

DR. WILLIAM HOMAN

William Homan, Class of 1965, was a respected surgeon in White Plains for 25 years and the founder and director of the New York Bariatrics Center which provides holistic treatment to those struggling with morbid obesity. Dr. Homan died in a small plane crash in 2006.

A lifelong resident whose father was a well-known local pediatrician, Dr. Homan attended the Battle Hill School through junior high. In high school, he was in the National Honor Society, worked on the *ROAR* literary magazine and was a varsity swimmer for three years. His 10th grade biology teacher was Julia Wadsworth, the first person inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996.

Dr. Homan graduated *magna cum laude* with highest honors in chemistry from Williams College and earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College. He did his surgical residency at both The New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree in surgery from Oxford University in England.

In 1981 Dr. Homan opened a private practice of surgery in White Plains and became an attending surgeon at White Plains Hospital, St. Agnes Hospital and Westchester Medical Center. He served as Director of the Department of Surgery and Chief of General Surgery at White Plains Hospital from 2000 to 2003.

Recognizing that excess weight was exacerbating the medical conditions of many of his patients, Dr. Homan, and his wife Valerie, a clinical social worker and psychotherapist, established the New York Bariatrics Center in White Plains. It was known by patients in the tri-state area and across the country for its high level of personal attention and compassionate care and provided comprehensive counseling, surgical and aftercare services. Dr. and Mrs. Homan were also extensively involved in bariatric research and patient outcomes and presented papers regularly at American Society for Bariatric Surgery conferences.

Dr. Homan's sister, Jane, and brother-in-law, Dr. Joseph Antin, a Hall of Fame member, both graduated from White Plains High School.