

LT Harold J. Danforth

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DR. HAROLD J. DANFORTH

Announces termination of his practice at the Oshkosh Clinic as of Monday, Oct. 27. This announcement is necessitated by recall to active duty in the U. S. Navy.

Information has been received by Dr. and Mrs. Quincy Danforth, 154 Baldwin St., that their son, Lt. Harold J. Danforth, has been appointed senior medical officer on board the ship Hugh J. Gaffey, which carries some 2,500 military personnel, dependents, and civilians. He will have one other doctor, eight corps men, and two nurses serving under him.

Lt. (JG) Harold J. Danforth, 12 Elmwood avenue, won the victory medal, American area service ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific area service ribbon. He joined the navy May 3, 1943.

Mrs. Harold Danforth, 154 Baldwin St., will leave Monday to visit relatives in Kenosha and Milwaukee before going to Seattle, Wash., where she will meet her husband, Lt. Harold Danforth, when his boat docks on Dec. 16. Mrs. Danforth has decided to live in Seattle since it will be headquarters for her husband when he is not serving on shipboard. The doctor will be on sea duty for a year to 17 months after which he will have two years of stateside duty.

Dr. Danforth, Harold

Doctor Harold J. Danforth, age 97, died on Monday, March 13, 2017 at Oakwood Manor, Oshkosh. Dr. Danforth was born on November 4, 1919 to Dr. Quincy H. and Jennie (Saford) Danforth in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. His mother's

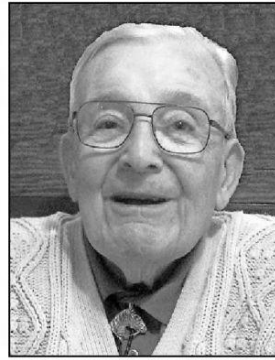


love of music started him playing trumpet and appreciating swing band brass players. He often accompanied his father on home tonsillectomies with the family horse and buggy when roads were impassable by car. He keenly felt the loss of his older brother Quincy A. from his untimely death at age 18. Dr. Danforth attended the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University School of Medicine where he met his beloved Betty (Elizabeth) Clodius. For him, it was love at first sight and they were married for 68 years until her death in 2011. Saddened at childlessness, both Betty and Harold were lovingly involved in the lives of their nieces and nephews.

Entering WWII Navy service right out of Medical School, he served as a physician in the Pacific. Only a few years after returning to Oshkosh to start his General Practice, he was recalled to service for the Korean Conflict.

His Oshkosh practice included many house calls and even snowshoeing a mile through a blizzard to old Mercy Hospital to attend a birth, as all other doctors were snowed in. With Betty as his answering service, he would take calls from patients at all hours, giving advice and instructions. After closing his private practice, he worked for a few years as an ER doctor at Mercy Hospital before retiring in 1985.

Dr. Danforth had numerous hobbies. He was an avid ham radio opera-



tor since he was 19 years old and most recently went by the call signal NU9L. He contacted fellow "hams" almost daily around the world for over 70 years. He had a lifelong interest in photography and kept his camera at his side, especially on camping trips out West. While raising two Weimaraner National Open Derby Champions, he developed a love of horseback riding.

A consummate gentleman, he was kind and respectful to everyone he met. He never held an unkind thought or word towards anyone, but always encouraged them in their career, especially if it was in the health care field.

Dr. Danforth is preceded in death by his beloved wife, his parents, his brother, his sisters-in-law Bernice (Clodius) Just and Marilyn (Clodius) Scharch, and brother-in-law George J. Scharch.

Dr. Danforth is survived by his brother-in-law William Just of Alaska, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Oakwood Manor of Oshkosh for providing a loving second home to Harold. He was deeply appreciative of their care, concern and compassion.

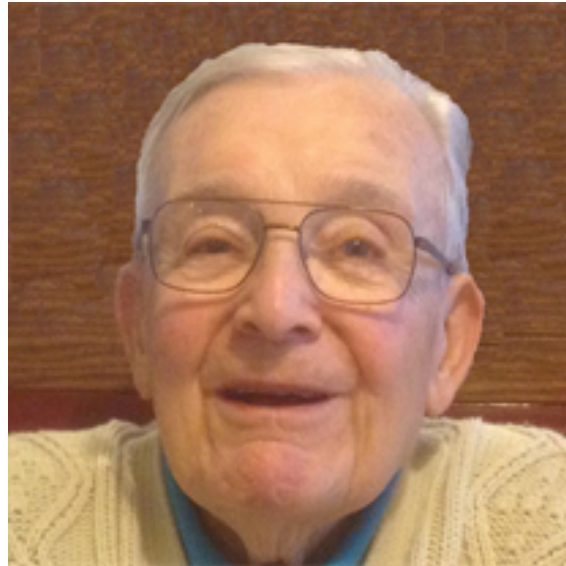
In respect to his wishes, no service will be held. As a celebration of his life, memorials may be made to Saint Francis Clinic or Holy Family Villa of Father Carr's Place 2B of Oshkosh.

Harold J. Danforth, 12 Elmwood avenue, is included among the 85 seniors in the Marquette university school of medicine, Milwaukee, who will be graduated Wednesday night. He will receive the degree of doctor of medicine. The commencement address will be given by Brig. Gen. James S. Simmons of the surgeon general's office in Washington, who will also receive the honorary degree of doctor of science.

The Oshkosh young man, son of Dr. and Mrs. Q. H. Danforth, will receive the commission of lieutenant junior grade in the medical reserve corps of the navy and on Oct. 1 he will begin internship at St. Joseph's hospital in Milwaukee. Dr. and Mrs. Danforth will be in Milwaukee for the commencement tomorrow.

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Dr. Harold J. Danforth, son of Dr. and Mrs. Qunicy H. Danforth, 12 Elmwood Ave., is senior medical officer on the General Howze transport, bringing the last of the repatriated American prisoners in Korea to San Francisco today. He was transferred to this ship after one trip to Alaska and serving, from November to July, on the ship run between Seattle, Wash., and Yokohama, Japan. It is not known whether he will be given a leave at this time, but he does expect to be relieved of military service by May 14, 1954.



Navy Lt. Harold J. Danforth, Medical Corps, son of Dr. and Mrs. Q. H. Danforth, 12 Elmwood Ave., and husband of the former Miss Elizabeth G. Clodius, of Milwaukee, is serving in the Military Sea Transportation Service aboard the Navy Transport General Hugh J. Gaffey with the Pacific Fleet.