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DALLAS--Dr. Charles Francis Gregory, 56, chairman of orthopedic surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School since 1956 and a widely recognized authority on orthopedics, died Wednesday night at his home, 5700 Stonegate, Dallas.

Dr. Gregory had held the William B. Carrell Scottish Rite Professorship in orthopedic surgery at Southwestern since the professorship was established in 1965. He had been a professor of orthopedic surgery since 1960.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Saturday. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sparkman-Hillcrest, Northwest Highway.

Dr. Gregory is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Charles II, of San Antonio and Michael of Irving; two grandsons, and two sisters, Miss Margaret E. Gregory of Dallas and Mrs. Floris Neenan of South Bend, Ind.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Charles F. Gregory Memorial Orthopedics Lectureship Fund at UT Southwestern Medical School.

A native of Battle Creek, Mich., Dr. Gregory received his M.D. degree from Indiana School of Medicine, Indianapolis, in 1944. He was instructor in orthopedic surgery at Indiana from 1951 to 1956, when he joined Southwestern as associate professor and chairman of orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Gregory was president of the American Orthopedic Association in 1972-73, and president of the Texas Orthopedic Association in 1971-72. He also was president of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery in 1969-71, and in 1975 served as president of the national Association of Orthopedic Chairmen.

He was a national consultant in orthopedics to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Air Force and was civilian consultant to Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio.

Dr. Gregory was chief of orthopedic surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital, the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital and Children's Medical Center of Dallas. He was on the consulting staffs of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, and St. Paul's, Baylor, Presbyterian and Gaston Episcopal hospitals.

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In November, 1963, Dr. Gregory was among the physicians and surgeons attending Texas Gov. John Connally, who was wounded during the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Dr. Gregory repaired tendons in Gov. Connally's hand which were damaged by the bullet which struck him.

Dr. Gregory was an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University's Institute of Technology.

A widely sought-after lecturer, Dr. Gregory had conducted more than 40 guest professorships and lectureships in major medical centers throughout the United States and abroad. In 1974, he was inaugural lecturer for the British Orthopedic Association's Guest Lectureship.

And in 1975, he was the Australian Orthopedic Association visiting professor and lecturer in Sydney, Australia.

In Dallas, he was active in civic affairs, serving on the Board of Trustees of the University of Dallas from 1960-66. At the time of his death, he was a member of the university's Member Advisory Committee. He had served on the boards of the Dallas Cerebral Palsy Foundation and the Dallas County Medical Society.

Dr. Gregory twice served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, in 1945-46 and again in Korea in 1952-54.

Honors he has received include the Kappa Delta Award for research in Orthopedic Surgery. He had published numerous scientific papers in his specialized field.