



Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson

February 17, 1935 - September 27, 2019

Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson, 84, passed away September 27, 2019.

A native of Sumter, SC, a son of the late John Perrin and Gladys Eadon Lawson; he was of the medical profession and a member of Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church. He held a commission as Lt. Colonel (LTC) in the SC Army National Guard, where he was responsible for the sustainment training of all Medics in the State of South Carolina.

He was a graduate of the Class of 1957 at Wofford College, belonged to the Blue Key Honor Fraternity and was a past President of Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He graduated in 1960 from the Medical University of South Carolina, with the following achievements: Internship at MUSC; was awarded a Wyeth Pediatric Residency Fellowship and did his residency in Pediatrics at Talmadge Memorial Hospital, Augusta, GA and at MUSC, Charleston, SC.

He had a long and distinguished career which include; private practice of Pediatrics in Wilson, NC; private practice of Pediatrics; Greenville, SC at the Children's Medical Center, PA, and served as past Chairman of Department of Residents at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

After 22 years of private practice, he accepted the position of Associate Medical Director of the Greenville County Health Department and later, accepted the position of Director of Professional Health Services, Appalachian Region, SC Department of Corrections. He was also involved in teaching the Pediatric Residents of Greenville Memorial Hospital; served on the State

Board of the Children's Rehabilitation Services; was active in The SC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Greenville County Medical Society; was a Delegate of the SC Medical Association; and served on the SC Medical Association Sports Medicine Committee. Additionally, he worked for the Department of Juvenile Justice, Greenwood Center; was active in the practice of Pediatrics through the Pediatric Night Clinic in Spartanburg, and worked doing emergency admissions at the Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Hospital in Anderson.

In 1998 he accepted the medical position as Physician at the Department of Mental Health (Piedmont Mental Health Center) until his retirement in 2007. He subsequently worked with Gregory S. Smith & Assoc., Counselors in Taylors, SC.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Caroline Burrows Lawson; his children: Jeanne Lawson Williams (Joseph C.); John Rutledge Lawson (Pamela) and their children, Elizabeth Blake Lawson Sorrel (Mac), John Rutledge Lawson, Jr. and Ashley Caroline Lawson Long (Zach); Geoffrey Alexander Lawson; and his daughter, Jeanne Alexandra Lawson; and Mary Eadon Lawson Robinson and her children, Alexis Eadon Robinson and Ashby Guerra Robinson.

He was predeceased by a brother, John Perrin Lawson, Jr. and a sister, Jeanne Lawson Burrows.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m., October 5, 2019 at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Curtis Dubose.

The family will receive friends following the service at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church.

The family requests that memorials be made to Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, 207 Mitchell Road, Greenville, SC 29615 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church
207 Mitchell Road
Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.* ”



October 04, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.* ”



October 04, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.* ”



October 02, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.* ”



October 02, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this sorrowful time -
with deepest sympathy

Tina Fox



Tina - September 30, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.



September 30, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.



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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Dr. J. Rutledge Lawson.



September 30, 2019 at 12:35 PM



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September 30, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *Dr. Lawson was like a second dad to me. I adored this man and his wisdom and definitely his wit. It is truly a honor to have known him and he will be missed greatly. Sending hugs and prayers to Mrs. Lawson, Alec , ME and the entire family. I love you all and am here if you need anything*

*Sincerely
Kerry Hayes*

Kerry Hayes - September 30, 2019 at 10:03 AM

KN

“ *What a great man! Dr Lawson watched me grow up from when I was at his waist in height to a clumsy adolescent who couldn't manage his 6'1" frame. A family heirloom plate hung above the kitchen sink which I knocked down with my forehead and glued back together more times than I'd like to count. I took out his driveway fence learning to drive under the influence twice, I think??*

He loved to retell the stories. Head always rocking back and forth in the no ... no ... while he'd give that little chuckle that was his signature.

Always soft spoken, it was always a pleasure if you found yourself alone with him and he would share a bit of world and real life history.

Dr. Lawson touched so many in such positive ways that we should all be Wofford fans.

I am sad to hear of his passing.

known - September 29, 2019 at 11:56 PM

AL

Thank you Scange.

Alex Lawson - September 30, 2019 at 08:40 AM

JB

Condolences to all of The Family, so many wonderful memories to hold onto . Prayers, Love and thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time . Kemp and Janice Bass

janice & Kemp Bass - September 30, 2019 at 06:41 PM

SC

So much more I could share, but didn't want to ramble. Hunting down in Lauren's at 5am and being given a gun but told not to get up and move around or someone might mistake me for a Turkey. Rut was the Master of marination, why put it on the grill? My first taste of tartar.

Being careful not to swallow buck shot when invited to share a meal after dove hunting.

Hope you are OK with me being at the service Saturday.

How is Caroline dealing with her loss?

Scange - September 30, 2019 at 09:54 PM

JB

“ *One of the best pediatrician's ever! I have my Son today, because of him!*

May you RIP, Dr. Lawson 🙏

Jeanette Brigman

Jeanette Brigman - September 29, 2019 at 02:08 PM