



Memory Makers:

An artist's interpretation of Campbell F. Watts, MD

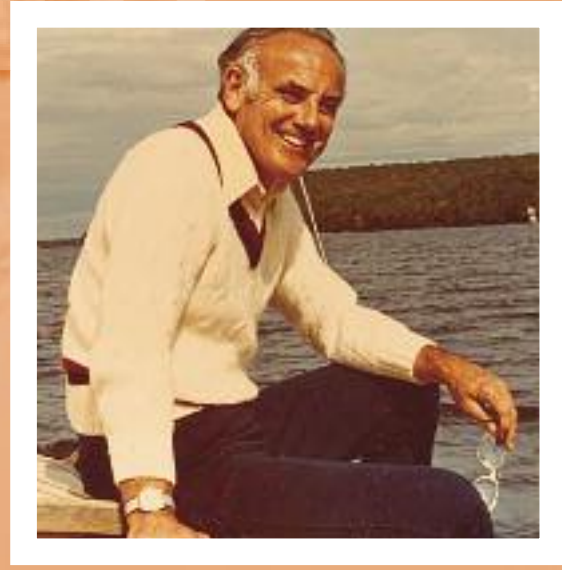
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*Ruby Isabelle Livingston Dalgity***Biography**

Campbell Watts was born January 6, 1918 in Millersburg, Iowa to Dr. Clyde Franklin Watts and Ruby Isabelle Livingston Dalgity. After graduating from Williamsburg High School in 1936 he attended the University of Iowa and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1939. Campbell graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1943, first in his class.

In 1944, Dr. Watts completed his general rotating internship at Albany General Hospital in Albany, New York, and in 1948 he completed his surgical residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The Mayo Clinic offered him a staff position in Surgical Pathology, but he elected to continue with a career in general surgery. He earned his Masters Degree in surgery from the University of Minnesota in 1948. In July of 1948 he returned to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he began his surgical practice, becoming the first Cedar Rapids physician to receive certification by the American Board of Surgery. At that time, he and his partner, Dr. Robert Netolicky, established the largest

surgical practice in the State of Iowa. Dr. Watts became the foremost surgeon for burn patients in Cedar Rapids with the guidance of Dr. James Barrett Brown, a well known plastic and reconstructive surgeon in St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1957 Dr. Watts served as President of the Mercy Hospital Medical Staff. It was during this time that the internship program needed to attract young physicians. Under his leadership a proposal was drafted for the American Medical Association to approve restructuring the internship program emphasizing recruitment, teaching agendas and scheduled lectures. The American Medical Association approved the proposal and the program eventually became the largest in the community. He personally supported the program by lecturing every Friday and was joined by other medical specialists to provide educational seminars five days a week.

During his career, Dr. Watts developed an interest in cancer treatment, breast cancer in particular. He authored two published books, *Malpractice Defense: Breast Cancer* in 1990 and *Defending the Breast Cancer Malpractice Case* in 1994, which he co-authored with his close friend, attorney David M. Elderkin. In retirement, Dr. Watts continued extensive research, writing and lecturing on aspects of cancer. Prior to his death he remained positive that a cure to cancer was right around the corner.

