



Dr. Robert Allen Doughty

January 21, 2022

Dr. Robert Allen Doughty, 76, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and daughters on January 21, 2022.

Dr. Doughty--"Dr. Bob" to his patients and neighbors--was raised in Wilmington, DE, son of Franklin and Virginia Doughty. He attended Swarthmore college ('67) and graduated with an MD/PhD in Immunology from the Pearlman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. A pediatric rheumatologist, he served as Director of the Pediatric Residency Program of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Associate Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics before becoming Medical Director at Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children (now Nemours Children's Hospital) in Wilmington, DE from 1986 to 1999. During his time as Medical Director, he notably led Nemours Children's to become a full service children's medical center and established a partnership with Thomas Jefferson University to develop a pediatric residency program. In 1999, he became Vice President for Nemours Physician Practices at the Nemours Foundation based in Jacksonville, FL, where he helped expand high quality medical care for children in Florida and Delaware. Dr. Doughty also developed and ran leadership training programs for medical chief residents nationwide through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, as Senior Scholar for Leadership Development and Experiential Education. Through this program, he trained thousands of young doctors in strategies for

compassionate, humanistic leadership. He at times held faculty appointments at University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University. Throughout his career, Dr. Bob was beloved by his young patients with auto immune disorders, and by their parents, for his humor, kindness, and willingness to literally get on the floor with them.

Dr. Doughty retired to his home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. From there, with wife Cris of over 30 years, he travelled, spoiled his grandchildren, and appreciated Eastern shore life. Throughout his life, he was an Eagle scout who loved cooking, sailing and boating, and bird watching. He was a proud and involved father, and a devoted uncle. He was an active supporter and lifetime member of the Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, the Easton Choral Arts Society, and St. Marks United Methodist Church in Easton.

Dr. Doughty is survived by his wife, E. Cris {Frederick} Doughty, daughters and sons-in-law (Kimberly Doughty and Warren Smith, and Kristin Doughty and Josh Mankoff), brother Richard Doughty (m. Barbara Doughty) and sister Diane Kirking (m. Bruce Kirking), grandchildren Katherine, Thomas, Natalie, and Noah, as well as five nieces and nephews and their children.

Donations in Dr. Doughty's name can be made to Talbot Hospice in Easton, Maryland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Robert Allen Doughty*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Robert Allen Doughty*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Robert Allen Doughty*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

JT

“ I met Dr. Doughty in October 1984 at CHOP, when he admitted my 7 year old daughter, Rosemarie.

I really can't say enough about him. He had such a charasma, caring and genuine love for her. Rosemarie waited for his visits. They formed a relationship that is undescrivable. He bought her a little doll which she cherished.



Unfortunately, Rosemarie died on December 8th of that same year. Dr. D sat down next to me and cried with me. He said he could not control his tear ducts!!

I still have the letter he wrote to me and the little doll after all these years.

He visited us for dinner. I kept in touch until he moved to Florida.

But

I will never forget him.

He was a special man. I know God said, "well done, my faithful servant."

Jean toy, wilmington,de

Jean toy - January 30, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Allen Doughty.



January 28, 2022 at 04:58 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fellows Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 08:17 AM

GM

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Gail McIlvain-Simpson - January 27, 2022 at 09:03 PM

RC

“ I am saddened to learn of Bob's death. We were neighbors in Alapocas and schoolmates at Brandywine High School, played basketball in his backyard. He was one of my role models/heroes. Sorry that we lost touch, especially since we both lived here in Easton for last 5-6 yrs. I would love to know of any planned memorial services..Bruce Cooke (becdgc@ gmail.com)

Rev.Dr. Bruce Cooke - January 27, 2022 at 10:55 AM

SB

“ Dr Doughty was my Residency director in the years I was a pediatric resident at CHOP. Some years later, we met at a medical meeting and he invited me to see him at the Al duPont Institute. His vision of building a full-service children's hospital was inspiring and I soon joined, and stayed for 30 years. He was a friend, mentor and colleague, who helped me grow as a physician and as a person. He spoke often of Chris and of his daughters and loved them deeply. He will be missed by all who knew him

Steven Bachrach - January 26, 2022 at 10:29 PM

TC

“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Dr. Doughty when he was at the Home Office and enjoyed a couple of trips across the pond with he and his wonderful wife, Cris. I have many fond memories of the time we all spent together. Bob was a special person, and he will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family.

