Obituary for Dorsey Moore

PASSING OF SHIPMATE
CAPTAIN DORSEY J. MOORE DC USN (RET)

Dorsey Jerome Moore was born February 8, 1935 in Boonville Missouri to Lloyd and Mary Moore. He died March 7, 2016 in Kansas City Missouri following a long battle with multiple medical problems. Dorsey started college as a music major but switched to pre-dental and graduated from University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1959 and entered the US Navy Dental Corps. His duty stations included the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, 3rd Marine Division FMF, Okinawa, Naval Station Annapolis, USS Proteus, Naval Dental School Bethesda for Prosthodontic and Maxillofacial Prosthetic training. After Board Certification, Dorsey went as Senior Dental Advisor to Saigon, Vietnam. While treating patients in the villages of Vietnam, he was exposed to Agent Orange. He returned to the National Naval Dental Center as Chief of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Residency Director. He retired from the Navy as a Captain from the NRMC Great Lakes. His numerous Military Awards include the Legion of Merit with Combat V and the Secretary of the Navy Unit Citation.

Dorsey returned to the UMKC Dental School as Robinson Professor, Chairman of Removable Prosthodontics and Director of both the Graduate Prosthodontic and Maxillofacial Residencies. He served as the president of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics and was the recipient of the prestigious Ackerman Award. His memberships included the Academy of Prosthodontists, American College of Prosthodontics and both the American and International College of Dentists. He served as an International Speaker making presentations throughout the world. His involvement with the American Dental Association committees was extensive. Dorsey was involved in several textbook publications and published a myriad of articles in medical and dental journals. While in Kansas City, he served as the Commandant of the Military Order of the World Wars, which had been established by General Pershing after WWI.

Dorsey and Mary married in 1959 and had two children, Elizabeth and David. He was preceded in death by David last year. Dorsey is survived by Mary and Elizabeth, grandchildren Rebecca Caitlin and Kyle, and four great grandchildren. In keeping with his philosophy of promoting education and passing on learning, Dorsey donated his body to the Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience. A Memorial Service will be held at the Central United Methodist Church, 5144 Oak St. Kansas City, Mo. at 1 pm on Saturday, April 30.

Please consider donations to the UMKC Dorsey and Mary Moore Scholarship for Jazz Studies. ATTN: Jennifer Wampler, 4949 Cherry St., Kansas City, MO, 64110, or the Bishop Spencer Benevolence Fund, 4301 Madison, Kansas City, MO, 64110.

Dorsey played String Bass with the "Docs of Dixieland" in Bethesda. They played at charity fundraisers and entertained the Navy Dental Corps at our social events. The Dental Officers members all preceded Dorsey in death and are now reunited to perpetually entertain for eternity.