



Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr.

November 3, 1942 - November 7, 2013

Pawleys Island

Dr. W. Whaley Easterlin, Jr., 71 of Pawleys Island died Thursday, November 7, 2013 at his residence.

Born in Walterboro, SC, he was the son of the late Wescoat and Rosalie Easterlin. Dr. Easterlin served in the United States Air Force from 1970 to 1974, earning the Meritorious Service Medal for Outstanding Service. He served the Georgetown community with medical services for 40 years. He was a founding member and acting president of Waccamaw Family Practice which later became the Georgetown Health Group. Dr. Easterlin was appointed by the Governor as the Director of the South Carolina Patient Compensation Fund.

Surviving are his companion of 23 years, Sonja Morris; sons, Scott Easterlin and wife Robin of Spartanburg, SC, Patrick Easterlin and wife Christie of Summerville, SC and Chris Easterlin of Brunswick, GA; three grandchildren; brother Richard Easterlin and sister Patsy Wood.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Dr. Mark Shimer officiating. The family will receive friends after the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Francis Humane Society, 125 North Ridge Road, Georgetown, SC 29440.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

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

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ 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.”

A. Bell - November 16, 2013 at 04:46 PM

SW

“ My heart goes out to the family and friends of this very special man. I have known him for years. My ex husband and Wec use to right songs together and he would come out and listen to him play. Wec use to come over to the house and they would go over the music together for hours. He just loved writing songs. He was such an awesome man and friend t us. I wished I could have been there for the service but I just found out about it today. I live in Fl. now and my mom just called to tell me the news. What a sad day. May God bless you and keep the family safe in his arms and give you strength this very hard time.
Love always
Susie Williams



Ocklawaha Fl.

Susie Williams - November 13, 2013 at 10:47 AM

JL

“ To Scott, Patrick and Chris, though I have never met you, my heart goes out to you over the loss of your Dad, and your Mom. I am one of your Mom's cousins. I remember her as one of the most beautiful women, along with your maternal grandmother, that I had ever known. So grateful to your Dad for supporting Leslie. I know you will miss him. My sons lost their Dad too about the same age as you. He left a wonderful legacy in all of you and for everything he stood and worked for. I went to MUSC the same time as Wecky and Leslie, but never met him. Saying prayers to lift you all up during this time of sadness. You are not alone. Judy Loesch

Judy (Young) Loesch - November 12, 2013 at 12:42 AM

PB

“ To Dr. Easterlin's family: He will be greatly missed by so many. What a wonderful physician and friend. Our prayers are with you.
John & Patricia Burgess - Pawley's Island

Patricia Burgess - November 10, 2013 at 05:26 PM

PN

“ Sonja, I and so sorry for your loss. Weck was a wonderful doctor, friend and person. He will be missed. My prayers go out to you and family.
Pat (xBowen) Norment

Pat Norment - November 10, 2013 at 03:57 PM



“ *Scotty, Chris and Patrick. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Wecky. He was not only mine and Melissa's doctor but he was our friend. I will always remember his quirky sense of humor and his honesty with a diagnosis. Sonya thank you for loving him and making him happy all these years. Sorry I can't be there today but I have a virus and don't want to pass it on. Please know that you will be in my prayers and that your parents were so proud of all of you. He will be missed by a lot of people.*

Patricia yrd.

Patricia Byrd - November 10, 2013 at 12:14 PM

SE

Thank you so much Patricia. My wife Robyn has said I have such a humor that is so dry and witty. Now they know where I got it from. I hope all goes well with you and I know you were with us regardless.

