

## OBITUARIES

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Adm. David Osborne, Navy Doctor, Dies

David Paul Osborne, 81, a retired Navy rear admiral and surgeon who was commanding officer of the Naval Medical Command in Bethesda in the late 1960s, died there Nov. 23 after a stroke. He had lived in the Washington area from 1956 to 1976 and recently moved to Severna Park with his daughter.

Adm. Osborne was born in Bradford, Pa. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1938 and Temple University's medical school in 1942.

After medical school, he joined the Navy Medical Corps and interned in Philadelphia before becoming a medical officer. He was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for his service in the D-day invasion of Normandy.

He later completed a surgical residency at the Navy hospital in Philadelphia and joined the staff there. He then worked at the Navy hospital in Memphis before joining the Bethesda Navy hospital in 1956. He became the hospital's commanding officer in 1967. While at the hospital, he assisted in the 1963 autopsy of President John F. Kennedy.

In 1969, he became an inspector general for the Navy Department. Later, he was assistant chief of the bureau for personnel and professional operations and was the Navy's deputy surgeon general from 1973 until his 1975 retirement.

Dr. Osborne was a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

His wife of 53 years, Mary Frances Tuerffs Osborne, died last year. Survivors include three children, Susan Osborne Johnson of Irvine, Calif., Patricia Osborne Connell of Severna Park and Robert M. Osborne of New York; and four grandchildren.