

Alumni Deaths

William C. McGarity, 45M, on Sept. 30, 1997. Dr. McGarity, Distinguished Professor of Surgery Emeritus at Emory, served for many years as chief of surgery at Emory University Hospital. He was one of the founding members of The Emory Clinic, where he maintained a large general surgery practice until his retirement in 1992, and was the recipient of many honors in the fields of endocrine surgery and inflammatory bowel disease.

In 1983, George W. Woodruff established the William C. McGarity Chair of Surgery in his honor. Also in 1983, Dr. McGarity received the President's Award from the International Association of Enterostomal Therapy for his contributions to the association and to the practice of enterostomal therapy. In 1984, he received the Lamartine Griffin Hardman Cup Award from the Medical Association of Georgia in 1984 for outstanding contributions to his field. Dr. McGarity was active in numerous regional and national surgical societies, serving as president of the Georgia Surgical Society, the Southeastern Surgical Congress, and the Southern Surgeons Club.

In 1973, Dr. McGarity established the Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program, now known as the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Center, to educate nurses from around the world. Contributions in Dr. McGarity's name may be sent to the center at The Emory Clinic, A, T732, 1365 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA 30322. For information, call (404) 778-4067.