

## **William E. Garrett, Jr. MD, PhD**

Dr. William E. Garrett, Jr. grew up in Roxboro, a small town in North Carolina more like Mayberry than Charlotte. His parents expected and worked for the best out of him. He then attended and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill beginning a life-long anxiety between Duke and UNC! He was awarded the prestigious Morehead Scholarship to UNC and was in the Honors curriculum at UNC graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He then moved 10 miles to another ecosystem at Duke University—and achieved AOA recognition. His graduate thesis and later studies involved injury to skeletal muscle and the interplay between muscle function and the knee. In residency he fell under the Duke spell of sports medicine with Frank Bassett, John Feagin and Jim Urbaniak as mentors.

As a resident and young faculty member the support by Leonard Goldner allowed him to begin and maintain a research lab while building a busy practice. His research awards include the Kappa Delta (ORS), Citation Award (ACSM), the Award of Merit (AOSSM), Excellence in Research in the Category of Basic Science (AOSSM), the Excellence in Research Award (AOSSM), the O'Donoghue Award (AOSSM). Clinically he concentrated on sports injuries and teaching residents and fellows, one of the true rewards of academic medicine achieving Teaching Awards from Duke and UNC and The George Rovere Award from AOSSM. In 2018, he was awarded the Duke Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Master Orthopaedist Award.

He enjoyed his work with individual and team sportsmen. He worked with teams with light blue and dark blue shirts. Dr. Garrett has a long career of service to U.S. Soccer and has been World Cup doctor for the men's and women's teams. In this position one could appreciate the universal interest in orthopaedic sports medicine. This has been reinforced by serving the AOSSM Traveling Fellows as a fellow and a godfather.

He wrote over 300 papers and even read a few of them! He continued active participation in research with Duke and UNC colleagues until his untimely death.

Dr. Garrett served leadership positions as a Director of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and to the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine as President.

Dr. Garrett passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2019. He leaves behind a wife Janice, three children and 9 grandchildren who provided much support and focus throughout his life.