



Dr. Donald "Doc" LeRoy Graves

January 3, 1921 - March 4, 2016

Memorial services for Donald "Doc" Graves, MD, age 95, of Enid will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Wakita, Oklahoma with the Rev. Charles Graves and Rev. Lisa Anderson officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

Don was born to Roy Edwin and Prudence Hubbard (Hersey) Graves on January 3, 1921 in Mitchell, South Dakota, and he passed away on Friday March 4, 2016, in Enid.

Don graduated from Egan High School in Mitchell, SD and then attended Asbury College in Wilmore, KY, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in 1942. He attended New York Medical College and graduated in 1945. On September 18, 1944, he married Bonnie Lee Hagen in Vermillion, SD. Don served as a medical officer for the US Navy in World War II. He was a family medical doctor in eastern Kentucky and north-central Oklahoma, was named the Family Medical Doctor of the year in 1983 by the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians, was a charter fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. Don was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, the Lions Club, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, and countless other volunteer organizations. In addition to his years of medical and volunteer service to under-served rural communities, he was once the Mayor of his beloved town Wakita.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters and their husbands, Helen and Wayne Clymer, and Prudence and Lowell Oberg; and his sister-in-law Eloyce Graves.

Donald is survived by his wife Bonnie; 5 children, Steven Graves and Sue of West Chester, PA; Dr. Donella Young and Bill of Spokane, WA; the Rev. Charles Graves and Karen of Woodward, OK; Connie Wolcott of Lubbock, TX; Paula Unruh and Doug of Newton, Kansas; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his brother Rev. Merrill Graves and Patty of South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Wakita Community Health Center or the Wakita United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church- Wakita
202 South Maple
Wakita, OK 73771

Tribute Wall

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“ Want to say how sorry I am for your loss. I am thinking and praying for all of Dr. Graves' family.

*Tonya Huntley
HCOL*

Tonya Huntley - March 17, 2016 at 05:22 PM

PL

“ Dr. Grave was a wonderful compassionate man. He delivered both my oldest children at Frenchburg hospital. Often thought of him and where he had moved to. May God be with the family. His work on earth is done.



phyllis little - March 13, 2016 at 12:46 PM

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“ Dr. Donald and Bonnie Graves served the county of Menifee, in Eastern Kentucky with love and dedication beyond the call of duty. Doc saved my Mother's life following the birth of my sister by spending the night at the hospital. He was concerned that something might go wrong, he was right, but he was also present. The Graves and Lockwoods were linked in ways that time and distance will never erase. Doc loved homemade ice cream but he wanted saltine crackers with it. Don't laugh until you try it, I still eat crackers with ice cream.

I was privileged to work on their farm, baby sit their children as they came along and do electrical work while in college. They were a warm, loving and generous family.

Had it not been for Don Graves, I would probably not have attended college. Following my 10th grade during which I was told that I wasn't too smart, Doc. challenged me to improve my grades. In short, that brief conversation culminated in my earning a doctorate in counseling from the College of William and Mary. The dissertation was dedicated to Dr. Donald L. Graves. I owe him more than I could ever repay, but I have spent my life both in ministry and as a therapist attempting to "pay it forward".

Doc and my father moved from this earth to Heaven's reward one day apart. Two great friends have closed the gap of earthly miles. They both loved their Savior, what a reunion that must be!

Thank you Bonnie and Family for sharing your lives with the people of Eastern Kentucky.

Our love and prayers are with you all.

Rev. Dr. William A. Lockwood

william lockwood - March 12, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald "Doc" LeRoy Graves.



March 11, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald "Doc" LeRoy Graves.*



March 11, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald "Doc" LeRoy Graves.*



March 10, 2016 at 11:52 PM

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“ To Bonnie, the children, family and friends of Dr. Graves,

There are many incredible men that contributed greatly to Wakita and Northwest Oklahoma, and Dr. Don Graves was one of them. I can not help but remember that it was Don who accepted an offer from the University of Oklahoma to move to Wakita and work at the Wakita Community Health Center where he devoted the rest of his and Bonnie's life to the health of our local communities.

Thank you, Bonnie, for letting him be away from you and the family for thousands and thousands of hours to care for all of us in the surrounding communities. To have a family like yours and a physician like him right in our home town--"we were very fortunate and greatly blessed". Because of his love for people and medicine, the United States Navy, Wakita Community Health Center, Billings Fairchild Center, and all who were examined, diagnosed, fixed up, stitched up, patched up, picked up and dusted off and sent on their way..."WE ABSOLUTELY WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF GREAT MEDICAL CARE AND MUCH LOVE".

I have to stop and wonder, how many babies did Dr. Graves deliver throughout his career? How many thousands of yearly sports physicals did he give us kids so we could be healthy? He silently gave many hours and much time so we could have "our very own wonderful resident physician" right in our home town. With all the ways he gave and all the lives that he and his family touched, may we pause each day to remember in caring thought and prayer, comfort and peace for the Graves Family. If you would like to put a card in the mail to comfort or share a story, send to:

*Dr. Don/Bonnie Graves/Children
c/o Golden Oaks
5801 N. Oakwood Rd.
Enid, Oklahoma
73703*



Frankie Feist - March 09, 2016 at 10:42 AM

PF

“ Wonderful Christian man to work for and with. I have many years of memories to cherish! What a legacy he leaves in our community of Wakita!

Peggy Feist - March 06, 2016 at 06:59 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your family at the loss of Dr. Graves. What a storied career.* ”

AK, Shirley Armstrong - March 06, 2016 at 08:34 AM