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In memory of . . .

## T.E. Strain, Sr., M.D.

*"Willis-Knighton Medical Center dedicates this publication to the late T.E. Strain, Sr., M.D., whose death saddens us—but whose memory shall live through our hospital and those whose lives he touched. He was the first physician to complete his internship at Willis-Knighton and remained dedicated to our hospital throughout his years of service. Through his death, we lost not only an admired and respected staff and board member, but a close and loyal friend."*

**James K. Elrod,**  
hospital president.

*"Dr. Strain is best remembered for his dedication to his patients and his keen sense of humor. He was loved for these things by all his patients—some of which spanned three family generations. He stayed current in his knowledge of pediatrics all through his years of service. Also phenomenal is the professional inspiration he was to his family—two of his sons became pediatricians, his grandson is a doctor and a granddaughter and two grandsons are presently in medical school."*

Albert Bicknell, M.D.

*"If you ever needed Dr. Strain, you could always reach him. If a newborn needed attention in the middle of the night, he came with no complaints. It didn't matter as to race, color or creed, he took care of them. As for his colleagues, he maintained an excellent rapport with all the doctors on the staff and had served as a member of the hospital's Board of Directors since its conception as a non-profit organization. All of this added up to extreme dedication to his patients and the hospital."*

Thomas A. Glass, M.D.

*"Dr. Strain contributed as much as any individual to the progress of this hospital and I learned to value his friendship more and more as the years passed. He was admired and respected for his work as a pediatrician and for the good he did for his patients. This admiration was evident through the loyalty his patients displayed toward him."*

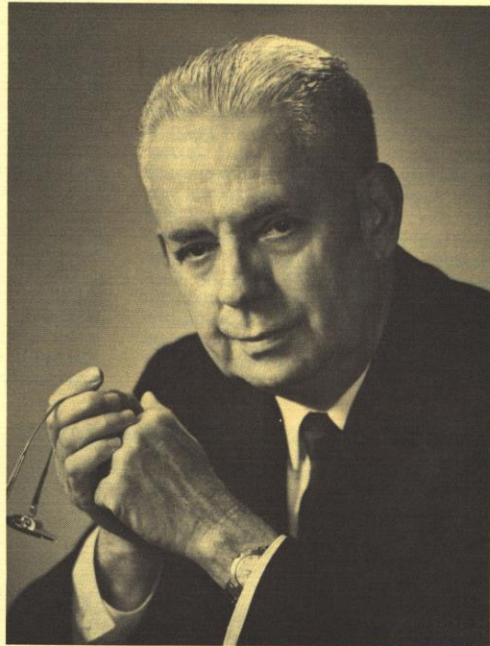
Sam Kerlin, M.D.

*"Having known Dr. Strain and his family for some 35 years, I always found him to be generous and professional. He always had a smile and shared his own special brand of humor."*

J.D. Talbot

*"Dr. Strain was a fine clinician and had unlimited energy in the practice of medicine and caring for his patients. The welfare of his patients was always foremost with him."*

Sam L. Gill, M.D.



*Dr. Strain was the son of a Baptist minister and came from a family with deep roots in Christian service. For this reason, he linked the practice of medicine to the fulfillment of his Christian calling. This gave him a compassion and concern for personal values which made him a beloved physician to many generations of children and their parents. Despite his extremely busy schedule, he was a devoted supporter of his church and sought to instill Christian values in the lives of his children.*

**Dr. William Hull, pastor**  
First Baptist Church  
of Shreveport.