

HISTORY MAKER

DR. RICHARD JANEWAY

Born: Feb. 12, 1933, Los Angeles, Calif.

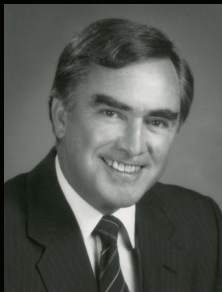
Died: March 17, 2019, Winston-Salem

Known for: A longtime professor and dean at Bowman Gray School of Medicine who led

the school into partnership with Wake Forest University and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, and then into an expansion that continues today

Dr. Richard Janeway oversaw expansion medical education and research in Forsyth County that fundamentally changed health care access and cost in the region but also elevated the region's reputation and impacted the local economy for decades to come.

Janeway was a professor of neurology at Wake Forest University, served as acting chairman of the department for a year, spent 23 years as dean of the medical school and



was vice president and executive vice president for health affairs of the university.

He pursued an ambitious agenda that saw the medical school's faculty increase from 197 to more than 700. By

bringing the former North Carolina Baptist Hospital together with the university he helped create Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (now Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist), which became the top employer in Forsyth County.

He served as chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges from 1984 to 1985 and managed the \$200 million construction program that included the 15-story patient tower and the 12-story clinical sciences building that bears his name.

Born in Los Angeles to VanZandt Janeway, a firetruck salesman, and his wife, Grace Bell, Richard was a child actor before his family

returned to their native New Jersey, where he became a state champion swimmer.

Janeway graduated magna cum laude at Colgate University in 1954 before attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. After five years as flight surgeon in the US Air Force, he was recruited in the mid-1960s to join the faculty of Bowman Gray, where he taught and, with another doctor, conducted ground-breaking research on strokes.

"Medicine and academic medicine in particular," he said in 1996, "is nationally at a scientific and economic crossroads."

He was determined to place Wake Forest's medical educators, staff and researchers squarely in the forefront of the streamlined management he saw coming.

The most important focus, however, had to be the patient.

"If we, as physicians, put the patient first, so, too, over the long term, will our society," he said in a speech to the graduates of Eastern Virginia Medical School May 1995. "Cost, access and the quality of care are factors that require address and, indeed, some redress. But what must not be lost from the equation is the quality of caring."



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President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. (right) bestows the university's highest award, the Medallion of Merit, to Dr. Richard Janeway in 2000.