



Dr. Edward L. Proctor

July 3, 1925 - September 5, 2013

Conway...Beloved surgeon, Dr. Edward L. Proctor died on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at Conway Hospital after a long illness.

Dr. Proctor was born on July 3, 1925, in Conway, SC to the late Clemson and Gussie Elnita Vaught Proctor. He was a beloved physician who served Horry County for 37 years. Dr. Proctor graduated from Clemson University and the Medical College of SC (MUSC) in Charleston in 1947. Upon completion of a general internship at Roper Hospital in Charleston, Dr. Ed did a one year residency in Pathology and a 4 year residency in surgery at Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia where he was a Fellow of American College of Surgeons and a member of the Southeastern Surgical Congress. He then returned to his home town of Conway and practiced medicine at Conway Medical Center as a General Surgeon. Dr. Proctor is survived by his cherished wife of 65 years, Mary Roberta (Birdie) Woodard Proctor, RN whom he met and fell in love with while they were both students at the Medical College of SC in Charleston. He is survived by his three children: Dr. Edward L. Proctor, Jr. and his wife Linda of Myrtle Beach, SC, Allene (Sissy) Alston Heaton and her husband Les of Kingsport, TN and Sarah (Sally) Burton Cox and her husband Robert of Marietta, GA. Surviving also are six granddaughters: Ashley Proctor Morrison and her husband Joe of Myrtle Beach, SC, Elizabeth Proctor Darst and her husband David of New York, NY, Lindsay Heaton Jones and her husband Keith of Greenville, SC, Rebecca Heaton Taylor and her husband Aaron of Greenville, SC, Sarah A. Cox of Greenville, SC and Katie

A. Cox of Clemson, SC. He also had the joy of having four great-grandchildren. Dr. Proctor is also survived by one sister, Dorothy Ann Foxworth of Georgetown. He is predeceased by one brother, Dr. Eugene C. Proctor.

Dr. Proctor served his country in the Army during WWII and the Virginia National Guard and then the SC National Guard from 1952-1976 and retired as a Brigadier General. He served his community and state of SC by serving in many civic organizations as a committee member, Chairman and President. Dr. Proctor was an active and dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Conway for 77 years and was an ordained deacon and served as Board Chairman several years. He served as both Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at Conway Hospital during which time he was instrumental in moving its location from downtown to its present location. Dr. Proctor is an emeritus member of the Conway Hospital Foundation and has been active from its inception and served as the Board Chairman. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Conway for over 60 years. Dr. Proctor was also a member of the MUSC Board of Visitors, Conway High School Educational Foundation Board, Conway Chamber of Commerce, Horry County Development Board, Horry District (PeeDee District Council) Boy Scouts, Coastal Carolina Educational Foundation, SC State Development Board, C&S National Bank Advisory Board, and Clemson University National Alumni Council.

Dr. Ed received many awards and decorations for his tireless work in these areas including Conway High School Outstanding Alumnus, Clemson University Distinguished Service Award, Coastal Carolina Founders Medallion, Field and Herald Man of the Year, Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, Horry County Tiger of the Year, Conway Chamber of Commerce Lavern Creel Lifetime Achievement Award, Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow, and the American Legion Distinguished Service Award. In his spare time, Dr. Ed was an avid reader and enjoyed fishing, boating, golfing and traveling. He loved to cheer on his Clemson Tigers and spend time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

During his illness, he was blessed to have a wonderful caregiver, BJ Liuzza for six years and in addition more recently Elizabeth Jordan and Catherine Davis.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Conway with Dr. Robert Guffey, Rev. Murray Gibbons and Rev. Rocky Taylor officiating. Burial will be private at Lakeside Cemetery.

The family will receive friends after the service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Conway Hospital Foundation, PO Box 829, Conway, SC 29528 or to First Baptist Church, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Tribute Wall

AW

“ *What a Physician and person he was! He was loved and admired by those of us who worked along side of him from the beginning of our nursing careers at Conway Hospital/Medical Center. He had a wonderful bedside manner, he cared about the staff and his patients and he was a man of integrity respected by the staff and patients alike. He was definitely one of a kind and we loved him dearly. May God bless and keep you in your time of loss as you learn to treasure the wonderful memories you made together. I will always treasure the school days at Conway High with Lee and Linda, which were followed by some great learning experiences along side of Dr. Proctor as a nurse and friend. The Chalmer Stalvey family will always be indebted to him for his surgical care over the years.*

Annette Stalvey Walthes

Annette Stalvey Walthes - October 05, 2013 at 03:20 PM

JB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."*

J. Bell - September 17, 2013 at 07:40 AM

RB

“ I had the great privilege of working with Dr. Proctor at CMC . He was a great physician , with compassion for his patients. Thank you to the Proctor family for sharing him with us. God truly blessed this county to have been taken care of by Dr. Proctor . God Bless each of you.

