



OBITUARIES

Edmund Augustine Dowling

Sandra Dowling

Emeritus professor of pathology (b 1927; q University College Cork 1951), d 9 February 2015.

Edmund Augustine Dowling was born in Waterford, Ireland. After an internship as house surgeon at Burton General Hospital and Nottingham General Hospital in England, he emigrated from Ireland to the US in 1952. Joan O'Connor soon followed him, and they married in 1953. At the invitation of his cousin, Edmund began a residency in pathology at Baptist Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1968, after a series of academic appointments, he became director of surgical pathology and professor of pathology at the University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham, Alabama. In 1965 he became a member of the Birmingham Sailing Club and raced his Windmill in many local and national events. He also served a term as commodore of the Birmingham Sailing Club.

In 1974 the University of South Alabama Medical Center, Mobile, Alabama, and the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico beckoned, and Edmund moved his family to Daphne, Alabama, on Mobile Bay. He was acting chairman of the department of pathology until 1981 and served as director of surgical pathology

and professor of pathology until he retired as professor emeritus in 1993.

In retirement Edmund continued to enjoy cruising and racing in his Cape Dory sailboat, the *Manannaun*. He valued the companionship of his friends at the Fairhope Yacht Club and was an active member of the "4 o'clock club." He was an avid fan of the Crimson Tide football team for more than 50 years. He loved photography and captured many a Mobile Bay sunset.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Joan O'Connor Dowling, and his parents, Thomas Dowling and Rose Colgan Dowling.

He leaves his wife, Sandra; sons Kyran Dowling (April Preston) of Spartanburg, SC, and Conor Dowling of Tucker, GA; daughters Finola Kavanaugh (Kevin) of Leesburg, VA, and Deirdre Dowling of Daphne, AL; grandchildren Daniel Kavanaugh; Kara, Shannon, and Alyssa Dowling; brother, Thomas Dowling (Ursula) of Waterford, Ireland.

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