

## Dr. Ronald J. Taddeo, M.D.

### Science



Dr. Ronald Taddeo's commitment to excellence began at Collinwood High School. While a senior at Collinwood, he managed the "Y" Camera Shop and worked as a high school sports reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. After graduating in '1952, he enrolled at Case Western Reserve University where he received his degree in biology in 1958. He went on to medical school at the University of Pittsburgh where he obtained his MD. in 1962. His internship and general surgery residencies were at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland from 1962 to 1967. It was at this time that he decided to specialize in plastic surgery, so he went to Norfolk General Hospital for his residency in plastic surgery from 1967 to 1969. He became a staff member at Lake County West Hospital and remained there for the rest of his career.

A multi-talented man, Dr. Taddeo maintained his interest in photography and journalism while pursuing his career in medicine.

Developing his talent for photo-journalism, he became a regular contributor to the "La Gazzetta Italiana", an Italian-American newspaper. He belongs to fifteen professional societies and has served them in many different capacities.

He is a true history buff and his membership in 12 historical societies proves that. Some of those societies include the Ohio, Western Reserve, Willoughby Hill, Cleveland Restoration, and his favorite, the Little Red School House Society in Willoughby. He did the photography on the post cards that feature the schoolhouse. His membership in historical societies extends all the way to Siena, Italy.

An active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Willoughby, Ron served as president of the church council from 1978-1980. He has received numerous honors and awards during his lifetime, Among those honors are Lake Hospital's Physician of the Year, Americans of Italian Heritage Person of the Year, and the Willoughby Area Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Citizen Award.

On November 16, 1963 he married Sandra Haffath, R.N., and they have three children: Ronald Michael Taddeo M.D., an internist living in Mansfield; Gina Lynn Aliberti who is in radio and television, and Christy Anne Taddeo who is in cinematography in Chicago.

Although retired, Ronald and Sandy want to return to Italy to renew and create friendships and to sample the food and wine.