IN MEMORIAM

Richard A. Lowy

The specialty of orthodontics and the profession of dentistry suffered the loss of one of its prominent members on Nov. 25, 1981, with the death of Richard A. Lowy.

Dr. Lowy received his preprofessional education at University of Pennsylvania and continued at the School of Dentistry, to graduate with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He entered the practice of orthodontics in 1928 as an associate of his uncle, Ralph Waldron, who was one of the illustrious orthodontists of that period.

Dr. Lowy served as trustee from the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists to the American Association of Orthodontists for several years. He was a past-president of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists, having served as president during 1950 and 1951. He was also a past-president of the Tri-County Dental Society and had served as a trustee to the New Jersey State Dental Society.

Richard Lowy presented a number of clinics and papers as a guest lecturer before such organizations as the American Dental Association, the American Association of Orthodontists, the New York Society of Orthodontists, the Harvard University Dental Society, and The Dental School in New Delhi, India.

In addition to his many interests, he was a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a past member of the New York Academy of Dentistry, and a member of the American Dental Association, the New Jersey Dental Association, the Tri-County Dental Society, the American Association of Orthodontists, Temple B'Nai Jesherun, and the Chatham Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Lowy conducted an orthodontic practice in Chatham, New Jersey, for well over 40 years until his retirement in 1979. During the period of the 1950’s and 1960’s he also conducted a practice in Puerto Rico, spending 3 weeks in the Chatham office and 1 week in Puerto Rico each month.

Through his association with Dr. Waldron, he had the opportunity for acquaintance and instruction with such outstanding orthodontists as Milo Hellman, J. Lowe Young, John V. Mershon, Charles Hawley, Martin Dewey, and Paul Simon, and he assisted Benno Lischer in presenting courses on gnathostatics.

Dr. Lowy was born in Newark, New Jersey, and had resided in West Orange for the past 30 years. He leaves a wife, Maxine; a daughter, Mrs. Greta Greenburg; a son, Dr. Richard Lowy; and six grandchildren.

In 1972 he was the recipient of a high honor from the American Association of Orthodontists when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Scroll, which is presented to those who have made substantial scientific technical and nonscientific contributions to orthodontics in addition to other valuable and devoted services to the Association.

Richard Lowy had an inordinate capacity and talent to bring to a situation a sense of humor that was applicable and enjoyed by all. So many times when decisions were at an impasse this great and wonderful touch of humor would shine through so that tensions could be dissipated and progress restored.

In the death of Richard A. Lowy the dental profession, and orthodontics in particular, lost an outstanding member from whose enthusiasm, efforts, and devotion so many have greatly benefited.

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