

William John Meinert, Jr., M.D., of Atlanta, born September 1, 1942 in Pittsburgh, died at home on June 16, 2009 of complications from lung cancer.

Bill will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Barbara Dolan Meinert, three children; Bill (Karen) Meinert, Molly (Ken) Monblatt and Beth (Tom) Mango, and six grandchildren; Alex, Elise, Ellie, Grace, Sophie and Tommy.

A well-respected physician of more than 40 years, Bill was Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, where he loved both teaching and seeing patients.

Bill was a 1968 AOA graduate of the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, and completed his residency in Family Medicine while on active duty in the Army Medical Department in 1971. He served 20 years active duty in the Army, retiring as a Colonel in 1989. Bill chaired four different hospital teaching departments, both in military and civilian life, including the Department of Family Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, the Department of Family Medicine at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME, and the Department of Family Medicine at Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. He was a Fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians and former President of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians.

Bill was an exceptional, avid photographer, car enthusiast and consummate hobbyist. He will be especially remembered for his quick wit and irreverent sense of humor, appreciation of natural beauty, and love of dogs.

Donations may be made in Bill's name to the Atlanta Humane Society - online at: www.atlantahumane.org, by phone: 1-404-875-5331 or by mail to: 981 Howell Mill Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA, 30318