



In Memory

John Bridge Gunn, MD, passed away March 13, 2003. He was born in Columbus, Texas on July 11, 1931. Dr. Gunn enjoyed four decades of practice as a member of Orthopedic Associates of Dallas and was senior physician of that clinic at the time of his retirement. Honoring his long years of practice, his colleagues created the John B. Gunn Library in Hoblitzelle Hospital of Baylor University Medical Center. The library was established to honor Dr. Gunn, and to serve as a continuing resource for the orthopaedic department at Baylor.

Dr. Gunn was educated in Columbus Public schools where he graduated valedictorian of his class in 1948, followed by study at Southern Methodist University. After further study at Stephen F. Austin, his medical degree was earned at University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) Medical School in Dallas. He did his orthopedic residency in the UTSW system, including Baylor University Medical Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital, and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. He served in the United States Navy as Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Charleston, South Carolina, returning to Dallas in 1960 to begin his practice.

Dr. Gunn's greatest focus and contribution was in the field of knee surgery, in which he pioneered advances in cementless joint replacement, knee ligament reconstruction, and bilateral knee replacement surgery. He served during his career as team doctor for the Dallas Cowboys, and the Dallas Black Hawks hockey team. He was an active member of numerous medical and orthopedic societies. He was President of the Southern Orthopaedic Association and President of the Society for Arthritic Joint Surgery. He was also a founding member of the Association for Arthritic Hip and Knee Surgery, and the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Gunn is survived by his wife, Virginia Stafford Gunn, and three children, Lee Gunn Falchi, John Bridge Gunn, Jr., and Robert Niels Gunn, and two granddaughters. The funeral was held on Monday, March 17th at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus, Texas. Contributions can be made in his loving memory to the John B. Gunn MD Orthopaedic Library, Baylor University Medical Center, 3600 Gaston Ave., Dallas, TX 75246-1800, or to St. John's Episcopal Church at 915 Travis, Columbus, TX 78934.