

Dr. Byron Shaffer

Ex-Staff Chief At St. Vincent

Dr. Byron G. Shaffer, a Toledo surgeon for more than 40 years, and former chief of staff and director of surgery at St. Vincent Hospital, died unexpectedly in his home Saturday night. He was 73.

Dr. Shaffer was chief of staff for four years, and headed the St. Vincent department of surgery 10 years. He was graduated from Ohio State University and the University of Chicago's medical school. He later studied in London, Paris, and Edinburgh.

He came to Toledo in 1924 as an intern at St. Vincent Hospital. From then until 1951, he maintained offices with Dr. Thaddeus Taylor at 3955 Martha Ave.

A practicing surgeon at the time of his death, Dr. Shaffer practiced with Dr. James I. Collins and Dr. Keith Welborn at 424 West Woodruff Ave., where he had moved to in 1951.

He also was on the senior staff at Flower Hospital and on the courtesy staff at other Toledo hospitals.

Academy Trustee

The Toledo surgeon was trustee of the Toledo-Lucas County

Academy of Medicine and had been its president in 1956. He was a council member of the academy for eight years and chairman of its liaison and building committees.

Dr. Shaffer was an original board member of the Medical College of Ohio.

His professional memberships included: Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1936, past president of its Ohio Chapter and a member of its credentials committee; faculty member of St. Vincent and Flower Hospital schools of nursing; member, advisory council of St. Vincent Hospital; and past president, Ohio State Surgical Association.

Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Shaffer also was a member of the University of Toledo board of trustees and the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce; past president and district governor of the West Toledo Exchange Club; past president of the Sylvania Country Club; past member of the board of directors for the First National Bank, West Toledo Branch; member of the Toledo Club; and vice president and member of the board of governors for the Inverness Country Club.

Dr. Shaffer was born in Kunkle, O. He lived at 4322 Bonniebrook Rd. in Ottawa Hills. He served in the navy during World War I and was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, the Ottawa Ski Club, and the Wabe McQuaw Club.

A 32nd degree Mason, the Toledo surgeon was a member of the Zenobia Shrine, York and Bryan lodges, the Scottish Rite, and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; daughter, Mrs. Rosann Klinefelter, of Philadelphia; sons, Byron G., Jr., of Minneapolis, and David L., of Toledo; sister, Mrs. Donna Hardin, of Hamilton, O., and nine grandchildren.

The body is in the Emmert Mortuary.