



Dr. George Bogumill

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“ I had the privilege of meeting and spending time with Dr. George this past summer. I met him on the Sunday after Memorial Day at St. Matthias Episcopal church, where I am a summer member. I drove Dr. George to and from church on many Sundays through the summer. Regrettably, I hadn't seen him since Labor Day.

During our time together, Dr. George shared much of his life story with me. He lived a very full life, growing up in northern Wisconsin, spending 20 years in the military, many years at Georgetown University and later as a consultant to the Army. During this time at Georgetown, he performed surgery on Presidents Reagan and George HW Bush.

Sixty two years of marriage to the love of his life, Bonnie. He missed her tremendously.

My favorite story that he told me was that while he was in med school in Madison and Bonnie studied at what is now UW-Superior, they would meet every three weeks. Dr. George frequently hitchhiked from Madison to Superior. Mapquest tells me that today, that is a 324 mile, 5 hour trip. In the early 50's it was at least a seven or eight hour trip. It strikes me that didn't leave much time for them to be together, but what a tribute to a life time love affair.

Interestingly, I had some notes that pretty much summarized his life that I had just transcribed into my contact list the day I heard he was very ill.

Dr. George was certainly one of the great ones, just think how many lives he touched in a positive way in his medical career.

I will miss him.

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