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Joseph Michael Foley

Joseph Michael Foley, M.D., a neurologist, is a native of Boston, a magna cum laude graduate of Holy Cross College, and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Medical School. He and his wife Alice, married 57 years, have three daughters and three sons. While on active duty with the U. S. Navy Medical Corps, he earned both a French Croix de Guerre and a U.S. Bronze Star for his 1944 Normandy Beach service. Prior

to becoming a neurology professor at Case Western Reserve University and director of University Hospitals' neurology division, in 1961, Dr. Foley had medical school appointments at Harvard and Boston universities and Seton Hall College, as well as neurological service with eight Massachusetts and New Jersey hospitals.

Cleveland area institutions he has served include Wade Park Veterans' Hospital, Cuyahoga County Hospitals, Heather Hill Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Hospital, Margaret Wagner House and the Rose-Mary Rehabilitation and Education Center. At University Hospitals, the Geriatric Ambulatory Assessment Center in 1987 was renamed the Joseph M. Foley Elderhealth Center. He has been national president of both the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association. Committees of more than a dozen other national and international organizations have been given his service, as have such local associations and institutions as the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, Case Institute of Technology, Ursuline College, Cleveland Medical Library Association, Health Fund of Greater Cleveland and the Welfare Federation of Cleveland. He also is a trustee of Fairhill Center for Aging and the Golden Age Centers of Cleveland.

Dr. Foley has received many special honors, among them establishment of the Foley-Nulsen medical library at University Hospitals, the Foley Scholarship at Ursuline College, the Foley Scientific Symposium by major area hospitals, an annual lectureship of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, and establishment of an endowment fund in his name for financial assistance to CWRU medical students. Menorah Park, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, the Golden Age Centers and Greater Cleveland Hospital Association all have honored him as well. Dr. Foley has lectured in both Canada and the U.S., and has had numerous writings published in professional magazines and books.

Dr. Foley has been master of ceremonies for the Irish American Archives Society's first four "Walks of Life" Awards programs and pursuant to his recent retirement from its board of trustees, has been prevailed upon to accept this additional

honor.

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