

UT Southwestern Medical Center

In Memoriam: W.A. “Tex” Moncrief Jr.

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To the UT Southwestern community:

It is with deep sorrow that we have learned of the passing of W.A. “Tex” Moncrief Jr., whose extraordinary generosity has and will benefit many generations of Texans by expanding UT Southwestern Medical Center programs in both Dallas and especially Fort Worth, as well as surrounding communities.

Tex Moncrief was passionate in wanting to ensure that the communities of Fort Worth and North Texas more broadly had access to outstanding health care. There was never an individual more decisive in pursuing his passion. His vision and remarkable generosity – always in honor of his admired father – has enabled UT Southwestern to serve legions of those in need. In planning the Moncrief Cancer Institute and the UT Southwestern Monty and Tex Moncrief Medical Center at Fort Worth, he was determined that they not only provided facilities enabling access to medical expertise, but also lifted the spirits of those in need of help.

In 2017, UT Southwestern dedicated the Monty and Tex Moncrief Medical Center at Fort Worth, providing access to more than a dozen areas of specialty care from cardiology to neurology in the heart of Fort Worth’s Medical District. The three-story, 110,000-square-foot multidisciplinary outpatient facility, which was UT Southwestern’s first named campus outside of Dallas, complements UT Southwestern’s cancer presence at the neighboring Moncrief Cancer Institute. The precursor to the Institute, Moncrief Radiation Center, was started by W. A. Moncrief in 1958 when his son, W. A. “Tex” Moncrief Jr., lost his 8-year-old daughter to leukemia. The Institute’s mission is to make cancer prevention, patient treatment, clinical trials, and a variety of cancer-related research more accessible to Fort Worth-area citizens.

Over the years, the Moncrief family also has contributed nearly \$14 million from the William A. and Elizabeth B. Moncrief Foundation and from Tex Moncrief in direct support of UT Southwestern programs and facilities on its Dallas campus, including the W.A. Monty & Tex Moncrief Radiation Oncology Building. In 2003, Tex and Deborah Moncrief contributed \$7.5 million to UT Southwestern’s Innovations in Medicine campaign for the Moncrief Radiation Oncology Center in Dallas to complement the UT Southwestern Moncrief Radiation Center in Fort Worth, housing state-of-the-art radiation therapy and research equipment. This is in addition to the \$75 million given to the Moncrief Cancer Foundation to support the UT Southwestern Moncrief Cancer Institute.

Thanks to gifts totaling \$3.2 million from Tex Moncrief and affiliated family foundations, a collaborative research team at UT Southwestern's Simmons Cancer Center is testing new therapies that offer hope to those diagnosed with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. That gift, made in honor of Tex's late son, Charlie, initiated the Charlie Moncrief Glioblastoma Mouse Program to find better treatments and to improve survival rates for patients with glioblastoma.

Tex Moncrief was born on March 27, 1920, the son of William Alvin and Elizabeth Bright Moncrief. He graduated from the Culver Military Academy in 1937, and from The University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering in 1942. After the war, he returned to Fort Worth and went into the oil business with his father. In 1983, he was honored as a Distinguished Engineering Graduate by UT Austin, to which he provided support ranging from athletics to computer labs. In 1987, he was appointed to a six-year term on the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System by then-Gov. William P. Clements Jr., for whom UT Southwestern's hospital is named. He was named to the Texas Philanthropy Hall of Fame in 2001 and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Texas Exes in 2008.

Tex Moncrief leaves an indelible imprint on North Texas through his generosity of spirit. He will be deeply missed.

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