A devoted doctor and dedicated teacher.

Throughout John's life, he fought bigotry and injustice, showing through personal example the worth of every individual and publicly denouncing anti-gay policies of the Boy Scouts, in which he had been actively involved as a youth.



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John H. Morton...

Dr. John H. Morton was known for his kind, skillful and conscientious service to surgical patients, medical students and the medical profession. His thoughtful attention to each person as an individual made him beloved by patients and medical students alike. This devotion to teaching and mentoring were rewarded by the university of Rochester's medical school class of 1967, who dedicated their yearbook to him.

In his role as surgeon at Strong
Memorial Hospital, John cared for a
broad range of patients with an
emphasis on the management of trauma
and burns. His dedication and skill in
surgery, teaching and service were
recognized in awards from the Monroe
County Medical Society, the Rochester
Academy of Medicine, the National
Board of Medical Examiners,
Federation of State Medical Boards, and
NYS Medical Society.

John's willingness to work hard, strive for excellence, and assume responsibility led to numerous leadership roles, including over 16 years as Director of the Emergency
Department at Strong Memorial
Hospital. In service to the medical
profession, John led the University of
Rochester's curriculum committee
during a period of significant curricular
change. He also served as President of
the County Medical Society and the NYS
Board of Medicine and dedicated many
years of service to the creation and
testing of medical licensing exams with
the National Board of Examiners and the
American College of Surgeons.

After completing an accelerated BA from Amherst College during World War II, John earned his MD from Yale, interned in Surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital, then served in the Navy at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, MD. John returned to the University of Rochester after the Navy to complete his surgical residency and work his way up to Professor of Surgery. In doing so, he followed in the footsteps of his father, Dr. John J. Morton, Jr., who served as the first Chairman of Surgery at the University of Rochester. In 1949, John married Ruth Irland. The strength or their love and the warmth of their 55-year marriage built a close

family including four children, their spouses, and six grandchildren, all of whom loved gathering to listen as he read stories aloud during family events. His love, support and biting dry wit will be greatly missed.

Other passions in his life included hiking and camping in the National Parks, nurturing an astounding array of day lilies, iris and other flowering plants, attending plays and musical productions and participating actively in the life of Third Presbyterian Church. He read voraciously and loved to challenge his mind and those of his companions.

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