Morton Spinner, M.D., an esteemed hand and peripheral nerve surgeon, died on September 23, 2003 at the age of 75.

Dr. Spinner was born in the Bronx, New York in 1928 and attended the Bronx High School of Science. He was graduated from New York University where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1947 and a medical degree in 1951. He performed a rotating internship at the Beth Israel Hospital in New York and a surgical internship at Bellevue Hospital before serving as Captain in the US Army Medical Corps in Korea; he was awarded a Bronze Star in 1954. From 1955-1957, he was a resident in orthopaedics at the Hospital for Joint Diseases where he first met and soon thereafter developed a long friendship and professional relationship with Dr. Emanuel B. Kaplan.

Dr. Spinner published extensively and lectured widely in the field of peripheral nerve surgery. His original contributions dealt primarily with the anatomic localization, diagnosis, and treatment of peripheral nerve lesions. He wrote two editions of a textbook *Injuries to Major Branches of Peripheral Nerves of the Forearm* and co-edited two editions of a textbook *Management of Peripheral Nerve Problems*. In 1984, he edited Kaplan’s *Functional and Surgical Anatomy of the Hand* and co-edited a volume of the *Bulletin of the Hospital for Joint Diseases* with Martin Posner as a tribute to Dr. Kaplan.

Dr. Spinner was a Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He served as an associate editor of the *Bulletin for the Hospital for Joint Diseases* and the *Journal of Hand Surgery*. He was President of the New York Society of the Hand, Chairman of the New York Academy of Medicine, Orthopaedic Section, and the first President of the Sunderland Society, a peripheral nerve society. He was an active member of numerous other medical societies including the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, American Orthopaedic Association, Societe Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopedique et de Traumatologie (SICOT), and the Groupe D’Etude de la Main (GEM), and was an honorary member of the Southern New England Hand Society and the Japanese Hand Society.

Dr. Spinner had a deep love of humanity and family. He was married to the former Paula Lerner for 47 years and is survived by three sons: Jeffrey, a Suffolk County and Family Court Judge in Central Islip, New York; Robert, a neurosurgeon at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minnesota; and Steven, President and CEO of Sports Potential, Inc., in Menlo Park, California; three daughters-in-law; three granddaughters; and a sister. He will be missed by all those fortunate to have known him. He was fiercely proud of his friends and teachers at and the orthopaedic legacy of the Hospital for Joint Diseases.

*Robert J. Spinner, M.D.*