



DR. LEON J. DWULET
(Posthumously)

PHYSICIAN/COMMUNITY LEADER

The epitome of caring, compassionate healer, Dr. Leon J. Dwulet, dedicated his life to the service of others.

Born on a 200 acre farm in Greenville, just outside of Lakewood, Dr. Dwulet went to Lakewood High School and was the catcher on the baseball team. He went on to Rutgers University for his pre-med studies where his baseball skills caught the eye of a scout from the Brooklyn Dodgers, who signed him upon graduation. However, his desire for a medical career had a stronger pull than baseball, and he enrolled at the New York Medical College, graduating in 1944. Dr. Dwulet served a year of internship at Monmouth Memorial Hospital,



Long Branch, now Monmouth Medical, and two more years as a resident surgeon. He then served two years with the medical corps as a Lieutenant senior grade aboard the USS Portsmouth.

Dr. Dwulet joined the medical staff of Point Pleasant Hospital in 1948 shortly after opening his office on Arnold Avenue. At that time, the hospital was just a tiny 40 bed institution with eight physicians and surgeons. With his assistance, it became one of the leading health care systems in the state. He served twice as Chief of Staff and two years as Chief of Surgery. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1978 after heading the successful 1978 building campaign that raised over \$1.5 million for construction of the Thomas Wing. He was also a director of the Ocean County Bank.

He served many years as the school physician and could always be seen roaming the sidelines at football games. He donated money toward the construction of lights for the baseball field which is named in his honor.

Dr. Dwulet was married to the former Helene Bigg, and had six children, thirteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Dr. Dwulet died on June 6, 1997.

He was always ready to serve his fellow man and his community, and it is timely and appropriate that he is being honored now for giving so much for so long.