

## **Malcolm B. Daniell M. D.**

### **Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon**

**Inducted into SC Hall of Fame October 30, 2009**

Graduated from Santa Cruz in 1952; Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Letterman's Club 2-3-4, Letterman's Club Sec. 4; Boy's Chorus 1; Band 1-2; Student Council Rep. 2; Blue Note Club 2.

**Malcolm B. Daniell, M.D.** graduated from Baylor University College of Medicine in 1960 and is a well-known cardio-thoracic surgeon (retired) in the Chattanooga, Tennessee area. **Dr. Daniell's** early surgical internship was at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore Md. and he has worked along side three early heart surgery pioneers Dr. Alfred Blalock, Dr. Michael DeBakey, and Dr. Denton Cooley. He has also served as chief of surgery at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was instrumental in founding Memorial's Bypass Surgery Services as well as a member of the team that performed the first heart bypass surgery in Chattanooga.

Few heart treatments were available until the first coronary bypass procedure was reported in the 1960s, then popularized by Dr. Michael DeBakey at Baylor Medical School in Houston, Texas. One of Dr. DeBakey's students, Dr. William Berry, came to Chattanooga in 1970 and no one was performing open-heart surgery at Memorial. The first open-heart surgery at Memorial was performed on July 17, 1972, by Dr. Berry, and **Dr. Malcolm Daniell**, a medical school classmate of Dr. Berry's and a faculty member at Baylor, came to assist with the procedure. **Dr. Daniell** moved to Chattanooga in 1974, and within 10 years, Memorial was performing more open-heart procedures than any other hospital in the area. At the time of his retirement in 1999, **Dr. Daniell** had performed half of all the bypass surgeries in Chattanooga. His friends know him as Mac and he performed more than 5,000 procedures during his memorable surgical career of more than 35 years.

Memorial Hospital awarded their Humanitarian Award to **Dr. Malcolm B. Daniell** and James A. Davis on August 6, 2002. The Memorial Hospital Humanitarian Award honors extraordinary service and uncommon dedication to improving health and quality of life for the people of Chattanooga. The honorees exceptional integrity and vision, their demonstrated dedication to Memorial's core values and their commitment to Memorial's mission and goals earned them the award. Mac's work contributed greatly to Memorial Hospital gaining national recognition in 1998 as one of the Top 100 Cardiovascular Hospitals in America. Its patient-focused program also earned a five-star rating from Health Grades. Memorial's heart program's growth highlights dedicated people working together to provide the best possible care.

Since his retirement in 1999, **Dr. Daniell** also served as one the Commissioners of the town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Mac and his wife, Charlene, have four children, David, Elena, Julia, and Dianne.

Note from Audrey Myers Pool - SC Class of 1952: I have good reason to be interested in open-heart surgery, and cannot say enough for those who paved the way that we might benefit from it. My husband Ray had a triple by-pass, needed at least two more, but the surgeon told us that after three & a new aorta valve, his body wouldn't tolerate anything else. How grateful I am to still have him with me. Who would have thought when Mac sat behind me in Santa Cruz high school that someday he would be helpful in saving the lives of those we love the most? Thanks, Mac.