Rhonda Sanders- Butler - September 07, 2013 at 04:37 PM

LE

“ This town and county was blessed by this great man and servant for his community. I first met him when I was a server at the Meeting House in Conway many years ago. I feel in love with him and his family. I am honored to have been in his presence. My heart felt love and prayers go out to you for the great loss that you feel. My family were all patients of his and can never repay his loving care and attention he gave us. I know if they could be there for you they would, so I am speaking for them today. On behalf of my family we love you and pray for all of you, Lewis and Jeanne Edwards, Lois Harrelson, and Andy Causey.

Lewis, Jeanne Causey, Edwards - September 07, 2013 at 11:29 AM

RT

“ My sincerest sympathy to Birdie and your family as you grieve the death of Ed's body. He was a wonderful doctor, a faithful Baptist Christian, a strong community influence, and I consider his friendship to be a cherished relationship. May God comfort you with lasting memories of a life well lived.
Regi Thackston

Reginald Thackston - September 07, 2013 at 09:19 AM

TE

“ My sincere condolences to the Proctor family. Dr. Proctor was a wonderful, kind and Christian physician/surgeon. He was loved by so many. He was a legend at Conway Medical Center. May God Bless you during this special time of grieving.

Tessa Edmondson - September 06, 2013 at 02:17 PM

LC

“ Our condolences to Ms. Birdie and the entire family. I have known you all for many years and had great respect for Dr. Proctor. All of us at Kingston Nursing Center and Medstar were honored to have provided care and support and fellowship over the years. Thank you for many laughs and your fine service to the Conway community, Conway Medical Center, and Kingston Nursing Center. Our entire family of caregivers offer their sympathy to your family. May God's peace be with you.

Laura Fowler and Kingston Nursing Center - September 06, 2013 at 12:31 PM

DF

“ My condolences to Birdie and the family of this fine man. It was a pleasure to know Dr. Proctor, and to have been a part of his healthcare team. I will relish his many funny stories, and hold them dear to my heart. My sympathy is shared by our clinical staff and extended to the family for the loss of their cherished loved one.

Dennis Finley and Rehab Staff, CMC.

Dennis Finley - September 06, 2013 at 11:33 AM

PB

“ *As my favorite surgeon, I will only have the best memories of this fine man. May God be with your family and you rest in peace.*

Pearline Brown Mills

Pearline Brown - September 06, 2013 at 11:03 AM

EF

“ *Everette Blanton Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Edward L. Proctor*



Everette Blanton Brown Family - September 06, 2013 at 11:03 AM

PW

“ *Sally,*

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Just remember, in our sadness we find joy because the deeper we grieve, the deeper we have loved.

Paula (Johnson) Wise & Family

Paula Wise - September 06, 2013 at 10:13 AM

SF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. You can find much comfort in the Holy Scriptures which assures us at Psalms 34:18 that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

S Ford - September 06, 2013 at 09:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward L. Proctor.*



September 06, 2013 at 08:29 AM

 Paula Adams

“ *To all of Ed's beloved family,*

Our family is very saddened by the news that Ed has passed. Mama has so many special memories of being in school with Ed and in recent years, getting together with him to plan all the CHS class reunions. He was missed so much at the past two reunions.

We have always been proud to know Ed and celebrate his many accomplishments, and the wonderful family legacy he leaves behind. He was a wonderful southern Christian gentleman who was a role model and mentor for many. We celebrate a life well lived! We will have you all in our prayers now, and in the coming days, as you gather to say goodbye to this wonderful husband, father, grandfather and physician who healed so many people.

May all your cherished memories of him sustain you in the days ahead. Mama, Daddy and I may not be able to attend the services in person, but will be there with you all in heart, spirit and prayer.

Paula Vaught Adams, with Marion and Elsie Vaught

Paula Adams - September 05, 2013 at 08:29 PM