



Dr. David Howard Dail

June 11, 1942 – March 21, 2026

Born in Missouri and raised in Orinda, California, Dr. Dail earned degrees at U.C. Berkeley and the Medical College of Wisconsin, after which he served in Vietnam as a General Medical Officer in the U.S. Army. He went on to become a highly respected and dedicated physician with a 27 year career at Virginia Mason Medical Center. Dr. Dail was widely recognized for his leadership and many academic contributions in pulmonary pathology, including as co-editor of the authoritative textbook Pulmonary Pathology. He was awarded the Pulmonary Pathology Society Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

Dr. Dail raised his young family on Bainbridge Island before moving to downtown Seattle. After remarriage, he enjoyed retirement on Mercer Island, relishing time with beloved grandchildren. Since 2018 he has enjoyed deep friendships and community at Mirabella. Dr. Dail had a lifelong passion for learning, golf, art, cars, stereos, travel, and dad jokes. Dr. Dail will be remembered for his dedication to medicine and his intellect, positive attitude, and warm welcome of everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Phyllis, and his wife, Kipper Joy Dail. He is survived by his daughters and stepdaughter, Kim Guedin, Holly Dail, and Audrey Richards; and his six grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held on May 16, 2026 at 1 pm at Mirabella Seattle.