

CLASS OF



1973

RICK MONTZ (1955 - 2002)

Rick Montz was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, in 1955. He moved with his family to Bismarck and graduated from Bismarck High School in 1973. After attending Bismarck Junior College, Montz obtained his BA from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He gained his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in 1980, graduating as a member of the honorary medical society, Alpha Omega Alpha.

While completing his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Southern California, he was awarded the Uwe Goebelsmann Award for outstanding research. He completed fellowships at St. George's Hospital, University of London School of Medicine and the University of Southern California Norris Cancer Center. He joined the faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine in 1987, rising to the rank of associate professor in 1993.

His ongoing research involved efforts to preserve fertility in women with precancerous and cancerous conditions of the reproductive tract; to develop better, earlier screening methods to prevent death and disability from cervical, ovarian and uterine cancers; and to develop and refine less radical surgeries for gynecologic cancers. Recruited to Johns Hopkins in 1997, at his death, he was a professor of gynecology, obstetrics, oncology, and surgery, and director of Johns Hopkins Hospital's Kelly Gynecological Oncology Service.

