



Robert H. Poirier
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Robert H. Poirier passed away on July 10, 2021 at the age of 82. He was the only child of the late Bernard and Mary Poirier. He is survived by the love of his life, Ladda, and his two sons, Marcellus and Brandon.

Robert grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he attended Creten High School and then St. Mary's College. He served two years as Captain USAF Medical Corps during the Vietnam conflict.

Afterwards, he became Clinical Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Texas. Following his tenure, he started an ophthalmological practice in San Antonio; he was a consummate and well respected eye surgeon by his colleagues nationally and internationally and was the first to perform corneal transplants in Laredo, Texas. He was the holder of numerous patents in eye surgery and received awards and held prestigious medical positions too numerous to mention. His proudest accomplishment was the initiation of medical outreach programs to Guatemala and rural Iran.

His students and colleagues will remember him as humble and self effacing and with that warm personality that endeared him to many. His family will remember him as a person who never stopped learning and knew how to have a good laugh—especially if he had a good glass of wine. Both will miss him beyond belief.

On July 27, a brief viewing will be held at Alamo City Church from 10 to 12 P.M. and the burial will take place at Ft. Sam Houston at 1:45 P.M. In lieu of flowers, a remembrance bouquet may be sent to any veteran of Iraq or Afghanistan at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. His family and friends will remember him always. May he rest in peace with the Lord.