

Another Tribute to Harold Voth

A colleague remembers our deceased NARTH Board of Directors member



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I saw NARTH's article on the passing of Dr. Harold Voth and would like to comment. He was a wonderful role model for me—both in the Navy and psychiatry. It was due to his suggestion that I joined NARTH, and began seeing our terribly misunderstood, exploited, and under-served patients and their families.

We kept promising to meet at NARTH psychotherapy training sessions—but alas, my plans changed and I did not

get to the last meeting at which he was present.

He was a great teacher while I was a psychiatry resident at the Menninger Clinic (1961-64). He influenced a whole generation of now "senior" psychiatrists, since at the time the Menninger program was the largest psychiatry program in the U.S.

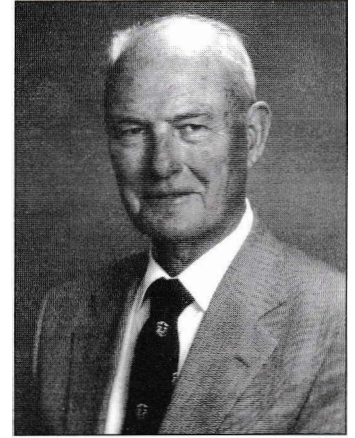
I found this short statement, "A Psychiatrist's Values," and thought maybe it would serve as an additional salute to a great sailor and doctor who is now "sailing to Byzantium..."

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The Psychiatrist's Values

He is with all the men
and women
Who have sought
something in life
That is neither chaos
nor mechanism,
Who have not confused
happiness with success,
And who have believed
in love.

—E.M. Forster on Gandhi



Harold Voth, M.D.

As Dr. Karl Menninger always said at the end of our annual meetings, "Next year in Jerusalem, Dr. Voth." Kind regards to all our dedicated colleagues in NARTH.

Sincerely,

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