Scotty Easterlin - November 11, 2013 at 02:02 AM

DP

“ *I remember that I was a brand new RN on the second floor when the hospital was called Georgetown County Memorial. That was 37 years ago. Nurses did indeed make rounds with the physicians then. Dr. Easterlin took the time to share his wisdom with nurses who were eager to learn. He loved to have the opportunity to teach and share. He was very patient, cheerful and always had the best interest and genuine concern for his patient's. My condolences and prayers go out to his family. Dede Daniels (Dwyer) Padgett, RN*

Dede Padgett - November 10, 2013 at 05:19 AM

SB

“ *He was a great Dr. and friend to my family he will truly be missed*

sharon brown - November 09, 2013 at 09:06 PM

PZ

“ *Patrick,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your brothers at this time.
I hope you and your family are at peace realizing what a wonderful
contribution your father made to the many people that he helped.
He will be missed.
Pat Zack*

Pat Zack - November 09, 2013 at 08:47 PM

CE

Thank you, Miss Pat. -Patrick and Cristi Easterlin

Cristi Easterlin - November 10, 2013 at 07:52 PM

SE

*Many thanks Pat, today was very hard but I made it through with
getting to meet and speak with all the folks that got to spend time with
my father like yourself.*

Scotty Easterlin - November 11, 2013 at 01:57 AM

GC

*Dr Easterlin was our family doctor until we moved to Texas 26 years
ago, I am so sorry to hear of his passing, Prayers for you all coming
from Dallas Tx.*

Georgia Cox - November 11, 2013 at 11:07 AM

DR

“ *If only all doctors could provide what he did! excellent service with
comfort and the feelings of being relaxed while you talk with him! A
lot of people will miss Dr. Easterlin! i know i will! :(*

DELL REED - November 09, 2013 at 07:22 PM

EM

“ Emily Campbell Mills lit a candle in memory of Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr.



Emily Campbell Mills - November 09, 2013 at 02:58 PM

EM

I want to thank you for taking care on my only sister, Leslie Anne Campbell Easterlin, with whom you fell in love with 47 years ago while the two of you were attending MUSC. I remember so many good times where the three of us would go to dinner and then go shagging. You were light of foot and Leslie was so proud to have you as a dancing partner. You always took care of her, and for that I am eternally grateful. There are many stories that could be told by many, and many fond and funny times we all have shared with you. Thank you Sonja for caring for him these past years, and for bringing him happiness again. I love you Wecky!

Emily Campbell Mills - November 09, 2013 at 03:11 PM



“ My fondest memory of Uncle Wecky was on one of our many family Christmases on Fripp Island, he was filming me making sand castles, and using fallen marsh grass and sea oats as some of the landscape. The practical joker that he was, he informed me of the illegal nature with which moving/breaking sea oats were, and said he now had evidence and I was going to go to jail. I was scared then, and look back on it now with very loving eyes. I'm so sorry Scotty, Chris, and Patrick, I know you're father is in a better place, and both of your parents are smiling down on your accomplishments. I love ya'll.

David Campbell - November 09, 2013 at 01:22 PM

CE

Love that story!

Cristi Easterlin - November 09, 2013 at 01:39 PM

SE

Many thanks rookie, you now what I mean. I remember that story and told it to Boe and Michelle again today 11/10/13

Scotty Easterlin - November 11, 2013 at 01:40 AM

BC

“*Sorry Weck! I knew it was Wescoat, not Wescott like your sister in law, Emily, my sister, and mistype for Sonja, not Sonya! Deepest sympathy for you my Brother, and the boys, and the Morris family. Rest in peace...*”

Boe Campbell - November 09, 2013 at 01:11 PM

Jl

“ Whaley Wescott Easterlin, JR, MD

A Walterboro boy, son of Rose and Wescott Easterlin, brother of Patsy, and Richard. The first time I met Wecky was, in Aiken, S.C., while I was walking home from work, close to dark, and he, along with my sister, Leslie, and unbeknownst to me, were sent to pick me up. Well, you wouldn't believe the fun they had messing with me. I didn't know they were coming to pick me up, and I had never seen this yellow Malibu before, and they scared the living daylight out of me. I really never forgave him/them for it. He later went on to marry my sister, and became my brother in law and the father of 3 great, but struggling sons, like all of us, at different times, in our lives. Before Leslie's death, I promised to look after her boys, and Weck, I know you are watching, and promise the same to you. I'm sorry you had to deal with all of Leslie's illnesses, and the whole Campbell family appreciate the sacrifices you made to continue taking care of her, even though you were in Georgetown, and she was in Beaufort. We are glad you found comfort, love, and support from Sonya. God rest your soul, and say hello to my sister, the wife who predeceased you.

