



Calvin B. Umble

February 2, 1924 - March 23, 2013

Dr. Calvin Benjamin Umble of Chambersburg died on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in Chambersburg Hospital.

Born February 2, 1924 in Gap (Lancaster County), Pennsylvania, Dr. Umble was the son of the late Elam H. and Anna (Kauffman) Umble.

He and his family moved to Chambersburg in 1967 when he became partner in the Chambersburg Animal Hospital, the veterinary practice of Dr. John J. Strickler. Prior to joining the Chambersburg practice, Dr. Umble practiced independently in Honey Brook (Chester County), Pennsylvania from 1951 to 1964; from 1964 to 1967 he performed research pathology for Rutgers State University in their Vineland, New Jersey facilities. He completed studies at Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, PA), and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (Philadelphia, PA). He was a member of the Franklin County Veterinary Association and demonstrated a life-long love of animals.

Dr. Umble was active in local church, civic, and cultural organizations. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring where he served as an elder and was a member of the choir. He served as chair of the Museum Committee with the Franklin County Historical Society-Kittochtinny, and as a volunteer docent guided tours of the Old Franklin County Jail and Museum. He served on the board in the formative years of the Institute of Retired Persons, and was an early director of the Franklin County Tourist Council. He was an avid student of the American Civil War. A veteran of World War II,

having served with the 406th Regiment, 102nd Infantry Division, Dr. Umble was awarded the Purple Heart for action in Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army in April 1945. He is remembered for his sense of humor and as one who took an interest in all people; he was a quiet, constant source of encouragement to his family, and many friends and acquaintances. Dr. Umble is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Mary Jane Walker Umble, daughter of the late J. Earl Walker and Sidnie Thomas Walker of Gap, Pennsylvania. They were married on July 8, 1950, and have three sons: Christopher Walker Umble, and his wife Linda L. Lackey of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania; Dr. James Calvin Umble, and his wife Dr. Kathryn Thomas Umble, of Poland, Ohio; and Dr. Karl Edmund Umble, of Durham, North Carolina; former daughter-in-law Susan Keeler Umble of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren: Courtney L. (Umble) Hartzel (Justin) of Mars, Pennsylvania, Lauren E. Umble, of Alexandria, Virginia, and John A. Umble, of Poland, Ohio. He is also survived by a brother, R. Clair Umble and his wife Miriam Umble, and a sister Mary (Umble) Glick, all of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and sister-in-law Sidnie (Walker) Harris, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service for Dr. Umble will be held in The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 28, 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friends will be received in the church's reception hall following the service from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Umble will be interred at the Sadsbury Friends Meeting Burial Grounds, 1089 Simmontown Road, Gap (Lancaster County) Pennsylvania, following graveside funeral services there on Thursday, March 28 at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Choir Fund, Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.sellersfuneralhome.com

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“ I was saddened to learn of the recent passing of 'Doc' Umble.

Having grown up during my formative years a few doors down the same street – and having become friends with Chris, and especially Jim and Karl – I always had a special fondness for 'Doc's' sense of compassion and interest in everyone (and almost everything!). No matter what he was doing at the time, he always would take several moments to ask how things were, what was new and how I and my family had been.

You could tell by the twinkle in his eyes and by his smile that his interest was always sincere and straight from the heart.

I feel quite fortunate to have known him as a neighbor, the father of 3 great guys, and yes at times, also as a kind and caring Vet for our family pets.

My Life over the years was enriched by his humor, wisdom and sincere kindness, and he will indeed be missed.

Todd Willman, Chambersburg - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM