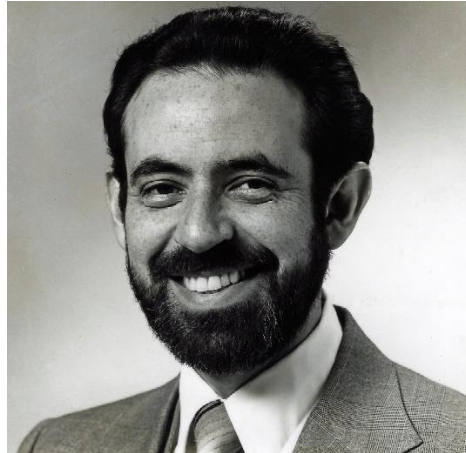


Dr. Oscar Alejandro del Portal
1946 - 2021



It is with great sadness we share that Dr. Oscar Alejandro del Portal passed on Monday, October 4, 2021 after a battle with cancer and heart disease. Born in Havana Cuba, he was 75 years old. Dr. del Portal practiced Obstetrics & Gynecology at Methodist Hospital from 1987 to 2005. He served on the MHSF Board from 2012 to 2018.

Full Obituary:

Dr. Oscar Alejandro del Portal, age 75, died at home October 4th surrounded by family after a battle with cancer and heart disease. Born in Havana, Cuba, he and his brother arrived in Miami in 1961 as refugees from Castro's communist regime. They lived with a foster family in Cincinnati before reuniting with their parents in New Orleans in 1964. In 1965, he joined the U.S. Army. In 1967, he married Carmen Garcia, the love of his life, and was soon thereafter deployed to Vietnam from 1967-1968, where he served in combat with the 1st Infantry Division. He later became an advocate for others who, like he, suffered health effects from exposure to Agent Orange in the war. He pursued a career in health care, obtaining a degree in Biology from University of New Orleans, a degree in Pharmacy from Xavier University, and a Medical Doctorate from LSU School of Medicine. He completed residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Charity Hospital and built a successful private practice in New Orleans East. He delivered thousands of babies and was an esteemed member of the New Orleans medical community. Dr. del Portal quietly mentored countless young people who similarly dreamed of careers in health care. His proudest achievement was his family. He is survived by his wife Carmen, his daughter Carmen Liebkemann (Walter) and son Daniel (Anna), his 7 wonderful grandchildren (Sarah, Rosa, John, Benjamin, Alexander, Eva, Nicolas), his brother Carlos (Susan), and his loving extended family. A celebration of his life for family and friends will be held at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. New Orleans, LA on October 24th at 10:30am, and a service will follow at noon. Masks are required. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.