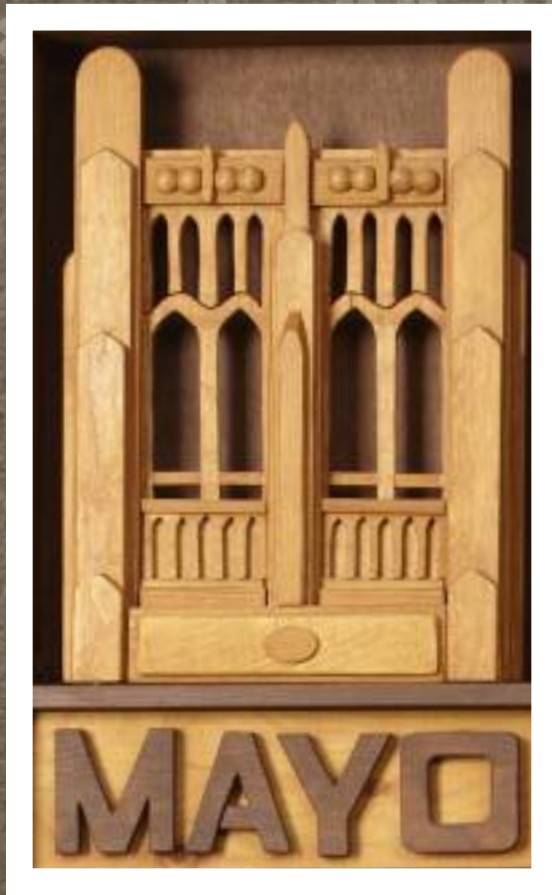
Dr. Campbell Watts was the first recipient of Mercy Medical Center's Gold-Headed Cane Award for medical excellence and leadership. In 2009 the Especially for You Race Against Breast Cancer committee, posthumously awarded Dr. Watts the first Especially for You Honors. He died in 2007.

The Watts Library is named for Campbell F. Watts, Sr. and his wife Doris J. Watts, who provided a generous gift to enhance and endow Mercy's medical library.

Significance of the Artwork

Local artist **Richard Pinney** was commissioned by Mrs. Watts and her children to carve a wooden, shadow box sculpture representative of Dr. Campbell Watts as a birthday gift. It is one of two Pinney sculptures located in Mercy Medical Center.

Gold-Headed Cane Award



Mayo Clinic

Dr. Watts completed his residency in Surgical Pathology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. During this time two of his scientific papers regarding pathology were published. In later years he incorporated the observed methods of plastic surgeons for his reconstructive surgeries. Dr. Watts was offered a staff position in Surgical Pathology at the hospital, but decline to pursue his career in general surgery. St. Mary's Hospital at the Mayo Clinic was also the birthplace of his two children, Cheryle Watts Mitvalsky and Campbell Watts, Jr.



Alpha Omega Alpha

This combination of Greek letters denotes the National Medical Honor Society.

Induction is a lifelong honor, recognizing a physician's dedication to the profession and art of healing. Dr. Watts was elected into this society his junior year of medical school.



Bulldog

Dr. Watts and Doris were the proud owners of two bulldogs, Maggie and Daisy. Daisy is short for Daisy Boo Dandelion, a name given to her by the Watts' grandchildren.



Physician

Dr. Watts was the first Cedar Rapids physician to receive certification by the American Board of Surgery. He was a general surgeon whose practice evolved from plastic and reconstructive surgery to treatment of burns and cancer. Dr. Watts emerged as a pioneer in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. During his 36 years of practice he was also a part-time clinical instructor and lectured in the Cedar Rapids hospitals' education and residency program. He was well respected by his colleagues for his meticulous patient care and knowledge of current research and practice.

Tennis Racket

Quite proud of his forehand cross-court shot, Dr. Watts was an avid tennis player. Learning to play as a child, he would later teach his children. He enjoyed competing in doubles tournaments with his son or son-in-law as his partner. His enthusiasm for the sport kept Dr. Watts active until he turned 80 years old.

Begonias

In 1955 Dr. Watts fell in love tuberous begonias. With research and determination he raised begonias from tubers and grew award winning plants. Dr. Watts' begonias were often the subject his other hobby, photography.



Cheers

When offered a cocktail Dr. Watts preferred a martini with a green olive.

Coins

Dr. Watts was interested in old Roman coins and had a modest collection.





Sting

As a boy Dr. Watts became fascinated with boats. He had a penchant for unique boats. *Sting* was the name of his 22 foot gaff-rigged catboat with a four foot bow sprit. The boat had three sails that hoisted manually. Dr. Watts sailed with family and friends around the Door County peninsula.

