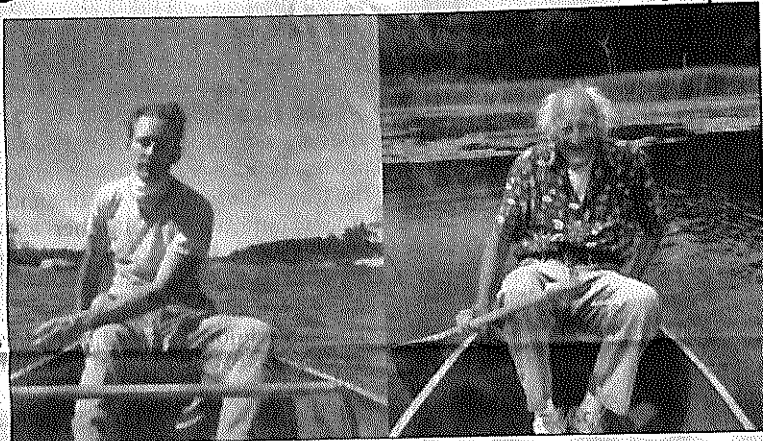


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Dr. Neill Francis Goltz 10-20-2014



Dr. Neill Francis Goltz died at his home in Bozeman, Montana, on September 26, 2014, after a short illness. He was surrounded by family. The second of four children, Neill was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 2, 1920, to Edward V. Goltz and Clare O'Neill. He attended Saint Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul, graduating with honors. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota in 1944, specializing in Otolaryngology and began his medical practice as a Fellow in Ear, Nose, and Throat at University Hospitals in Minneapolis, Minnesota, treating patients during the polio epidemic in Minneapolis.

Neill married Deborah Donnelly in 1952, and was called to serve his country that same year as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps during the Korean War, stationed in Tokyo, where his two oldest children were born.

Upon his honorable discharge in December 1954, Neill accepted the position of Chairman of the Otolaryngology Department at Fargo Clinic/St. Luke's Hospital (later becoming MeritCare Health Systems) in Fargo, North Dakota. He held this position from 1955 to his retirement in 1984, where he was a pioneer in clinical and microscopic surgical procedures. Neill served patients in the tri-state region of the Dakotas, Northern Minnesota, and Eastern Montana, and taught as a clinical instructor for both the University of Minnesota and University of North Dakota. After his retirement from the Fargo Clinic in 1984, he moved to Bozeman, Montana, into private practice where he filled a need in his field until 1987, and was also a guest lecturer through Montana State University for the University of Washington Medical School WAMI program.

Through charitable organizations including Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, Project Concern International, International Rescue Committee, and Doctors Without Borders, he continued to utilize his medical skills treating orphans with AIDS in Romania, refugees in Iraq, Kurdistan and Turkey, and volunteered in clinics in Morocco, and St. Lucia, British West Indies.

Neill is survived by his wife, Deborah; their eight children, Neill, Thomas, Edward, Martha, Julia, Stanislaus, Vincent, and Charles; his twelve grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and his sister, Eleanor. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his two brothers, Edward and Dr. Robert Goltz.

Every summer, Neill returned to his beloved Minnesota. He enjoyed baiting hooks and cleaning his grandchildren's catch of the day, hunting, canoeing, listening to the call of the loons, late night games of pinochle, and sunsets on Big Sand Lake. He loved his home in the mountains of Montana where his vintage ski equipment and stamina for digging dandelions was legendary.

Neill was a member of Holy Rosary Church in Bozeman, Montana. A Celebration of his Life will take place in Fargo, North Dakota on October 22nd from 5-7 PM at the Fargo Country Club. His interment will take place in 2015 in Graceville, Minnesota.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Doctors Without Borders, PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030; Bozeman Deaconess Foundation (memo line: Hospice), 931 Highland Blvd, Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715; or an organization of your choice would be welcome.

Dad — The Tough Luck Skipper of the 00 181, you live on in our hearts and we love you always. Your "Crazy 8"