William R. Cranley, MD 1942–2013

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William R. Cranley was born Sept. 30, 1942, and grew up in Elizabeth, NJ. He attended Villanova University and went on to complete medical school at Boston University School of Medicine. He trained in Pediatrics at Boston City Hospital,

showing his true capacity very early in his practice of medicine when selected as chief resident in Pediatrics. The department chairman at the time wrote, “You’ve earned this appointment for your obvious pediatric clinical competence, your coolness under fire, your ability to deal with people and your universal respect by all your peers.”

After training at Boston City, Bill completed his military service obligation at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina from 1971 to 1973 as a major in the Air Force. He returned to Massachusetts and opened a private practice in pediatrics with Marty Feldman. Not long after opening the doors, he saw the light and returned to Boston University to train in radiology. He spent his fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital under John Kirkpatrick and the rest of his 35-year career in pediatric radiology at Boston City Hospital/Boston Medical Center, most of it alongside his mentor and colleague Jack O’Connor.

I worked alongside Bill as part of the Pediatric Radiology family at Boston City. There was an excellent camaraderie among the clinicians both within the section and those in the collaborative Department of Pediatrics. There was also a tremendously respected team of technologists, many with such loyalty that they have remained within the section for many years. Some never left, and those who did leave often returned.

Bill made his mark on Boston University in a multitude of ways. In 1997, he became a full professor of radiology and was made vice chair of the Department of Radiology. For 8 years he served as program director for the radiology residency program. He also acted as the clerkship director for 4th-year students and sat on the Admissions Committee for the Boston University School of Medicine. He served on many national committees within the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Association of Program Directors, as well as The Society for Pediatric Radiology Finance Committee from 1988 to 1991.

Aside from all of his institutional success, Bill was an excellent practitioner. Boston City Hospital provided him the

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opportunity to attend to his true callings—providing care to the underserved of Boston and educating the residents and medical students who crossed his path. I can remember many a Pediatrics resident who came to the department to present a case during daily work rounds, only to have Bill teach them about not only the disease process, but the importance of a thorough medical history. Many were surprised to learn that he had previously treated family members of the patient being presented and that sometimes a family history is of great value. Bill was teaching all the time and it didn't matter whether you were a medical student or full professor, you were always treated respectfully. As a credit to his teaching, he was honored with the Jerome O. Klein teaching award from the Department of Pediatrics at Boston University.

Additionally, he was presented with the Jack O. Haller teaching award from The Society for Pediatric Radiology in 2006 at the Montreal IPR. Over his career, he was responsible for the education of almost 1,000 Pediatrics residents and 300 Radiology residents. Given this, I can't help but think of his cumulative influence on the SPR. Bill was involved in the training of many members of the Society including Marta

Hernanz-Shulman, Alan Schlesinger, Beverly Newman and J. Michael Zerin, to name a few.

Outside the hospital, Bill's favorite place was his home on Bow Lake in New Hampshire. He originally went to Bow Lake as a youth to camp and returned as a counselor for many years. After graduating from medical school, he bought his first small home on the lake. In 1984, he and his family moved to another home on that lake, the home they enjoy today.

For Bill the most important part of life was his family and the happy times they spent together at the lake. Bill is survived by his lovely wife Kathleen, his partner for 39 years of marriage. He also leaves three children, his son Michael and his fiancée, Karen; his son Timothy; and his daughter, Elizabeth Grasso, her husband David and his first grandchild, John Joseph, who was born 3 weeks after Bill's death.

Bill passed away May 18, 2013, at Boston Medical Center, where he spent his entire career. He died surrounded by family, friends and colleagues after a long struggle with cancer. He was never willing to give up. From a personal perspective, I can say Bill was the ultimate colleague and friend, whom I have had the pleasure and honor of working with for many years.