

ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS FROM THE WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM

The Last Known Image of Paul Meyer Wood, M.D.



A founder of what are known today as the Academy of Anesthesiology, the American Board of Anesthesiology, the journal *ANESTHESIOLOGY*, and the (New York) PostGraduate Assembly in Anesthesiology, Dr. Wood received the inaugural Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) in 1945. This image (*above*) may be the last known photograph taken of Paul Meyer Wood, M.D., prior to his sudden death in New York on May 28, 1963. Dr. Wood had been busy planning a third trip to the ASA's new home in Park Ridge, Illinois, in order to finish unpacking and organizing his namesake library-museum. In November of 1963, just 50 years ago this month, the ASA gave its longest-serving Secretary a memorial salute with the formal opening of the Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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