

In Memoriam

J. Glenn Pasterick

J. Glenn Pasterick, a fellow in cardiology at the Texas Heart Institute and at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital from 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1991, died on the 20th of August 1995. The notification of his death from cancer at the age of 44 brought back many memories of this vibrant, ebullient individual in the minds of his associates and of the faculty at the Texas Heart Institute.

Glenn, as he was known to all of us, was born on 25 May 1951, the son of immigrant parents, in the heart of New York City. He grew up in Queens County, graduating in 1978 with a BA in biology from Hunter College, where he remained as an independent investigator in the Department of Biological Sciences. He was involved in research activities in the Division of Human Genetics, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, until 1981, when he enrolled in the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. He was a National Institutes of Health Medical Student Summer Research Fellow in 1981 and a March of Dimes Medical Student Research Fellow in 1982. After receiving his medical degree in 1985, Glenn completed his training in internal medicine in 1988 at the Long Island Jewish Hospital, New Hyde Park, New York. His years as a fellow in cardiology at the Texas Heart Institute and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital were marked by his dedication to learning and to excellence of patient care. Glenn was constantly cheerful, happy, and outgoing. His colleagues enjoyed working and being with him.

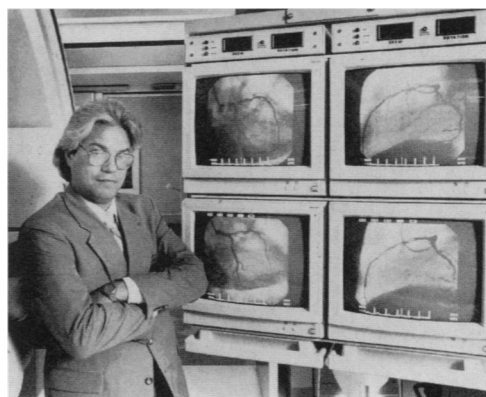
Upon completion of his cardiology training, Glenn and his wife, Maryse, moved to Walnut Creek, California, where he embarked upon a private practice in internal medicine and cardiology. In July 1994, they moved to Fort Walton Beach, Florida, where Glenn associated with the White-Wilson Medical Center and with the West Florida Regional Medical Center in Pensacola.

Although a practitioner for only a year in Florida, Glenn was quickly recognized for his dedicated work, always putting others before himself, and for his ready, cheerful smile. He was loved and respected by everyone who knew him. He loved to teach, and he shared his knowledge generously with others. He even managed to maintain his sense of humor and dignity throughout his illness.

Glenn will be remembered fondly by his "family" at the Texas Heart Institute and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Maryse, and to the rest of his family. In delivering the eulogy at Glenn's memorial mass, Tom Holt chose two particularly apt quotations. The first was from Thessalonians: "Encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, and be patient with all men." And the second was from a 19th-century orator: "The superior man stands erect by bending over the fallen. He rises by lifting others."

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