

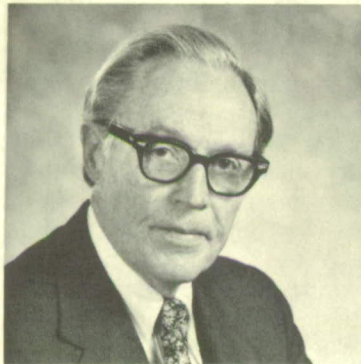
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Eben Alexander, Jr., M.D. **1980 Honored Guest**

Dr. Eben Alexander, Jr., was born on September 14, 1913, to Dr. and Mrs. Eben Alexander, Sr., of Knoxville, Tennessee, where Dr. Alexander was a prominent general surgeon. Eben, Jr., attended the University of North Carolina and received his A.B. degree at Chapel Hill, where his grandfather was a professor of Greek. He then went on to Harvard Medical School, receiving his M.D. degree Cum Laude in 1939. Among his classmates were Drs. John Adams, Kenneth Livingston, Francis Moore, and the late and beloved Dr. Donald Matson. Dr. Alexander is the permanent President of the Class of 1939 and is now serving as the President of the Harvard Medical Alumni Association for 1980 and 1981.

Dr. Alexander was attracted into neurological surgery by Dr. Franc Ingraham who was his teacher and great friend. Dr. Ingraham, one of the finest and most respected gentlemen in neurological surgery, had a great influence upon Dr. Alexander's career.

Dr. Alexander's internship and residency at Peter Bent Brigham and Children's Hospital in Boston spanned a 9-year period from 1939 to 1948, being interrupted by World War II. He returned from the war with a rank of Major, the Bronze Star, and a great appreciation for the comforts of home. His home fires had been lit when he married Elizabeth West in 1942. Betty has been a source of strength for him. Her graciousness and charm are appreciated by members of many neurosurgical organizations, civic groups, and by their many friends.

Dr. Alexander was fortunate enough to serve a year of neurosurgical residency from 1948 to 1949 under Dr. Kenneth McKenzie in Toronto, Canada. That year was rewarding to Dr. Alexander, not only because he was exposed to Dr. McKenzie's outstanding skills but also because he had the opportunity to review Dr. McKenzie's series of patients

with eighth-nerve tumors. That published review represented the state of the art at that time.

In 1949, Dr. Alexander was appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery in charge of Neurological Surgery, and in 1954 became Professor and Head of the Section on Neurological Surgery, Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University. He held this position until October, 1978. As director of the neurosurgical program, he was responsible for the training of 31 residents. His emphasis on the clinical practice of neurosurgery caused his program to be recognized as one of the best in the nation.

From 1953 through 1973, Dr. Alexander served as Chief of Professional Services of North Carolina Baptist Hospital. During that period the Medical Center in Winston-Salem grew and much of the present prominence of both the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and North

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1980 Annual Meeting

October 5-10

**Hyatt Regency
Houston, Texas**

Themes

**Neurosurgical Updates
Practical Pharmacology
Medical Communication**

Other Highlights

**"Tex - Mex" party, Rodeo
and Bar-B-Q**

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