



Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.

January 22, 1933 - March 26, 2022

William Barnett Helton, Jr. passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving wife, daughters, and his devoted pets.

He was born in Charlotte, N.C., on January 22, 1933, to the late William Barnett Helton, Sr. and Jennie Jones Helton. He spent his youth in Morristown, Tennessee and graduated from Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, NC. He attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for his undergraduate studies where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He continued his education at the University of Tennessee Medical College in Memphis where he earned his medical degree in 1956. He did an internship and residency at Greenville General Hospital in Greenville, SC, from 1959-1962 specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force as a staff OBGYN physician at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS for two years. Dr. Helton, his wife and young family moved to Greer, SC, in 1962, where he established his private OBGYN practice on Memorial Drive, across from Allen Bennett Hospital. During his 37 years as a physician, he delivered numerous babies and cared for many families of Greer until his retirement in 1999.

Dr. Helton was a lifelong Presbyterian and was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Greer, SC. Over the years, he served as Deacon, Elder and as a longtime member of the Worship Committee. At his death, he was still serving as President of the Church Corporation. As a testament to his faith and desire to serve, he went on many medical trips to Africa after his

retirement. He was blessed to serve the women and children of Malawi. Dr. Helton was a well-rounded person with many hobbies. Over the years, he was an accomplished tennis player, golfer, nationally ranked competitive pistol shooter, cyclist, photographer, and avid reader. An animal lover, he always had a faithful dog and cat by his side. He was a lifelong learner also and instilled in his four daughters a desire to be independent and to work hard to achieve their goals. His children and grandchildren's accomplishments were a source of joy and pride for him.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Anne Christmas Helton of the home; his daughters, Karen Helton Rhodes (Steven) of Edisto Island, SC, Linda Helton Taylor (Stan) of Pfafftown, NC, Laura Helton Snead (John) of Hodges, SC and Mary Helton Ludlow (Mark) of Greer, SC; grandchildren, William Taylor (Katarina) of St. Petersburg, FL, Kate Snead Stover (Lewis) of Atlanta, GA, Jane Snead of Montgomery, AL, Cameron Rhodes (Phillip) of Charleston, SC, Jackson Taylor of Lexington, NC, Katherine Taylor (Eric) of Winston Salem, NC, Charles Ludlow of Greenville, SC and Christopher Ludlow of Greenville, SC and great-grandchildren, Charles Taylor and Chaynning Taylor.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. In addition to his parents, Dr. Helton was predeceased by his only sister, Jenny Lee Helton Easley.

The family would like to express appreciation to his devoted caregivers. Their loving and compassionate care was felt by his entire family.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church in Greer, SC, conducted by Rev. Will Shelburne. The family will receive friends after the service in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Visitation

MAR 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Greer
100 School Street
Greer, SC 29651

Tribute Wall



“ So sad to read of Dr. Helton's passing he was my mom's doctor and delivered my younger brother and then he became my doctor years later and delivered my daughter's. He was a good man



Lisa Sanders - May 03, 2022 at 10:21 PM

MW

“ Aunt Anne as “Nancy Easley “called you. Told me about uncle Bill's passing. I have eaten many of your apple pies and enjoy them. That was the first connection I had with your family. Jenny Lee and I raised our children together. My prayers and love are with you and your family during this difficult time. Midge Williams.

Midge Williams - April 20, 2022 at 08:53 AM

RE

“ I first met Dr Helton when I was pregnant. In later years I was able to work beside him as a nursing assistant in L&D. He was such a pleasure always kind to staff and patients. He would bring his wife's wonderful apple pies. May God continue to comfort you.

Renee - April 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

MT

“ Anne and family, I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Bill's passing. There are not enough words to celebrate this wonderful man's compassion, caring, love and dedication to his patients, friends, church, and his beautiful family. I was privileged to have him as my doctor and friend. He was the best. Prayers will be continuing for all of you.
Mertie

Mertie Taylor - April 03, 2022 at 12:53 AM

LA

“ Sweet , lovable, comical Dr. Helton. I have a special place in my heart for him. How many children did he deliver?! I wanted Dr. Helton to deliver my son James but we were stationed on Georgia and could not. I have so many stories! I had one doctor that had trained with Dr. Helton in the Air Force.
Condolences to all the family. He will be missed.
Laura K Aiken

Laura K. Aiken - March 30, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LA

“ Laura K. Aiken lit a candle in memory of Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.



