



PHILLIPS T “DOC” BLAND

Born in Cumberland WI on September 2, 1923, died April 15, 2011.

He attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, becoming a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies, and graduating from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in 1947.

“ Doc” was a community servant, as evidenced by his contributions as Medical Director of the Norseland Nursing Home, President of the Westby Area District School Board, three-time President of the Snowflake Ski Club, Westby City Health Officer, Vernon County Coroner, team physician to the US Ski Team, Medical Director of Vernon Memorial Hospital, Medical Director of the Hospice Committee at Vernon Memorial Hospital, member of the State Medical Society, member of the Commission on Scientific Medicine, President of the WI Medical Alumni, and team physician to the Westby High School football team for many years.

He was equally regarded in the ski jumping community. He was head of the USSA Jump Engineering Committee and a member of the FIS Ski Jump Engineering Committee. He designed over 30 ski jumping hills around the world, a self-taught avocation that developed out of a desire to reduce injuries in the sport.

Along with his professional pursuits and love of ski jumping, “Doc” found time to be an avid reader, to do the New York Times crossword puzzle every day, to enjoy a good joke, listen to great jazz, smoke a good cigar, and to enrich the lives of everyone he met.