

Gary Manchester

August 16, 1939 – August 24, 2021



Dr. Gary Manchester died on August 24, 2021. He was born in Washington, DC, on August 16, 1939. Gary was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School. He completed a general surgery residency at the Beth Israel Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. His surgical training was interrupted when he was drafted to serve in the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for his bravery.

After returning home from Vietnam, Gary completed

his general surgery training as well as a plastic surgery residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He then went into private practice in San Diego, CA, where he ran the Manchester Clinic of Plastic Surgery for several years.

Gary was also instrumental in establishing the plastic surgery program at Scripps Green Hospital, where he served as chief of plastic surgery for several years.

Among his many accomplishments, he developed a novel technique to remove tattoos as well as operated on one of the most famous chatterboxes in the world: he fixed Muhammad Ali's jaw after it was broken by Ken Norton in 1973.

In addition to his passion for surgery, Gary was an avid art collector, voracious bargain shopper, gourmet cook, green thumb, world traveler and unparalleled raconteur. But perhaps his biggest passion was breeding and raising English bulldogs. The walls of his house and office, as well as the outsides of his van, were plastered with pictures of his canine best friends.

Gary is survived by his wife **Linda**; his two sons Keith and Eric; his two grandsons Owen and Elton; and his beloved dogs GiGi and Benny.

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