Laura K. Aiken - March 30, 2022 at 08:40 PM

KB

“ With deepest sympathies to all of Dr. Helton's family. My favorite Halloween event was "trick or treating" at your house one evening. We as kids stood there speechless as we said "trick or treat" and he proceeded to say, "ok, trick me....." We didn't know what to do.

He got a good belly laugh at that. That has been over 50 years ago and I still remember it.

I knew him from stories that my mom, Maxine Howell, would tell as an RN working for the only Pediatrician at the time, Dr. Smith. And through Laura when we were in Middle School. He was a good man.

May you feel God's Loving Arms wrapped around each of you during the difficult days ahead. Praying for comfort.

Kim Howell Box



Kim Box - March 30, 2022 at 05:25 PM

BC

“ Becky Clayton lit a candle in memory of Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.



Becky Clayton - March 30, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr..



March 29, 2022 at 11:25 AM

Vicki McGee

“ Vicki McGee lit a candle in memory of Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.



Vicki McGee - March 29, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MR

“ I came to know Bill when I came to be his caregiver, very sweet man we talked about the Bible and all about all the babies he delivered. I'm going to miss you Dr.Bill now it's time to take your rest you have special place in my heart💜. Love you

Minister Deborah Rush - March 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

LS

“ Prayers to the family, I will always have fond memories of Dr. Helton. He was there for the first most special time in my life when he delivered my first born (daughter). He was a very nice and kind hearted man. RIP

Lesa Seibel - March 29, 2022 at 09:21 AM

DK

“ I am so sorry to see this. Dr Helton was a good man and was really good to me when I was pregnant with my daughter. Praying for peace for his family and friends.



Darlene Key - March 29, 2022 at 08:12 AM

DK

“ *Darlene Key lit a candle in memory of Dr.
William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.*



Darlene Key - March 29, 2022 at 08:08 AM

AK

“ Anne, Mary, Laura and all the members of The Helton Family, I am sad to hear about Dr. Helton. I have so many fond memories of being treated like part of your family and welcomed into your home on so many occasions. I can see us load up in the RV and off we would go even if for a short time we always made the most of the time we had fellowship together. I always loved being with you Mary because you were always just the right size with the biggest heart just like your mom and dad. I cannot think of another local couple that was dedicated to the Lord, their church community, the locals, they made an everlasting impact on Greer and made it a better place to call home. You don't see families from this era with the characteristics, ethics, loyalty, compassion, dedication for one another and others. They demonstrated and installed character, respect, dignity and integrity and showed compassion and kindness to others. Dr. Helton delivered my 33 year old son, my uncle has maintained their landscaping and yard work for decades, and I've eaten and supported Anne's homemade apple pies and Big Thursday to have fellowship with them as long as everyone was able to attend. I'm saddened for your loss but I'm grateful for having the privilege of having a personal experience and relationship with The Helton Family. May you feel Gods grace, mercy, compassion and love during this difficult time. Dr.Helton will live on through you and the memories , hold on to those precious moments and celebrate his life and his legacy. He was a good man.
Respectfully,
Angie Ashmore Kruse



Angie Ashmore Kruse - March 28, 2022 at 10:24 PM

AK

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. He was a wonderful man and I will be praying for you all.
Allison Kellum

Allison Kellum - March 28, 2022 at 07:23 PM

JH

“ I worked with your father for many years in the OR of Allen Bennett as a new graduate from surgical Technician school. I treasure the knowledge he gave me. He was a outstanding Gentleman. Prayer for your family as you grieve your loss

Judy Hammett - March 28, 2022 at 06:17 PM

BH

“ So sorry to read about Bill's death. Our family met you at First Presbyterian Church when you moved to Greer. We moved to Charlotte in July 1964, but I do remember the Helton family. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you.

Brant Hart - March 28, 2022 at 03:14 PM

 Judy Friddle

“ Judy Friddle lit a candle in memory of Dr. William "Bill" B. Helton Jr.



Judy Friddle - March 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM