



William E. Alverson

October 26, 1934 - July 20, 2007

Dateline: Greer

William E. Alverson, M.D., of 111 Ascot Drive, died July 20, 2007, at age 72. A lifelong resident of Greer, he was the son of Dr. R.C. and Mrs. Ida Lee Alverson. After completing Greer High School (a member of the class of 1952, the last class to graduate in the old Davenport High School building), he completed his undergraduate studies with an A.B. from Emory University in 1956. He attended the Medical University of S.C. in Charleston, graduating with his M.D. degree in 1960. After completing a rotating internship at Spartanburg General Hospital, he entered the general practice of medicine with "Dr. R.C.", and was on the staff of Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital. They practiced together until Dr. R.C.'s retirement. Dr. Bill closed his general practice in 1999, as did his colleague, Dr. Douglas Owens; they shared a coverage agreement for over 25 years, serving a number of local industries as plant physicians, and as team physicians for Greer High. At the time of his complete retirement October 1, 2005, Dr. Bill had served as the full-time Medical Director and Attending Physician for the Roger Huntington Nursing Center in Greer. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Directors Association. He was active in Scouting and YMCA camping in his youth, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and teaching aquatics at a number of summer camp sessions. He was a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Greer. While a member of the Kiwanis, he held various offices in the local club, and was chosen Lt.

Governor of the then 9th Division of the Carolinas for 1968. He spent a number of years in the SCARNG, attaining the rank of Major in the Medical Corps. His passion and hobby for most of his lifetime was model railroading and trains; he was a member of the National Model Railroad Association and was recently the "Superintendent" of the Palmetto Division of the Southeastern Region of the NMRA. He was a member of "The Upper SC Operators Group", an informal "club" of friends with similar interests in model railroading.

Dr. Bill is survived by Ann, his wife of 46 years; a daughter, Bonne' Lethco and her husband, Keith; two grandchildren, AnnaLee, and Melissa Lethco of Greenwood, SC; and a son, Leslie, of the home.

Dr. Bill was predeceased by a cousin, Virginia "Ginny" Lindsay, who was raised in the Alverson home whom he described by more as "the sister I never had."

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church of Greer, conducted by Rev. Wayne Cole, Rev. James Crocker and Rev. J.N. McFadden.

Burial will follow in Mountain View cemetery.

Active pallbearers are Marshall "Pot" Lindsay, Mike Lindsay, Jack Varadi, Bert Garrison, Paul Brown and Chris Lindsay.

Honorary escort will be Paula Brown and family, Wilma Cagle, Evelyn Owens, John Holland, Staff and former Staff of Roger Hunting Nursing Center, the members of the Upper SC Operators Group, and the Doctors Joe Wentzsky, Travis Ellison, Tommy Eison, Van Grubbs, Vic Campbell, Lee Smyre, Jim Key, John Walton, Bill Helton, T.O. Walker, Nell Dobson, B.J. Tucker, Kaye Garrison and Kathy Johnson.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday at Wood Mortuary.

Dr. Bill respectfully requested that flowers be omitted, and such funds as might be used for them be used for memorials to Greer Community Ministries, PO Box 1373, Greer, SC 29652 or First Presbyterian Church of Greer, 100 School Street, Greer, SC 29651.

The family is at the home.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Service

JUL **22.** 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Alverson Family:
Dr. Bill will be truly missed by his patients and many friends. He was a fine man and our doctor for several years. Clyde was in the guards with him back in the early '60's. May God's love and grace grant you strength as you face each day. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.
Love in Christ
Clyde & Linda##imported-begin##Clyde & Linda C.
Roberts##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 10:37 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Dr. Bill's passing. He really made an impact on the community and his accomplishments will not be forgotten. We are praying for the family.##imported-begin##Linda Edmond##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 08:02 PM



“ We will miss Dr. Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Gloria & Craython McDonald##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 08:01 PM



“ We will really miss Dr. Bill. You all worked very hard to care for him just as he cared for countless during his career. We will remember him forever and always think of him each time Hunter plays with trains. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Jeff, Julie, Hunter & Scooby Cowart##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 07:56 PM



“ The Alverson doctors were so very special to my family for many, many years. A true Greer institution and a blessing to so very many. The son like the father was a true physician. My deepest sympathy.

