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CURTIS JUHALA

Curtis Juhala graduated from Bismarck High School in 1959. He attended Bismarck Junior College and the University of North Dakota, where he received a BS degree in medicine. He then transferred to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas where he graduated in 1967. Dr. Juhala interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, where he received the outstanding intern award. After serving in the Navy for eight years, Juhala resigned and went on to complete general surgical requirements followed by a plastic and reconstructive surgery residency.

He accepted a Christine Kleinert Hand Surgery Fellowship and practiced in Jacksonville, FL, until he returned to Bismarck in 1978 and entered into solo practice. He became Board-Certified in Plastic Surgery in 1980. Dr. Juhala introduced microscopic surgery to the area and transplanted numerous digits following traumatic injuries. He joined Mid Dakota Clinic in 1995 and retired in 2001. Throughout his career, he served over 14,000 patients. He worked at both MedCenter One and St. Alexius Medical Center where he served in several medical positions including Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff.

Following a heart attack in 1984, Juhala opted to return to the U.S. Army Reserve where he closed out his military career, retiring as a Colonel. He has been a U.S. Army Reserve Ambassador for North Dakota and was given Emeritus USAR status.

His community involvement included serving on the Board of Directors at St. Alexius and on the Wells Fargo Community Board. In addition, his membership in the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus allowed him to participate in events throughout North Dakota, the U.S., Canada and Indonesia.

Curt and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, Amy and Traci.