Julius E. Campbell, III - November 09, 2013 at 10:25 AM

SE

Great story Boe, didnt know of this one, until today, and I am sure you have many more. We could speak for days with all I was apart of with you and my father, you two were brothers in all that mattered in any situation.

Scotty Easterlin - November 11, 2013 at 02:14 AM

WU

“ RIP Airman !!!!

Wayne Williams - USMC - November 09, 2013 at 08:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr..*



November 09, 2013 at 06:49 AM



“ *The 1961 Class of Walterboro High School sends its condolences to the family of our classmate and friend. God Speed Wecky.*

bob Dunn - November 09, 2013 at 06:21 AM



I was in the Class of 61, but remember Wecky most from earlier years. We played ball together, and were school friends. he was a very good person and one of my childhood friends I will never forget. A time from the 50's we all miss. My condolences to his family and friends. He was too young.

Tommy Sims - November 11, 2013 at 07:15 AM



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Cristi Easterlin - November 08, 2013 at 11:08 PM

 Kathy Barnes

“ *Dr. Easterlin was one of the few doctors who, when I made rounds with him on Lillian Harrelson's second med-surg floor at the then Georgetown County Memorial Hospital, took the time to educate me, a new RN graduate, about the patient's condition. I was impressed at the genuine concern he demonstrated for his patients, and thankful he cared enough for the budding career of a wide-eyed new graduate to share his wisdom and experience! He was a brilliant man, a loving physician, and, by the way, a wonderful teacher!*

I will miss Dr. Easterlin, as will the people of Georgetown County! Thank you, Doc, for going the extra mile!

To his family, you are in my prayers; I am truly sorry for your loss.

*Kathy Balthis (Dawson) Barnes
Retired RN*

Kathy Barnes - November 08, 2013 at 10:38 PM

MG

“ *MaryLou Gilleland lit a candle in memory of Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr.*



MaryLou Gilleland - November 08, 2013 at 09:47 PM

BP

“ *BPushia lit a candle in memory of Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr.*



BPushia - November 08, 2013 at 07:38 PM

LA

“ Met W. Easterlin when he first moved to Georgetown. He was talented, warm, friendly and funny. He once told me that if we live long enough, we'll probably die from something.

Lost touch with him over the years; but along with everyone else who knew him, I will miss him.

L. Altman

Larry Altman - November 08, 2013 at 06:53 PM

CC

“ My heart is sad for all of you. I grew up with wacky in Walterboro . It was a great time growing up in the good old days. I always knew he would do something great with his life. I can only imagine how many lives he touched in a positive way. God bless all of you. Carolyn Herndon Candler

carolyn herndon candler - November 08, 2013 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ Dr. Easterlin was a wonderful man, a great employer, a compassionate doctor and a good friend. I have so many fond memories of the years I was fortunate enough to know him. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to the boys and their families. My heart hurts for them...

Sheila Strickland - November 08, 2013 at 05:40 PM

SE

Thank you Sheila.

Scotty Easterlin - November 11, 2013 at 01:49 AM

JR

“ *A kind and gentle man, always had time to listen and never afraid to seek outside help if he couldn't find the answer to your problem. He will be missed by me and many others.*

Joe Rabon

joe rabon - November 08, 2013 at 05:39 PM



“ *Mary Richardson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Whaley W. Easterlin Jr.*



Mary Richardson - November 08, 2013 at 11:19 AM

KH

He was a wonderful man; exceptional physician and a good friend. My heart is saddened by the loss of a fine respected member of our community. He touched the lives of everyone in my family. Jamie & Kathy Harrelson

Kathy Harrelson - November 08, 2013 at 02:29 PM

JA

*Dr. Eastering was a caring and devoted physician to his patients and employees ..He always seemed to be happy and full of life..What a great person to have known and share time with..He will truly be missed.as a physician and friend.
Johnny Alexander .*

johnny alexander - November 08, 2013 at 03:19 PM