

In Memoriam: Donald Denson, PhD

Donald Denson, PhD, died on Nov. 18, 2012. Dr. Denson, age 67, of Lilburn, Ga. was an affiliate member of GSA since 1990.

Dr. Denson began his medical career at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.; continuing to the University of Cincinnati School Of Medicine, where he remained for 14 years. In 1990, he moved to Atlanta, with his family, to pursue a career at Emory University School of Medicine. He retired from the Anesthesia Dept. of Emory University in August 2011 where he was a clinical pharmacologist and an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology. His tireless research efforts in the alleviation of pain were the focus of most of his academic life.

Dr. Denson served four years in the Air Force in the 1960s. After his service, he continued to pilot his own small plane for many years.

Dr. Denson is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jeannine Overholser Denson; son, Chad Denson, Birmingham, Ala.; son, Todd Denson and fiancée, Kayla Jeffries, Lilburn, Ga.; and son, Zachary and wife, Grace Denson of Leesburg, Fla.

Visitation, arrangements, and a “Celebration of Life” ceremony were held Nov. 26, 2012 at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel. His final resting place was Oakdale Cemetery in Urbana, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, contributions were made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Association (www.pancreaticcancerfoundation.com); American Stroke Association (www.strokeassociation.org); and Cornerstone Hospice of The Villages, Fla. Condolences may be viewed or sent to www.wagesfuneralhome.com.

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