



Dr. William Richardson

March 4, 1924 - February 3, 2016

Dr. William Woodrow Richardson, 91, born March 4, 1924 in Fountain, Florida, passed away peacefully in his home on February 3, 2016. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, February 6, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville with Rev. Sean Rezek officiating, James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family will receive friends at the First United Methodist Church, Friday, February 5, 2016, from 5 - 7 p.m. The Family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Richardson Foundation 1154 10th Avenue Graceville, FL 32440 or to Emerald Coast Hospice 1330 South Blvd. Chipley, FL 32428. William was the fourth and last child born to Grady and Nellie Jones Richardson and was raised in Millville, Florida, moving to Graceville in 1954. He attended Millville Elementary, Bay High School - Class of 1942, University of Florida, Stanford University and received his Medical Degree from Tulane University. He also served in the Army Air Corps as a Navigational instructor. He opened Richardson Hospital in Graceville on February 6, 1955 and delivered his first baby on February 9, 1955. In 1964, to help meet the needs of a growing community, he spearheaded the opening of Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. Dr. Richardson continued to serve the community through many local organizations before and after his retirement. He was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Graceville. Preceded in death by his loving wife and high school sweetheart, Loretta; parents Grady and Nellie; brother Renfroe and sisters Inez and Gladys. Survivors include his children, William G. "Bill"

Richardson (Lois), Wayne J. Richardson (Dawn), Woodrow D. "Woody" Richardson (Lynne), Cheri Richardson Coates (Howard); eleven grandchildren, Brad Richardson (Chesley); Cara McBroom (Brent); Jacob Richardson (Anne); Danielle McFadden (Steve); Davis, Wheeler, McKay Richardson; Colby Coates (Nicole); Kelsey Coates; Colton Coates; Cameron Coates; ten great grandchildren and special family friend Emma Daniels.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Your family is in our hearts and prayers. Diane and Dennis*

Diane Whitaker - February 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Cheri, you all are in my prayers. Doc is now with Miss Loretta and Big Daddy and Granny! You know how thankful we are for your family and the love we have shared for at least my 55 years! The memories are abundant, precious and a wonderful part of all of our lives! Tomorrow will be a celebration of a wonderful man that touched and cared for so many lives, not just as a physician but also as freind and neighbor! Cherishing all the great memories of the fun and laughing at going for all the "bad" stuff at the "doctor's office!, he and Miss Pauline laughed and I cried! I'm always thankful that you are a part of my life!*

Sherry Register Heywood - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sincere sympathy to the entire family.*

Connie Lassiter McCrary - February 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I met Dr. Richardson 50 years ago when I went to work at Campbellton-Graceville Hospital which had been open about one year. I got hooked on the field of Medicine and have spent those 50 years in 3 different hospitals, and learned a lot from the physicians on board. I remember seeing Dr. Richardson and Dr. Sanders walking the halls together, discussing their patients and their problems. There are many stories to tell about those two. When Dr. Richardson came to DMH in Bonifay for his first ever visit, I had to find him. He remembered me after all those years. When he smiled and I heard his voice, I remembered him well. A fine old gentleman is no longer with us, but fond memories will last a long time. Rest In Peace, Old Friend!!

Delores Barnosky - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Wayne, I am so very, very, sorry that your Dad has passed. It does not matter how old we are when we "lose" our parents, we still have a feeling of heart wrenching pain. Your father was such a phenomenal role model for so many citizens of Graceville and the surrounding area. He passed on quite a legacy to you and your siblings and that is a gift that is priceless. Today you hurt but in the weeks and months to come you will smile and laugh inside at all of the wonderful displays of love and charity that your Dad gave to all. I am with you in thoughts and prayers. Jacque Stokes-Taylor

Jacque Stokes-Taylor - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What a man and what a life! I only met him one time but it was quite evident right away that he had led a life of touching a multitude of people - centered through family primarily. I am privileged to have known him. There is no doubt that he is currently reacquainting himself with thousands of lives he has touched over the years! He leaves quite a legacy to follow.*

Stephen and Susan Farmer - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM