



Dr. William C. Doebler

October 12, 1943 - April 19, 2025

Dr. William C. Doebler, 81, of Bonita Springs, Florida, and formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at his residence on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Born in Red Wing, Minnesota, on October 12, 1943, Bill was the son of the late Lewis Otto and Agnes (Flom) Doebler. He was raised in Red Wing, where he also attended high school before pursuing higher education. He graduated from Hamline University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, with minors in chemistry, mathematics, and physics. While at Hamline, he was a proud member of the TKE fraternity and served as captain of the golf team.

Dr. Doebler earned his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in June 1969, where he was honored to serve as president of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the national medical honor society. He completed a medicine internship at the University of California, San Diego Hospital (1969–1970) and returned to Minnesota to complete his residency in diagnostic radiology in 1973.

From 1973 to 1975, Dr. Doebler was a Clinical Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. There, he conducted groundbreaking research in cerebral hemorrhage, spinal cord arteriography, and the treatment of arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) of the spinal cord.

In 1975, he returned to St. Paul, joining Capitol Radiology as a partner and later serving as its CEO. Under his leadership, the group merged with St. Paul Radiology and eventually became Midwest Radiology, recognized today as one of the leading radiology groups in the country.

In 2005, Dr. Doebler moved to Naples, Florida, to become the Radiology Director for a new hospital, Collier Hospital, which was later acquired by the Cleveland Clinic and renamed Physicians Regional Medical Center. Despite his career being impacted by severe complications from Lyme Disease, Dr. Doebler continued contributing to the field through teleradiology, joining Rapid Radiology in 2018 for two additional years of remote diagnostic work.

A lifelong learner, he maintained hundreds of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits annually. He was also a graduate of the Cenegenics Medical Institute in Las Vegas, where he was involved in both clinical and sales roles, and a member of the Royal Raymond Rife Society.

Dr. Doebler was an exceptional golfer and a passionate bowler. He was among the founding members of the Bonita Bay Club and even designed and built a golf course in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, a testament to his deep love of the game.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Burns DuFrane; his children, Gregory W. Doebler and Suzanne Doebler Haynes; and his sister, Mary Doebler Kostelac.

Private funeral services will be held. A celebration of life will be held on October 12, 2025. Additional details will follow.

Online condolences may be shared at www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Reception

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