



## Dr. Richard W. Hoefler

August 13, 1940 - August 23, 2019

Doctor Richard William Hoefler, age 79, passed peacefully on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 at his home in Sarasota in the company of loving family. Richard was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Robert and Esther Hoefler. Richard excelled in his academic pursuits from an early age, graduating Cum Laude from Harvard with a degree in Biology. He went on to receive his MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Following a surgical internship, Dr. Hoefler completed a combined general and thoracic surgery residency at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Familiar with the Sarasota area due to family vacations, Dr. Hoefler began his practice in 1975 as a board certified General and Thoracic surgeon. During his medical career, Dr. Hoefler served as Chief of Staff at Sarasota Memorial Hospital as well as Chairman of the Board at Doctors Hospital of Sarasota. Dr. Hoefler enjoyed a variety of activities and hobbies in his free time including golfing, boating, photography, tennis, sport fishing, and competitive shooting. He was also a dedicated Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan and season ticket holder since the team's inauguration in 1977. Richard is survived by his devoted wife of thirty five years, Linda, his loving sister Kathy Boyd, his five children; Laura Kochan, Bill Hoefler, Elizabeth Hoefler, Richard Hoefler Jr., and John Hoefler, as well as his six grandchildren; Cameron, Abbie, Sarah, Olivia, Reiley, and William. Dr. Hoefler lives on through an intricate network composed of the innumerable patients and families he has touched during his thirty eight years of professional medical service. Most remember him as a brilliantly talented

surgeon, esteemed for his unwavering leadership, while others recall him as the guardian angel who provided them with additional time to share with their families. However, to his family, he will always be remembered as a loving and attentive husband, brother, and father.

A private family celebration of life will held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard W. Hoefer*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Dr. Richard W. Hoefer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I came to Sarasota in 1980 and was delighted to find such a talented and skilled thoracic and general surgeon as Dr. Richard Hoefer. He was always available to provide vascular access for my patients in acute and chronic renal failure. He also performed highly technical and difficult chest surgical procedures. He was a great asset to our medical community. Dick will be sorely missed.*

*Ross M, Tucker, M.D.*

Dr. Ross M. Tucker - September 02, 2019 at 07:44 PM