



Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA

August 12, 1931 - December 22, 2022

Conway...

Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA, was born August 12, 1931 in Barton County, Missouri. He moved to Heaven on Thursday, December 22, 2022. His mother was Nettie E. Redd Endicott and his father was Loren G. Endicott.

There were four children of this union: Eleanor, William, Mary, and Jerry. Dr. Endicott was the first Endicott to obtain a Doctorate degree. This was due to his father's encouragement.

Dr. Endicott was such a special father to Mark, Phillip, Suzanne, William, Mitchell, Tammy, and Ty. He was a beloved grandfather to Kitt, Collin, Zach, Mollie, Maddie, Dalton, Royce, Caleb, and Mason. He was married to Carol Lynn Endicott in 1976. Dr. Endicott was influenced a great deal by a high school teacher at Walnut, Kansas by the name of Loyd Harlan. Loyd helped him enroll in college and assisted in procuring employment at the YMCA as a night clerk while attending undergraduate work in Pittsburg, Kansas. Dr. Endicott attained a B.S. degree at Kansas State Teacher's College in Pittsburg, Kansas in 1952 in pre-med. He enrolled in a medical technology program at General Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He accepted a position in Kansas City Western Dental College in 1953. He obtained his Doctorate

degree in June 1957 and joined the US Air Force. After completing basic training at Montgomery, Alabama he was sent to England to complete two years of military service.

Returning to the US in 1959 he began private practice in Kansas City, Kansas. After two years the practice was sold, and he joined the US Army to obtain further training and a specialty in prosthetics. Before he could accept a position for the training, he had to complete a thirteen-month hardship tour in Korea. When he returned from Korea, he was assigned to Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. After completion he was sent to Heidelberg, Germany to work with other specialists in the Army Hospital. A foreign assignment lasted for three years and then he was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas. Fort Riley was particularly challenging as it was a training center for tank division and reforger which is a readiness operation where troops are trained in the US and transferred to the European area basically in twenty-four hours to be ready for war. Dr. Endicott retired from active service in 1980 as a Full Bird Colonel and started a private practice in Abilene, Kansas.

Dentistry was a love affair for him from the beginning. He loved helping people and the rewards were their smiles and happiness after they saw the results of his efforts. He never refused to see anyone in pain immediately or anyone without money.

He left Abilene, Kansas with his family in 1989 and practiced in Conway, South Carolina. He believed that "when we get older a moderate climate is certainly better for enjoying the wonderful things the world has to offer. The achievements of one's life could be best stated as being successful in a chosen career and having a wonderful family and friends. To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Dr. Endicott was a Christian walking in the Word. And through him his children saw Jesus.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM, Friday, January 6, 2023 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

Please sign an online guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *one of best friends I had in my life,you couldnt get ahead of him.Genny & I & our kids totally loved Bill,Carol & kid, grand kin of the ones we knew,Abilene,ks lost a great family,,Conway,SC gained by them. love always Kenny*

kenny dawson - January 07, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA.*



January 05, 2023 at 07:24 PM

SH

“ *Uncle Bill, I am so saddened to hear about your passing. I know you lived a long and event filled life but losing our loved ones is never easy and my heart is filled with sorrow for your family. I know mom (your sister Eleanor) welcomed you with open arms and she's talking your ears off. I'm sure grandpa and grandma were right there with her. Just know you left quite the legacy behind. Sending lots of love and life.*

sharon - January 01, 2023 at 12:19 PM

MK

“ *Dr. Endicott was such a good dentist! He helped with me with my teeth and also my late husband, Donald King. He was a smart man and J will never forget his "bunny mask!"*

Mona King - December 29, 2022 at 11:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA.*



December 28, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Frankie Royals lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA*



Frankie Royals - December 28, 2022 at 02:48 PM



Carol so sorry to hear about Dr Endicott. He was always so kind and helped my family. He was always had much concern to all his patients. He will surely be missed.

Frances H Royals - December 29, 2022 at 09:41 AM



Dr. Endicott was the best....I am so sad to hear he passed...there will never be another like him....he 2as my dentist for over 20 years...Much love and prayers to his family.....GOD BLESS You DR. ENDICOTT...FLY HIGH

Vicki Euler - December 29, 2022 at 08:18 PM



The "Tooth Doctor" will be missed! Not only was he a great Dentist, he was a better friend. If you spent any time in public with him, you would know what I'm saying! Just a Fantastic person. He is gone but will never be forgotten. You will be missed my friend.....

Bruce & Susan Herman - January 06, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA.*



December 28, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA.*



December 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *Kay Graham lit a candle in memory of Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA*



Kay Graham - December 27, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Ken & Donna Hansen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. William Ray Endicott, Ret. Colonel USA.*



Ken & Donna Hansen - December 27, 2022 at 04:11 PM

KH

“ Dr. Bill Endicott was a kind, considerate, caring and generous friend to all who knew him. He was genuinely fun to be around and to do things with. He has been my mentor in dentistry and in life and I am better for having known and worked with him. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with each member of his family for peace and comfort at this difficult time.
Ken and Donna Hansen

Ken Hansen - December 27, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JK


“ Dr. Endicott was our dentist for over a decade. We loved him dearly. He was such a character. My husband Richard made him a staff with a big tooth on top and the words "2th Doctor" on the side. He will be missed and remembered fondly.
Joyce and Richard Kraus

Joyce Kraus - December 27, 2022 at 09:55 AM

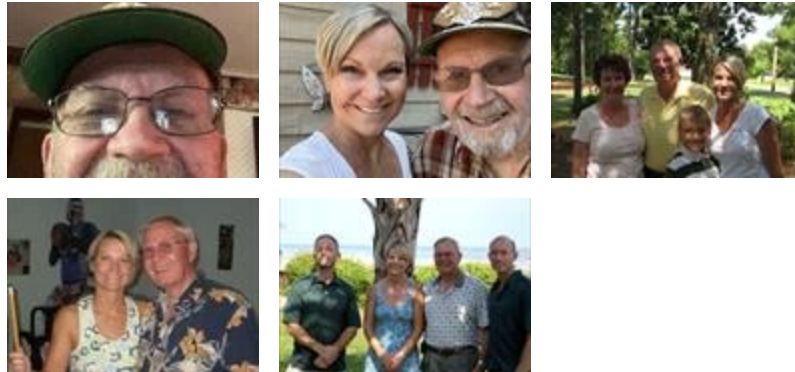
MA

I'm so sorry to hear about that he was one of the greatest dentists there ever was my daughter and I used him for years I surely will miss him may God bless you all he was a fine man

Maria - December 27, 2022 at 03:40 PM


Suzanne
Endicott

“ *Dad, I will miss your love and kindness, your laugh and quick wit, your stubbornness and tenacity. Your jokes and story telling were like no other!*
I know you are in a better place now and watching us from heaven. I love you.
Suzanne



Suzanne Endicott - December 26, 2022 at 08:45 PM

ZH

“ *Dr William Endicott was my adopted Father and my best friend he helped me and I have helped him. I have known him for over 55 years I have oved him and the family he was my children God Father he will be missed and he is loved he is with God now*

Zeake A Hillis - December 26, 2022 at 06:46 PM

JG

“ *We have only known Dr E for a few year but what fun we had when we would all get together. He made us laugh with his saying It's Not My Fault xxx. Dr E you are going to be truly missed and never forgotten*
Love Julie and Wayne

julie Gore - December 26, 2022 at 10:08 AM

BB

“ *Dr. Endicott will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a kind, caring and giving man. Our condolences to his entire family.*

Betty Ann and Brian - December 26, 2022 at 09:48 AM