



KLAUS RANNIGER, M.D.

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Klaus Ranniger was born in Ahrensburg, Germany, on July 4, 1926. He died on March 30, 1976, in Denver, Colorado, prematurely stricken in the prime of his career at the age of 49.

Dr. Ranniger received his M.D. in 1951 from the University of Kiel, Germany, where he also served as an intern (1951–1953) and as a resident in internal medicine (1953–1954). From 1954 to 1955, he served as a Fellow in radiology at the University of Cologne, Germany.

In 1955, he immigrated to the United States to join the Radiology Training Program at the University of Chicago and was certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1958.

During the period 1958–1959, while serving as Chief Resident and later as Instructor in the Department of Radiology, he organized a section which subsequently became one of the leading centers for teaching and diagnosis of cardiovascular radiology in the country. In 1968, he was promoted to full Professor of Radiology and Medicine and in 1971, became Director of the Division of Diagnostic Radiology.

During these years, Dr. Ranniger also served as a Research Scholar in vascular radiology at the

University of Lund, Sweden, as well as Visiting Professor at the University of Munich, Germany.

After 17 years of distinguished service at the University of Chicago, he assumed the Chairmanship of the Department of Radiology at the Medical College of Virginia where he built up a strong department, providing an atmosphere which fostered academic accomplishment and learning. His experienced guidance and the respect for his knowledge were perpetual stimuli to his departmental faculty and residents.

A member of many national and international societies of radiology and a Fellow on the Council on Radiology of the American Heart Association, Dr. Ranniger was a distinguished medical author who had published almost 100 articles, chapters, and monographs in the medical literature and presented almost 50 papers and exhibits at major scientific meetings. He was also an editor for the *Encyclopedia of Medical Radiology*, a reviewer of many radiology texts for the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and an examiner for the American Board of Radiology.

The staff of the Medical College of Virginia appreciates the dedication and selfless devotion which Dr. Ranniger gave to the hospital and extends its deepest sympathies to his wife and two children.