

Allan G. Brodie, Jr.

1924-1985

A broad spectrum of people suffered a loss when cancer took the life of Allan G. Brodie, Jr. (Tick) on September 3, 1985.

Tick's early education at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania was interrupted by enlistment in the United States Navy in 1942. After serving in the Pacific theater during the war, Tick returned in 1946 to complete his education. He earned a B.S. degree at the University of Illinois in 1949, followed by a D.D.S. in 1951 and an M.S. in orthodontics in 1953.

He practiced orthodontics with his father in the Chicago Loop, and continued to practice there until shortly before his death. Teaching was another important part of Tick's life. He was a faculty member of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois from 1954 to 1966, a Teaching Associate at Northwestern University from 1970 to 1975, and Associate Professor at the University of Illinois from 1975 to 1985.

Active in many professional organizations, Tick served at one time as president of the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontics, the Chicago Association of Orthodontists, the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, the Odontographic Society of Chicago, and the Chiselers' Club of Chicago.

The broader picture would paint Tick as a man — not using the term as meaning a male human, but a proper man, a gentleman in the best sense of the word. He had a man's frame. He was a natural athlete, moving well with the beautiful coordination so useful to a clinical operator wishing to practice exquisite techniques successfully.

Tick enjoyed people and loved being with them, and it showed. There seemed to be a change in a room, or a group, when Tick entered with his usual broad, happy smile. He was not an attention seeker, but people seemed to pause and wait for him to say something, maybe even tell a joke, at which he excelled. His jokes were often classic, but never hurtful; he could not be mean.

In describing Tick, the words presence, graciousness and charm come to mind; he had them all. He could charm but never actively used this quality to charm. Those who knew him will perhaps smile to know that even in the last days of his life he still had the same effect on the staff at Rush, Presbyterian, St. Luke's Hospital. They realized that they were dealing with someone special.

Tick's death is a loss to all who knew him, and will affect even those who did not. Those who did know him, whether as family, friend, patient, student, or colleague, will count him as a dear friend and count among their blessings the fact that they had the privilege.

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