officer in the U.S. Army, spending two years in post-war Tokyo during the war crimes trials. He returned to U-M in 1947 as a fullback on the team known as the Mad Magicians, a team ESPN calls one of the 10 greatest college football teams of all time. They were undefeated, National Champions and Rose Bowl victors. In 1948, with Peterson as starting fullback, the team continued their unbroken winning streak and repeated as National Champions. Peterson also attended the U-M Medical School, and went on to practice orthopaedic surgery and sports medicine in Ann Arbor for over 35 years.

Faculty

Noreen M. Clark, Ph.D., director of the U-M Center for Managing Chronic Disease, and former dean of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, died Nov. 23, 2013. She was also a professor of health behavior and health educa-



tion in the School of Public Health, and a professor of pediatrics at the U-M Medical School. Clark conducted numerous large-scale studies

with the goal of building capacity within individuals, families and communities for effective chronic disease prevention and management. She was known as a wise, caring mentor to countless students and colleagues throughout her career.

James A. Taren (M.D. 1952, Residency 1957), of Kamuela, Hawaii, was 89 when he died on Feb. 21. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater from 1943 -46. In 1957, Taren joined U-M's Department of Surgery, Section of Neurosurgery, where he stayed until his retirement in 1997. His research focused on chronic intractable pain, obsessive-compulsive disorders and Parkinson's disease. Known for his innovative approaches to difficult neurosurgical problems, he was a professor emeritus of surgery.

Henry "Hank" Swain, M.D., passed away on March 4 in Ann Arbor. He was 90 years old. During World War II, Swain was a commissioned officer in the Army Signal Intelligence Service and was stationed in Australia, the Philippines and



Japan. After the war, he obtained his medical degree, joining the faculty of U-M's Department of Pharmacology in 1954, where his research

included using computer systems to model heart rhythms. His nearly 40-year career included two stints as acting chair of pharmacology and time as an advisor for Faculty Affairs. He retired in 1991 and was named a professor emeritus.

Kenneth W. Cochran, Ph.D., died May 22 in Ann Arbor. His active duty in the U.S. Army spanned from 1943 to 1946 and included an assignment

as adjutant in Evacuation and Station Hospitals in Japan. After nearly 40 years on the pharmacology faculty at U-M, Cochran retired in 1989 and was granted the title associate professor emeritus. A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he was a member of the North American Mycological Association and published works on mushroom poisoning. He was 90.

David VerLee (M.D. 1962, Residency 1966), age 76, of Holland, Michigan, passed away on June 3. He attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate and medical degrees. After an internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, he completed an ophthalmology residency at the U-M and went on to do two years of medical research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He



and his family moved back to Michigan where he practiced ophthalmology in Flint for 25 years. In 1989, he moved back to western Michigan, where he practiced for several more years before retiring in 1999. VerLee was involved with many philanthropic organizations and contributed in many roles to the Kellogg Eye Center and the U-M Medical School.

Stefan S. Fajans (M.D. 1942, Residency 1949, Fellowship 1951), of Ann Arbor, was



96 when he died on June 22. The active professor emeritus was an international leader in the study and treatment of diabetes. After

graduating from U-M Medical School and completing an internship at Mount Sinai Hospital, he was drafted into the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1943 and was a member of the evacuation hospital that landed on Omaha Beach days after the Normandy invasion. After the war he returned to the U-M to complete a residency and soon began a career that spanned some 70 years. He served as chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism and was the founding director of the NIH-funded Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center. The Stefan S. Fajans/GlaxoSmithKline Professorship was established in 2003 to honor his remarkable accomplishments. Contributions to the Stefan Fajans Honorary Endowment Fund may be made online at giving.umich.edu/give/intmed-fajans, or a check made out to the Regents of the University of Michigan may be sent to the U-M Comprehensive Diabetes Center, Brehm Tower, Suite 6300, 1000 Wall Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

William "Bill" Martel, M.D., passed away on Aug. 10 in Ann Arbor. He was 86. Martel received his B.S. and M.D. from New York University. After completing his internship at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn and residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City from 1953-57, he joined the University of Michigan Medical School as an instructor in 1957. During his 40 years at U-M, Martel served in numerous capacities, including chief of the Section of Musculoskeletal Radiology, director of the Radiology Residency Training Program, director of clinical services, and from 1982-92, as chair of the Department of Radiology. In 1997, the William Martel Collegiate Professorship in Radiology was created in his honor.