William N. Smith, Jr. Indianapolis

Son of Bill and Hazel Smith, McDade Ave. Greer##imported-begin##William N Smith, Jr.##imported-end##

July 25, 2007 at 08:53 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Bill. I did not have the opportunity to know him for very long but I know he was well respected by the Greer community. I will miss him at our model railroad meetings. He always contributed so much.##imported-begin##Jerry Jones##imported-end##

July 24, 2007 at 01:06 PM



“ Dr. Bill was our family's doctor for many years and was a very special man. He will be truly missed and was a blessing while he was here on this earth and helped many people. God Bless you Dr. Bill!!!

Loving condolences,
The Crawford Family##imported-begin##Ed, Ann, & Amanda
Crawford##imported-end##

July 23, 2007 at 10:36 AM



“ God be with you as you celebrate Dr. Bill's life, and may he comfort you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Allison Ashmore
Kellum##imported-end##

July 23, 2007 at 10:07 AM



“ I am so sorry about your loss, Jack Varadi introduced him to me a couple of years ago and I so much enjoyed meeting him. I hope time, tears and prayer will heal your sorrows. Remember always to cry out of love and not from any regrets. God bless you all.
Jason##imported-begin##Jason Blair##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 09:49 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Alverson family. I knew Bill and his parents at First Presbyterian Church when I was growing up in the 50s and 60s. I first met Bill in 1957 when my mother was teaching VBS and his mother was in charge of crafts. Bill helped us with some of the crafts. Our family moved to Charlotte in 1964, but we still have fond memories of our friends at First Presbyterian Church in Greer.##imported-begin##Brant Hart##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 04:40 PM



“ You have my condolences on your loss. May your memories all be happy ones.##imported-begin##Jason Bontrager##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 04:04 PM



“ Dr. Bill will be missed. I remember eating breakfast with him in the 'old' hospital back in the surgery lounge, hearing his 'train' stories. He was always around to help us with new babies and old Mothers! What a truly good man he was...He will be missed by all.
Rena McAbee Hamrick RN##imported-begin##Rena McAbee Hamrick RN##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 03:05 PM



“ To the family of Dr. Bill,
I was so sorry to hear of your great loss. Dr Bill was a very special
and caring person and physician.

*I remember in the 1980's at Allen Bennett Hospital ,when I was
working in the old ER, I met him for the first time. I asked him if he
would be my family's Doctor. I saw the kindness that he showed not
only to his patients but to the nurses and other medical personel.*

*I also had the honor to work and make rounds in the late 80's, at
Roger Huntington Center with him and his father Dr. R.C., who was
a very special physician. We will miss Dr. Bill greatly and our
prayers are with you Mrs. Alverson, and your family.##imported-
begin##Jo Styles RN##imported-end##*

July 21, 2007 at 02:26 PM



“ I am an old high school friend of Les Alverson.I would like to
express my condolences on the loss of Dr.Bill.Les and the entire
Alverson family are in my thoughts and I will be praying for one and
all. Mike Williams "Smiley"##imported-begin##Mike
Williams##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 12:06 PM



“ Joyce and I were saddened to read about Dr. Bill's death in the
paper this morning. We remember him fondly from the time we lived
in Greer many years ago. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the
family at this sad time.##imported-begin##Richard & Joyce
Strawhorn##imported-end##

July 21, 2007 at 09:11 AM



“ Our family and I are thinking of you at this difficult time. Bill was such a fine person and contributed so much to this world. We honor him and celebrate his life at this time, and we hope you will be comforted by knowing that so many people have you in their prayers at this time.

*Ann, i hope we will see each other again at the Flat Rock Playhouse. I enjoyed seeing you this summer.
Love and sympathy to all of you.*

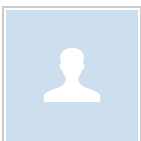
Jean Kirkley(formerly Crouch)###imported-begin##Tom and Jean Kirkley, Lexington, SC###imported-end##

July 20, 2007 at 09:48 PM



“ Dr. Bill was so special to me. I will truly miss him. He was a wonderful man. He will be secure in heaven now and he and Mr. Belue can talk about the beautiful new place. Who needs cottages anyway . He can join with Dad and Mom and save us all a place. Love to you all###imported-begin##Toni And Roger WElls###imported-end##

July 20, 2007 at 07:53 PM



“ Ann, Bonnie and Les,
I am so sorry to learn of Bill's death. You offered great support during his illness and will continue to be in our prayers and thoughts.

Linda###imported-begin##Linda Crouch Lightsey###imported-end##

July 20, 2007 at 05:43 PM