



Dr. Lucius Pinckney Varn

October 11, 1924 - June 8, 2016

Dr. Lucius Pinckney Varn, went home to be with his Savior, on Wednesday morning, June 8, 2016. He was born in Branchville, S.C., on October 11, 1924. He was the son of Mr. Fletcher Otis and Mrs. Bessie Knight Varn. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Jane Ann Edwards Varn, his brothers, William Creighton Varn, Fletcher Otis Varn Jr., Glenn Lee Varn, and his sister Rose Mary Varn Dukes.

Dr. Varn graduated from Branchville High School in 1941, and attended Clemson A & M College, until he entered the Army. He served in WWII, until April 1st 1946, in various general Army hospitals including Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He returned home after the war and entered Newberry College, graduating in 1949, with a B.S. in Science. Upon graduation, he returned home to serve as principle and head coach of all sports at his alma mater, Branchville High. He then earned a Masters of Public Health at the University of North Carolina, and his Medical Degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He was employed by the US Department of Public Health, serving in Anchorage, Alaska.

He began his family medical practice in North, South Carolina, with Dr. Drayton Nance, and later partnered in Orangeburg, with Dr. W.O. Whetsell, Dr. J.Y. White, Dr. James Brunson, and Dr. Van Beth Shuler. At various intervals during his medical career he served as Medical Director of Public Health of Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, Greenville, and Charleston counties. After he retired from Family Medicine, he served 10 years as a

physician at the J. F. Byrnes Hospital, and his final 5 years with the Department of Mental Health, with patients dealing with Drug and Alcohol Rehab.

He was married to the late Jane Ann Edwards of Mt. Pleasant, SC, for 55 years. They were the parents of Mrs. William T. (Beth) Moore, Mrs. H. Gene (Rose) Smith, Mrs. Robert E. (Janie) Crossland, and Mr. Lucius P. (Allyson) Varn, Jr. Their grandchildren include Thomson, Harrison, and Gracie Moore; Julianna and Hampton Smith; Bobby, Rachel, and Sam Crossland; and Maggie, Trey, and Olivia Varn.

He and his wife Jane were active in supporting various mission organizations throughout the world, regardless of denomination. He was an active member of the Gideons, speaking in many churches throughout the state. He served on various church boards and taught in many churches of which he was a member. In retirement, he and his wife moved to Clemson, SC, where they enjoyed supporting the Clemson Tigers and were also active members at Rock Springs Baptist Church, in Easley, SC.

Dr. Varn was an avid sports fan, having coached and played at several levels. He was one of the founders of the Eastern Carolina semi-pro baseball league which flourished post WWII.

The family would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to the caregivers of Magnolia Memory Care at Longwood Plantation, Senior Solutions, and also Agape Hospice for their compassionate assistance during Dr. Varn's final years. Memorials may be made either to New Tribes Missions, 1000 E 1st Street, Sanford, FL, 32771, or Agape Hospice Foundation, 1624 Main Street, Columbia, SC, 29201.

Visitation will be at Branchville Christian Church at 6907 Freedom Road, Branchville, SC, 29432, at 10am prior to the service at 11am, on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Dr Varn was our doctor when he was in Branchville and after we married in Orangeburg. He helped us care for all three of our newborns until we had a local doctor. He was a great man, husband and father knowing his wife and children. I was unable to attend the funeral today but wanted the family to know what a great loss all of us who knew him feel. My prayers are with all of your family.*

Melody Ethridge - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *It is with a heavy heart I learned this morning of the passing of your dear father. It was an honor to have worked with Dr. Varn at the Summers Avenue office with Drs. Whetsell and White in the early 1970's. He was a man of distinguished humanity and compassion, beloved by his patients, and endeared by his employees, all of whom had the utmost respect for his character and professionalism. His memory is a treasure to all who loved him. My most sincere condolences to each of you. Nancy Culler Rose in Pawleys Island*



Nancy Culler Rose - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Luke was a true gentleman who always enjoyed family gatherings in Lee County, Kentucky at Old Orchard, home of the Hieronymus clan. We will miss his wit and genuine care for his extended family. His faith and devotion to those in need can never be replaced.*
Nancy Hill Farmer and Sally Hobbs Hill

Nancy H. Farmer - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dr. Varn was our family doctor and dear friend for many years. I worked for him at the Orangeburg Health Department for 3 summers during my college years. He was a wonderful person and loved by all!

Ruth Marie and Jimmy Lyons

Ruth Marie Lyons - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I was employed by the Department of Mental Health at Burnes Medical Center for 13 years. During that time I came to know Dr Varn. He was a wonderful caring doctor and person. In 1973 he was my grandmother's doctor at the Methodist Home in Orangeburg. My prayers are with your family. He will be TRUELY missed.

Anne Timmons White
Columbia, SC



Anne White - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My thoughts are with you. May the comfort of Jesus be with The Varn Family--Love Connie & Charles Martin

Connie Martin - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dr Varn served as our Physician for many years when he was in practice in Orangeburg. He was a very Caring and dedicated per. Heaven as gained a good Angel. Rip.

Harry And Catherine Sanders - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ would like to say that dr.varn was one (1) of the greatest men that I know.he was allwas there for a person.



jack l murphy jr. - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ BETH, ROSE, JANIE AND LUKE: YOUR DAD WAS A GREAT DOCTOR, A WONDERFUL HUSBAND, AND AWESOME DAD AND A TRUE GENTLEMAN! IT WAS A PLEASURE TO KNOW BOTH HE AND YOUR MOM. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU IN THE TIME AHEAD. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ALL. JACK NELSON ROSE

JACK NELSON ROSE - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ While we are saddened by Dr. Varn's passing, if ever there was a life to celebrate, his was one. He touched so many people's lives as a true ambassador for Christ as a caring physician, coach, teacher, father and friend. Our family will always remember the connection we had through the practice of medicine, worship and trips to the beach and the mountains. Our hearts go out to Beth, Rose, Janie and Luke and all of the family as we share this celebration of a life well lived....and now ongoing with the Lord.



Nell Kinsey White and J.Y. White, M.D.
Jimmy White
Kim White Snead and family.

James Young White, Jr. - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Dr. Varn was beloved by all.*

*Mary and Craig Musick
Aiken, SC*

Mary Musick - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Beth, Rose, Janie, and Luke: So sorry to hear of your dad's death, but it's heard to be sad when we know he's in heaven with the Lord and with those who have preceded him, especially your mom. We have fond memories of your family and your testimony. You all are in our prayers in this difficult time. But how wonderful the certain knowledge that we will see him again!*

Tom and Jane Owens - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Great man, great physician. I thought the world of Dr. Varn. He was an inspiration to me thru the years. I feel honored to have known him and to have been associated with him both personally and professionally.*

William O'Quinn, MD - June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM