



## Richard B Hornick

January 27, 1929 - August 9, 2011

Richard B Hornick M.D., MACP

Dr Richard Hornick, M.D., MACP, a renowned physician scientist, master clinician, and beloved teacher who contributed to the treatment and prevention of infectious diseases including tularemia, typhoid fever, and dysenteric disorders, died on August 9, 2011 in Winter Park Florida of chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

He was born in Johnstown PA, graduated from Westmont High school and attended Johns Hopkins University on scholarship, graduating in 1951. He entered Hopkins medical school, graduating in 1955. He completed his house officer training on the Osler Medical service at Johns Hopkins in 1959, interrupted by a stint in the Army and assignment with the Walter Reed Medical Unit at Fort Detrick. He then joined faculty at the University of Maryland where he rose to become professor and chairman of Infectious Disease. In 1979, he was appointed chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. In 1987, he accepted appointment as the Vice President for Medical Education at the Orlando Regional Medical Center. After "retirement" in 1999, he continued to round with and teach residents and students at the Orlando Regional Medical Center, finally putting down the stethoscope in July, 2011, 3 weeks before his death.

His contributions to medicine include the development and direction of a large research group in infectious diseases, which conducted studies on the

effectiveness of vaccines for tularemia and typhoid fever and the study of the pathophysiology of numerous infectious diseases. During his career, Dr Hornick was involved extensively in the development of preventive medicine procedures needed for the control of typhoid, cholera, dysentery disorders, tularemia, Q fever and others. He was responsible in large part for shifting the emphasis to immunization via the intestinal tract. He was an author or co-author of more than 160 scientific papers and book chapters related to these topics.

Dr Hornick was a member of many national and international academic professional organizations, including the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American College of Physicians, the American Clinical and Climatological association, the Armed Forces epidemiological board, and the Infectious Disease Society of America of which he was a founding member, fellow, and past president.

Dr Hornick has been the recipient of many honors and awards: The James Bruce Memorial Award from the American College of Physicians, the Presidential Award from the Infectious Disease Society of America , and election to the Society of Scholars at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr Hornick is survived by his wife, Susan Finnegan; sons Douglas and Thomas Hornick; daughters Martha Hornick and Blaine Hawley; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Knowles Memorial chapel at 11 AM, August 13, 2011. Donations in his name can be made to the Richard B Hornick Memorial Medical Education Fund at the Orlando Health Foundation 3160 Southgate Commerce Blvd, Suite 50, Orlando FL 32806, or online at [orlandohealthfoundation.com](http://orlandohealthfoundation.com).

# Tribute Wall



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“ Dr. Hornick has been on my mind lately and I wanted to share my thoughts. I cared deeply for him as a person. It was my pleasure to have worked for Dr. Hornick for five years as secretary in Medical Education at Orlando Health. He was such a wonderful boss. I will never forget what a smart and kind person he was, not just to me but to everyone. I remember his warm smile and I believe he made the world a better place. You have my deepest condolences. Warm regards, Diane Figliola, CAP.

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**Diane C. Figliola** - February 28, 2012 at 09:48 AM



“ Dr. Hornick will be sorely missed by so many people - staff and patients, as well as friends. I always said he was so very unique as a colleague, teacher and mentor that I found it difficult to work with other physicians as an ARNP after him - they could never measure up! I will always treasure those things I learned from him.##imported-begin##Connie Buecker##imported-end##

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“ Dr. Hornick was my very first boss when I began my 40-year career in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Maryland School of Medicine back in 1967. He set the bar high for those who followed in his footsteps and a nicer, more patient person I've yet to meet. I watched with pride as his sons and daughters grew into responsible, loving adults (even when they made daisy chains out of my paperclips) and will always consider Dr. Hornick to be my friend, mentor, and soulmate since we shared the same birthdate. He will sorely be missed by all who had the good fortune of having him touch their lives.##imported-begin##Eunice Katz##imported-end##

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“ I first worked with Doctor Hornick at the U. of Maryland - when I was hired in 1976, an 18 year old, my first job - he ask me to assist him one day with a patient of his and he made me feel so important - and complemented me as a " good assistant" - a soft spoken gentle doctor - that was so very kind to me always. .... Denise Busbee##imported-begin##Denise Busbee Rudell##imported-end##

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“ You were a great Mentor, Boss, and more than anything else, a great friend. You will be missed by many. Thank you for the gifts and blessings you shared with me. Now you'll be able to play all the golf you always wanted to. Rest Peacefully my Friend.##imported-begin##Frank Aguirre##imported-end##

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“ We love Dick and will always remember his gentle smile, his patience, his love of hunting, and his affable way of hosting us, showing us the canals of Winter Park, the skills of his dogs, and his love for his family. We keep Sue in our hearts, and his memory there too.##imported-begin##Leslie and Nadia Bassett##imported-end##

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“ Dr. Hornick taught me so many things both personally and professionally. He made me want to be a better person and clinician. I never walked away from a conversation with Dr. Hornick without learning something. He will be missed by so many, and I was so fortunate to have learned from him.##imported-begin##Moirra Faris##imported-end##

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“ Dear Mrs. Hornick and family,

*We are most saddened to hear of Sr. Hornick's passing. For over forty years, he has been in our hearts, our minds and our thoughts.*

*In 1971 I developed peritonitis after a hysterectomy at the University of Maryland Hospital. This kind gentleman visited me every day in the I.C.U. - usually 4-5 times a day as I was extremely ill. His tenacity, his intelligence, his caring and of course his medical ability saved my life!*

*We will always be grateful to him.*

*Please accept our heartfelt condolence.*

*Sincerely,*

*Helena Honick*

*I remember Dr. Hornick when I was a student and resident at University Hospital. Whenever there was a question about any infectious disease problem, the response was "Ask Dick Hornick and do what he tells you". Not only was he a brilliant scientist and great physician, he was what all of us called a "Class guy" - there weren't many.*

*Lawrence F. Honick, M.D.*

*U. of M. Med. School class of 1960.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Honick##imported-end##*

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“ *Dr. Hornick was one of the kindest gentlemen I had the pleasure to work with at ORHS. Always positive and encouraging. I am sure he will be truly missed by those who had the luck to be with him everyday. My condolences goes to the family.##imported-begin##Karen Gisel##imported-end##*

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