

# InBae Yoon

(July 15, 1936-  
December 30, 2014)

**Obstetrics and  
Gynecology  
Physician**

**Korean American**

**Place of Birth:**

South Korea

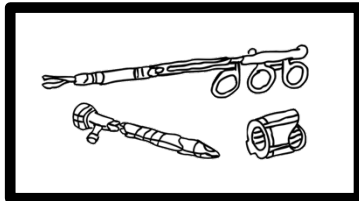
**Place of Death:**

Ellicott City, Maryland

**Inventions:**

Surgical Staples;

Yoon Ring



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InBae came from an academic family. He and his sister grew up in Korea as orphans in their divided homeland. In his childhood, InBae pretended he could fly and enjoyed building gadgets, once building a toy airplane from recycled materials. In 1963, he immigrated with his wife and settled in Baltimore, Maryland. He began by inventing surgical staples, which increased safety and decreased the time spent on surgical procedures. His first patent was the Yoon Ring used for birth control. InBae held 226 USA patents and 22 international patents, ranging from biomedical devices to laparoscopic equipment and tools.