

## **In memoriam: Norm Gallagher, RPh**

The Council mourns the passing of Norm Gallagher. Norm passed away March 4, 2024. Shortly before his passing, our Historian Ted Friedman had a chance to catch up with Norm and interview him. Ted described Norm as one of the old guard, one of the first presidents of the council. He was always good to speak with to get perspective on the past and he will be sorely missed.

Norm (Norman) Gallagher, was born February 13, 1929 in Bryn Mawr, PA., was married to Frances Gallagher for 66 years, raising three children, Norman, Cheryl and Lisa. He was a veteran, serving in the Marines and enjoyed travel and had many other interests.

Norm worked in Hunter and Johnson Drug store in Cuba, NY until he entered Albany College of Pharmacy. He graduated in 1954 and entered into an internship at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. After completing his internship, he worked as an Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Hahnemann Hospital of Philadelphia, PA.

Norm moved to Hornell, NY and began working at St. James Hospital when he first became a member of the New York State Council of Hospital Pharmacists. He moved to Port Jervis, NY and opened the first Pharmacy in St. Francis Hospital (now Bon Secours Community Hospital) as the Director. Following his retirement from Health-system Pharmacy in 1985, he continued to work in various community pharmacies, filling his last prescription in 2014.

Norm was active in the Rochester Society of Hospital Pharmacists, the Westchester Society of Hospital Pharmacists and was a founding member of the Mid-Hudson Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Norm was past President of the Council from 1968 to 1969 and became a lifetime member of the Council. When he was the president of the council he faced many challenges and tried to establish the council as a bargaining agent for pharmacists. He tried to establish liaisons with PSSNY and Nursing.

At the age of 95, Norm was the oldest of our past presidents. We were privileged to have had him as part of our history and fortunate to have been able to share some time with him before his passing. Rest in peace, Norm; you and your family will be in our thoughts.