

David Dean Schmidt

Died: December 14, 1994

David died of a heart attack at his home in Hartford, Connecticut, on Wednesday, December 14, 1994. He was 55 years old.

He was raised in Denver where he went to high school, though no information is available about his years there. At Dartmouth, David majored in zoology and was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, of which he served as secretary. As he commented in his 25th Reunion Reflection in 1986, he concentrated on academics from the outset in Hanover — and “studied late in the 1902 room of Baker Library.” He entered Dartmouth Medical School after his junior year, and then went on to Harvard Medical School, from which he earned his M.D. degree in 1964.

After an internship and residency, he went into private practice in a community north of Boston. His area of emphasis was family medicine. In the mid-1970's, however, he left private practice and began a series of full-time teaching appointments in university medical centers that took him to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and finally to the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Connecticut, which he chaired at the time of his death.

In addition to his university duties, he was serving as head of family medicine at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, and Mount Sinai Hospital, both in Hartford. He was also active in school-based clinics in Hartford and adolescent health education.

Despite his titular accomplishments, of which he said he was proud, David wrote in 1986 that I “currently obtain my greatest satisfaction from watching young students, residents and faculty develop and mature.”

“I have had a full life the past 25 years,” he wrote in 1986, and “most of my professional goals have been met.” The one remaining goal left, he said, was “to provide my three children with a preparation for entering the adult world that equals the one I received from Dartmouth.”

David had three children: Gregory, Christopher, and Nicole (whom he called Nicky).