

In Memory of Dr. Reynard J. McDonald



Reynard J. McDonald was born and raised in the small town of Sumter, South Carolina. He earned both his BA degree (Fisk University) and MD degree (Meharry Medical College) in Nashville, Tennessee. Following his internship at Meharry's Hubbard Hospital, he completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Columbia University's First Medical Division at Harlem Hospital in New York City and began a fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine. After completing the first year of his pulmonary fellowship, he was inducted as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps; he served at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado from 1971-1973, before being honorably discharged. Following military service, he returned to New York City and completed fellowship training in Pulmonary Medicine at Harlem Hospital. In 1974 he joined the faculty of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, Department of Medicine, where he became Professor of Medicine. In 1994, Dr. McDonald was promoted to Medical Director of the Global TB Institute, the position he held until retirement in 2014.

On March 25, 2008 the First Annual Reynard J. McDonald, MD World TB Day Lecture was held. The annual series is “endowed by a grateful patient in Dr. McDonald’s honor to exemplify his compassion, empathy, and humanism.” Dr. McDonald was also selected as the faculty recipient of the 2009 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation which “recognized a faculty member for excellence in both compassionate patient care and scientific achievement.” In March 2013, Dr. McDonald received, from the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, The Union-North America Region Service Award to acknowledge his outstanding commitment to the control of tuberculosis during his career. On April 1, 2014, Dr. McDonald was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NJ Medical School’s Department of Medicine for his many decades of service and his internationally recognized contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis.

Dr. Reynard J. McDonald was married to Dianne Hemphill McDonald for over 50 years. He was the proud father of Rodney L. McDonald, Renée McDonald Hutchins, and Christopher D. McDonald; father-in-law to Jay C. Hutchins III and Alysia Thaxton McDonald; and grandfather to Jay C. Hutchins IV and Julian S. T. Hutchins.

For all of us, Dr. McDonald was a colleague, mentor, teacher and friend. He will truly be missed.