Books

One of Dr. Watts' favorite quotes was from Sir William Osler: "A well used library is one of the best correctives of premature senility." As if words to live by, Dr. Watts was a lifelong learner and teacher with a passion for books. Reading non-fiction biographies and history books for leisure, most of his reading focused on medicine. What he gleaned from articles, books and journals about general surgery and breast cancer Dr. Watts taught to others. He penned two books and 55 scientific papers. Dr. Watts also contributed articles to Cedar Rapids' area newspaper, *The Gazette*.



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Camera

Dr. Watts took up photography as a means to presenting cases for burn patient surgeries. The foremost Cedar Rapids' specialist for facial lacerations and burn treatment he photographed his interesting cases for use in lectures. Dr. Watts was recognized for his medical photography. In retirement Dr. Watts' subjects evolved to his begonias, family portraits and travel photos.

Aug. 22, 1942

This is the wedding date of Dr. Watts and Doris J. McLaughlin. The two met at on a blind date, dancing at the Mayflower Club during Dr. Watts' freshman year in medical school at the University of Iowa.



Eeny Meeny

"Eeny, meeny, hippy Dick, delia, dolia, domond Nick, oacha, poacha, domondoacha, tee ta touch, hugeldy, bugeldy, boo, out goes you!" This counting rhyme was used when playing games and passed down from Dr. Watts to his children and grandchildren.

Convertible

Dr. Watts was rarely, if ever, behind the wheel of any other car except the convertible. Much to the dismay of his wife Doris, Dr. Watts would teach his grandchildren to drive on the back roads of Door County before they were of legal age!



Campbell Crest

The shield bears the Scottish flag and ships representing Dr. Watts' family's migration from Scotland to America. His maternal grandmother's maiden name was Jean Campbell. The Campbells lived in Forforeshire County in Scotland and relocated to a farm near Salina, Kansas before Dr. Watts' mother was born. His mother was Ruby Isabelle Livingston Dalgity, one of eleven children and the only child born in the United States. She earned a Masters Degree in bacteriology from the University of Chicago and it was there she met and married her husband, Dr. Clyde Franklin Watts. They had two sons: Campbell Franklin Watts (1918) and Richard Dewayne Watts (1921).



Little Red Hen

The moral of the Little Red Hen story is that those who show no willingness to contribute to an end product do not deserve to enjoy the end product. Having a great sense of humor Dr. Watts would refer to himself as the "Little Red Hen" when preparing for summer fun in Door County.

Gavel

This represents his affiliations, honors and appointments in the field of medicine.

Dr. Watts served as President of the Medical Staff for Mercy Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital; President of Linn County Medical Society; President of the Iowa Clinical Surgical Society. Society Affiliations: Linn County Medical Society, Iowa State Medical Society, American Medical Association, Iowa Clinical Surgical Society, Priestly Society, Mayo Alumni Association, St. Luke's Hospital Medical Staff and Mercy Medical Center Medical Staff.

He was awarded the Founders Award by the St. Luke's Health Care Foundation for significant involvement, impact and leadership in health care for eastern Iowa. Mercy Medical Center presented Dr. Watts with the first Gold-Headed Cane Award for medical excellence and leadership and the first Especially for You Honors.



Grandpa's Sundae

According to Dr. Watts a dish of ice cream was the perfect ending to every meal. Having a sundae at a favorite ice cream shop with his grandchildren was tradition when vacationing in Ephraim, Wisconsin, Door County.



Door County

A peninsula on the waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan, Door County was the second home of Dr. and Mrs. Watts. They discovered the serenity of this picturesque part of the country post Dr. Watts' recovery from tuberculosis. In the 300 miles of shoreline, cherry and apple orchards, the Watts' family reunited after an 18 month hiatus from Dr. Watts. Visiting annually became a tradition and the Watts' eventually built a house on the shores of Green Bay. Today the family legacy continues with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



The Cat

Dr. Watts had a cat named Sport. His son found Sport while attending the University of Iowa. Sport came for a visit and never left!



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