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William "Bill" Ashley, M.D. 1921 - 2006

We remember fondly Dr. William Ashley, who passed on August 6, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Ashley was born in San Francisco. He attended Lawrenceville School in New Jersey and graduated from Princeton University and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Dr. Ashley served aboard ship in the Navy for two years during WWII. Following the war, Dr. Ashley returned to San Francisco to establish his practice in Internal Medicine where he served on the staff of Southern Pacific Hospital and Children's Hospital.

In 1965, Dr. Ashley moved his medical practice to Eureka where he served on the staff of General Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital, where he became Chief of Staff.

Dr. Ashley was a member of numerous professional societies and of the Bohemian Club and Ingomar club. He loved family, his patients, the practice of medicine, carpentry, horseback riding and the mountains of California.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Cleary Ashley, his children, Katherine Cobb, Joan Tallman, Hugh Ashley, Whitley Ashley, Phoebe Ashley and Elizabeth Ashley and grandchildren, Elizabeth Cobb, Allison Tallman, Victoria Tallman, Jameson Ashley, Dillon Ashley and Aidan Menen who find him always in their thoughts. §

Doctors are everyday heroes. They are also human.
Substance abuse, depression, and career burnout can impact anyone. Including doctors. The Physicians' and Dentists' Confidential Line is here to help.



About the hotline: We are a confidential hotline for impaired physicians and dentists. Our sole mission is to help impaired doctors and dentists help themselves before their lives and livelihood are put into jeopardy.

How it works: Callers are quickly put in touch with hotline staff, all of whom are physicians or dentists with expertise in the field of addiction. We are supportive and nonjudgmental, and all calls are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Who should call: If you are a physician or dentist looking for help with substance abuse or a psychological or emotional problem, we are here to help you. Also, if you are a colleague or family member of an impaired physician, please call.

Asking for help is one of the most difficult and heroic things you can do.
Be a hero. Call us today.

Physicians' and Dentists' Confidential Line

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