



David McWatters III

September 23, 1950 - June 12, 2015

David M. McWatters, III, beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend to all passed from this life into the next on June 12, 2015 after a short illness.

Born September 23, 1950 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, he was preceded in death by his father, David M. McWatters, Jr.

Dave is survived by his wife and best friend, Patricia Becker McWatters, son, David McWatters IV, daughter, Danielle McWatters, stepchildren, Yoann Becker, Paul Becker, Marie Becker, Beatrice Becker, grandchildren, Quentin Becker and Simon Louis (born on June 12, 2015), mother, Dorothy Bartlett McWatters, brother, Dr. Terry L. McWatters and wife, Cathy, sister, Sherry M. Boyce and husband, Kirk and several nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Morris Harvey College and earned his MBA from West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He retired in 2012 as President and CEO of Highland Hospital Association and subsidiaries after 19 years of service. Prior to that, Dave served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Shawnee Hills, Inc. After retirement, he and Pat made their home in Myrtle Beach, SC always opening their home to family and friends. Many cherished memories were made while sitting on the back deck overlooking Prestwick Country Club and while dining at varied restaurants around Myrtle Beach.

During his life, he actively volunteered his time serving on numerous boards and committees including the WV Hospital Association, WV Health Services, Inc., WV Medical Institute, Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement, WV Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association, Partners in Health Network, First Choice Health Systems, Inc., Alliance for Children, Regency Place Assisted Living Facility, Greystone Landing Assisted Living Facility, AMBUCS, Baptist Temple, Boy Scouts of America and many other governmental and community based organizations. In 2013, Dave was recognized by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin as a "Distinguished West Virginian".

Dave's passion was to improve behavioral healthcare in West Virginia and his leadership laid a solid foundation for many individuals to receive high quality treatment. He understood the stigma attached to mental illness and substance abuse and worked tirelessly to educate the community about these illnesses. His vision was for Highland Hospital to be a leader in the field and that vision became a reality on June 28, 2012 with the ribbon cutting on the new Highland Hospital in Charleston, WV. Expanding his vision into north central West Virginia, Dave took on the task of turning the old United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, WV into Highland-Clarksburg Hospital. Highland-Clarksburg Hospital opened their doors on August 19, 2013 due to the dedication and foresight of Dave McWatters. In his 2011 annual report letter, Dave said, "We will never stop working toward a future of better outcomes for all of our patients. The future is very bright for the patients and families we serve." Matthew 25:21, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Baptist Temple at the corner of Quarrier and Morris Streets, Charleston, WV with the Reverend Dr. Dennis Johnson presiding.

Friends will be received one hour before the service in the parlor of Baptist

Temple.

In lieu of flowers, Patricia requests donations be made in Dave's name to Highland Hospital Foundation, Inc., Attention: Gail Carter, 1418 MacCorkle Avenue SW, Charleston WV 25303.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 is assisting the family.

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