



**Mary Ethel Hammond, MD, MS,  
March 9, 2011**

Dr. Mary Ethel Grande Hammond, died in Boston, MA on March 9th, 2011 at Brigham & Women's Hospital of surgical complications, surrounded by John, her husband of 40 years, her son, Stephen and Wilma Bitel, a lifelong friend. Dr. Hammond was born on June 3, 1943 in Huntsville, Alabama while her father was on active duty with the U.S. Army. As a child, Dr. Hammond moved frequently as her father was assigned to various Army posts in the southeast. Following his discharge, the family moved to Pennsylvania where Mary attended high school. She matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a B.A. in Chemistry in 1964. Dr. Hammond next obtained a Master's of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Washington in Seattle and worked for three years as a research associate at the University of Florida in Gainesville before entering medical school there. It was during this period that she met and married her husband John.

Upon completion of her M.D. 1974, Dr. Hammond moved to the Triangle area of North Carolina to serve a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University in Durham, NC. This was followed by a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill, which she completed in 1980. She remained on the Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty of UNC for 15 years, rising to the rank of Associate Professor and serving as the Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility from 1984 to 1993. She also directed the second year medical student course in Reproductive Biology from 1981 until 1993. During her academic career, Dr. Hammond authored 40 peer reviewed publications with multiple papers published in very high impact journals such as P.N.A.S., the Journal of Biological Chemistry, and Biochemistry. She also authored 30 invited reviews and textbook chapters and co-edited three editions of the textbook, *Infertility: A Practical Guide for the Physician*. Dr. Hammond served as President of the Association of Professional Women in Medicine at UNC from 1991-1992.

Dr. Hammond served as President of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in 1996 and as well as on the ASRM Board of Directors, President's Executive Council, Finance Committee, Annual Meeting Program Committee and its Women's Council. She was an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1986 until 1993. She also served on, or chaired, multiple committees of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. She was a member of our society as well as the Society for Gynecological Investigation, the Endocrine Society, the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Southwest Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, the North Carolina Obstetrics and Gynecology Society, the Bayard Carter Society, the Robert Ross Society, and the Obstetrical and Gynecological Travel Club. Dr. Hammond served on the editorial boards of Fertility and Sterility and Obstetrics and Gynecology Reports, where she was the Co-editor for Reproductive Endocrinology. She also served on the Advisory Board of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1993 she left the UNC

faculty and entered private practice in reproductive endocrinology as well as gynecology in Raleigh, NC where she continued to work until her retirement in 2002.

Dr. Hammond was married to Dr. John E. Hammond for nearly 40 years. They have a one son, Stephen Hammond. The couple built homes in East Camden and Fearington Village, North Carolina. Dr. Hammond was an avid gardener and enjoyed reading and traveling, especially to the tropics where she snorkeled and enjoyed diving off coral reefs.

*Submitted by Charles J. Lockwood,MD*