Tracy Coleman - January 26, 2022 at 10:47 AM

NI

“ So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I first met Bob when I was a Fellow at CHOP many years ago. He impressed me and all who met him with his humane, wise, and innovative approach to pediatric training. Years later, consistent with his vision to change the relationships between families and physicians, Bob hired me to establish the Nemours Center for Children's Health Media (KidsHealth) at what was then The Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. I certainly have a lot to be grateful for with regards to his kindness, support, mentoring, and friendship for the many years I was privileged to know him.

Neil Izenberg - January 25, 2022 at 08:16 PM

SM

“ Bob was my valued colleague and friend when we were both pediatric residency program directors in Phila in the 1980’s. After he became Medical Director at AIDI, he hired me to establish and medically direct the Nemours system of primary care practices for underserved children in DE. He “had my back” every step of the way on that journey. Truly one of the greatest physician/teacher/mentors I have ever met. My condolences to his family - and know that the positive impact he had on thousands of colleagues, families and children will live long beyond his passing.
Steven Dowshen,MD

Steven Dowshen, MD - January 25, 2022 at 05:33 PM

PO

“ Bob was a unique combination of "art" and "science," a physician leader who was deeply steeped in the work of the National Training Lab and team dynamics. It was a pleasure to partner with him on leadership development workshops over the years. It was so good to get to know you, Bob!

Pat Oceanic - January 25, 2022 at 02:49 PM

KS

“ I joined Nemours in 1997 and got to know Bob as one of my first "big bosses". He is among many of the giants at that time that were so full of compassion and this mission we call Nemours that has kept me here nearly 25 years later. RIP Bob and I am in prayer for all of you in his family.

Kevin Sheahan - January 25, 2022 at 02:14 PM

SL

I knew Bob from my St Chris days and he was at CHOP and he was my boss/mentor at Nemours. He was a great leader, great mentor that I felt everyday, but most important a great and caring person and family man. He impacted many and many he impacted he never met but set the stage for others. RIP RAD

Steve Lawless - January 25, 2022 at 02:29 PM

FM

I met Dr. Doughty when we opened the Nemours office in Dover. At our "grand opening" he gave a really wonderful speech that really showed the depth of his commitment to the health and welfare of children, and his vision to make Nemours a leading provider of health care services for children and adolescents. A truly wonderful man!

Francis Montone - January 26, 2022 at 10:04 AM

JD

Wes and I remember Bob as a lovely, smiling teenager, along with Richard and Diane and their fabulous parents, Virginia and Omo Doughty. We all were members of Atonement U. Methodist Church in Claymont, DE. What a wonderful family obviously the forerunners of Dr. Bob. Prayerful thoughts to his wife and children and to Richard and Diane. Jane and Wes Diemer

Jane Diemer - January 27, 2022 at 08:19 AM

SH

*“Dr. Doughty was a devoted physician, teacher and mentor. I first met Bob as a young attending at Nemours, where he was a role model in his concern for each patient and family. Bob also was an inspiration to me in finding the balance between the demands of medicine and commitment to family. He will be sorely missed.”
Sandra Hassink, MD*

Sandra G Hassink - January 25, 2022 at 12:58 PM

JM

“ Dr. Doughty possessed the vision and commitment to recruit me to start the Pediatric Otolaryngology program for Nemours Children's Health at the AI duPont campus in 1992.

This expansion of surgical care was fostered by Dr. Doughty introducing me to Steven Cook MD, who was the very first surgeon from Wilmington to serve the children's Ear, Nose and Throat acute and chronic conditions.

Dr. Doughty provided the support and nurtured all who wished to grow into a full service pediatric children's hospital under the umbrella of the academic Thomas Jefferson campuses at Christiana Care and in Central Philadelphia.

Dr. Doughty's kindness extended to helping me personally and sharing rides to Wilmington together on numerous occasions.

James S. Reilly, MD

JAMES S. REILLY, MD - January 25, 2022 at 12:27 PM

BA

“ Balu purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Dr. Robert Allen Doughty.

Balu - January 25, 2022 at 10:30 AM