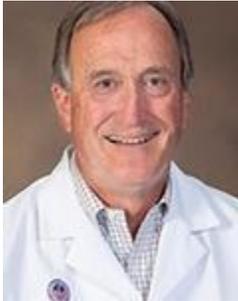
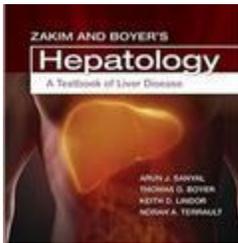


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Thomas David Boyer, MD



Sent on behalf of Charles B. Cairns, Dean, UA College of Medicine - Tucson

Dear Faculty, Students and Staff,

I am deeply saddened to inform you that the UA College of Medicine – Tucson has lost a great mentor, friend and colleague, as **Thomas David Boyer, MD**, former chair of medicine and a world-renowned leader in the field of hepatology, lost his battle with cancer at the age of 74 on Jan. 11 at his home in Tucson.

Tom was internationally renowned for his work in hepatology and his contributions to the field will long be remembered. His textbook, *Zakim and Boyer's Hepatology*, in its seventh edition, is considered the definitive textbook on liver disease worldwide.

He authored hundreds of scholarly articles and routinely is listed among the *Best Doctors in America*. As a foremost expert on disease of the liver, he served as past president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease and the International Association for the Study of the Liver. Prior to his retirement in July 2017, Tom was the founding director of the Liver Research Institute at the University of Arizona, which was established when he joined the UA College of Medicine – Tucson faculty in 2000. In his honor, the institute was renamed the **Thomas D. Boyer Liver Institute** last fall.

Prior to joining the UA, Tom was the chief of gastroenterology at Emory University in Atlanta and earlier served as a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco, and chief of gastroenterology at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. He was chair of the UA Department of Medicine from 2008-14. Tom graduated from the University of Redlands in California with a bachelor's degree in biology and earned his medical degree from the University of Southern California.

Tom will be missed by every person he touched. A devoted son and father, committed family man, thoughtful and supportive friend and loving companion, those who knew him were proud to call him dad, brother, grandpa, friend, colleague and companion.

He is survived by his son, Thomas David Boyer, Jr., of Phoenix; his daughter, Sarah Boyer Howard; son-in-law, Scott Howard; and grandchildren, Mathew and Evan Howard, of San Francisco; his brother, Clayton Boyer, of Phoenix; his loving companion, Sherry Laemmermann, and his faithful dog, Addie.

A gathering of family, friends and colleagues will meet to celebrate his life on **Sunday, Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m.**, at **Skyline Country Club**, 5200 E. St. Andrews Drive, Tucson. Individuals wishing to attend should RSVP to Lisa Laughlin at laughlin@deptofmed.arizona.edu or (520) 626-3005.

In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed in honor of Dr. Thomas David Boyer to the following organizations:

- **The American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD)**

1001 North Fairfax Street
4th Floor

Alexander, VA 22314

- **The University of Redlands**

1200 East Colton Ave
P.O. Box 3080
Redlands, CA 92373

Tom's contributions to the University of Arizona – and indeed the entire world – are a testament to his dedication to improve the lives of others and he will greatly be missed.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Cairns, MD
Dean UA College of Medicine – Tucson

