

Senator Robert C. Lake Jr.
Patient Testimonial
Storm Eye Institute

Blind in one eye since the age of seven, retired South Carolina State Senator Robert Campbell Lake Jr. has always valued the gift of sight. When he developed cataracts in his left eye in 2004, not only was his vision slowly deteriorating, but so was his quality of life. Common activities, such as driving, became worrisome and depth perception was quickly becoming a problem.

Senator Lake, nearing 70-years-old, knew he needed expert help to save the little sight that remained and to regain the freedom he was used to. Recognizing the importance of choosing the right cataract surgeon, he consulted friends in the medical profession for advice on where to turn for top-notch eye care. The indisputable answer? “Dr. Kerry Solomon and the Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina.”

“After careful research and looking all over the world for the best in the field of cataract surgery, I decided to meet the man behind the reputation,” said Senator Lake. “It was reassuring to know that I didn’t have to travel across the country for expert care. The best the medical profession has to offer is right here in Charleston, South Carolina so I picked up the phone and made an appointment with Dr. Solomon at the Storm Eye Institute.”

As with every new patient, Dr. Solomon first met with Senator Lake and his family to assess his vision and discuss treatment options which, in the Senator’s case, included cataract surgery. “It was amazing,” states Senator Lake. “The procedure was quick, painless, didn’t even require anesthesia or stitches and I went home that same day. After just one week, I had 20/20 vision in my left eye,” he said. “My quality of life has improved so much. I’m even driving again.”

Senator Lake knew he needed the most expert care available to treat his cataracts. And he has no doubt that he received just that from the team of caring, skilled professionals at Storm Eye Institute. “I can’t say enough wonderful things about Dr. Solomon and his staff and the experience that I’ve had,” he said. “I needed the best surgeon and eye care team in the world and that’s exactly what I got.”