

Richard Claude Neely

April 29, 1916 – October 3, 2002

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DR. RICHARD NEELY

Dr. Richard C. Neely Jr., who maintained a medical practice in Ravenna for nearly 50 years, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002, at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio. He was 86.

Dr. Neely practiced as a physician in Ravenna from 1947 until he retired in 1996. During his practice, he served as a general surgeon along with his partner, Dr. R. P. McCormick, who was one of his medical school classmates. He later maintained a general practice.

Born April 29, 1916, in Hinton, W.Va., he was the son of Richard C. and Amy (Shepherd) Neely Sr. He had lived in Ravenna for 55 years.

He graduated from the University of West Virginia as a pre-medical student in 1937 and graduated from Case Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland in 1940. He completed his internship at Cleveland City Hospital, where he also served as a surgery resident until 1942.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the 167th General Hospital in Normandy, France, where he met Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Following the war, he began his medical practice in Ravenna. He also served as assistant chief of staff at Robinson Memorial Hospital in 1951.

Dr. Neely was a member of First United Methodist Church of Ravenna, Ravenna Elks Lodge No. 1076, Ravenna Kiwanis Club, the American Medical Association, Ohio State, Medical Association and the Portage County Medical Society, which he served as president in 1949. He was a fellow in the American College of Surgeons. He also was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta fraternity.

Survivors include his son, James (Amy) of Ravenna, daughters, Barbara (Gary) McCulloch of Rootstown and Peggy (Joe) Triola of Ravenna; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Eckert of Gibsonville, N.C., and Virginia Douglas of Charleston, W.Va. His wife, Betty, to whom he was married 48 years, and a brother, Harold, died previous.