

Harilaos T. Sakellarides M.D.

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SAKELLARIDES, Harilaos T., M.D., PHD, FAAOS, FAANOS, FACS, FICS, FRCS Aug 13, 1922 - April 27, 2011. The worlds of orthopedics and hand surgery have lost one of its giants this past Wednesday with the passing of Dr. Harilaos Sakellarides after a brief hospitalization. Dr. Sakellarides, author of numerous articles concerning techniques of musculoskeletal and hand surgery, and contributor to several of the world's most commonly used orthopedic texts, has been known and renowned among his orthopedics colleagues for more than a half-century. Dr. Sakellarides was born in Greece where he attended medical school, graduating in 1950. He trained as a resident surgeon throughout the decade of the 1950's in Europe's most acclaimed orthopedic programs in both Paris and London, before completing fellowship training at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. In 1958, he joined several other Greek and Greek-American surgeons as a founder of the Hellenic Hippocratic Orthopedic Society - where he would later serve as President. He was soon invited to the Mass. General Hospital, where he was one of the founders of the Department of Hand Surgery, and participated as an attending surgeon from 1959 thru 1964. In 1963, he was recognized by both colleagues and journalists for his new and innovative techniques, and was featured in a 2-page article in TIME magazine as one of America's future prominent surgeons. He did not disappoint and of his many designations Fellow American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Fellow Royal College of Surgeons and Hall of Fame, Fellow American College of Surgeons, Pioneer of Hand Surgery -International College of Surgeons, Francais, Academie de Chirurgie to name a few. In 1965, he joined the staff at Boston University Medical Center. Assistant Clinical Professor of both Hand and Orthopedic Surgery for the next 3 decades. During this time, he also served as Chief of Hand Surgery at Franciscan Children's Hospital, past President and presently Vice Chairman of the American Academy of Neurologic and Orthopedic Surgeons, and Visiting Professor of Hand/Orthopedic at teaching hospitals in Greece, among them Ioannina Medical School and University of Larissa, and in India, Roumania It has been estimated that he performed more than 20,000 orthopedic and hand surgeries during his career, which spanned more than 6 decades. He was a member of numerous prestigious medical societies, and his resume lists his participation in 39 international and national organizations and societies. He traveled tirelessly to medical conferences around the world. He was dedicated to the welfare and recovery of his patients, welcoming friends and old patients into his office until just days before his passing. His motto was to do no harm. He leaves behind his wife Loukia and daughter Joanne, son Theodore H. of Chestnut Hill, daughter Maria and her husband Dr. Yianni Vlachiotis of Ekali Greece. Funeral Service at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of New England, 514 Parker St, Boston, MA on Wednesday at 4:00PM. Visitation begins at 3:00PM. Relatives and friends invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Hellenic Cardiac Fund for Children c/o Children's Hospital, 1 Autumn St. #731, Boston, MA 02215 or to Hellenic Nursing Home, 601 Sherman St., Canton, MA 02021. The Dolan Funeral Home of Milton assisted the family with arrangements.
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