



Charles Roger DeHaven, M.D.

September 24, 1932 - October 17, 2019

Dr. Charles Roger DeHaven went to be with his Lord on Thursday, October 17, 2019, after bravely struggling for years with Alzheimer's disease. He has lived in The Hamptons Memory Care for the past few years and passed away at the age of 87. He was a member of Grace Community Church. Roger came to accept Christ as his savior when he was gravely ill in medical school and fellow students were boundless in their devotion to him as they lead him to Christ.

Roger was born September 24, 1932 in Benton Harbor, Michigan to Martha and Roy DeHaven. He is survived by his wife Lou Anne Scobey DeHaven. He married Lou Anne of Hastings, Michigan on December 27, 1953. They enjoyed a long and happy marriage and were able to stay together throughout the progression of his disease, thanks to the tireless efforts of his wife.

After graduating medical school at the University of Michigan in 1957, Roger was drafted into the Army and served six years first in San Antonio, Texas and then in Fort Riley, Kansas. After leaving Fort Riley, he drove through Tyler and decided this was the town where he would reside. He commented many times during his last years that Tyler was the best place on earth to live.

Roger moved to Tyler in 1964 working in private practice as an Ophthalmologist. Over the course of his career, he did over 23,000 cataract

operations and was the first surgeon in East Texas to design and build a Medicare approved ambulatory surgical center and the 3rd in Texas to accomplish this. Of his many accomplishments, his involvement in the Lighthouse for Christ Eye Centre Mission in Kenya, East Africa was his most treasured. He was blessed to give light to both body and soul during his 15 trips to Africa. He knew that his employees over the years were the key to his success.

Roger enjoyed life and had many interests and hobbies including golf, hunting, ballroom dancing and he was a private pilot. In spite of his busy life, he made time for his five children. He leaves behind Christine Johnson and her husband Faron, Kathleen Smith and her husband Alan, Thomas DeHaven and his wife Margaret, Ann DeHaven and James DeHaven all who still live in Tyler. His family grew over the years to include 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019, in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with visitation following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester, Tyler, TX 75701 or The Lighthouse for Christ, P.O. Box 1858, Paris, TX 75461.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation and reception after service

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ Thomas, my condolences to you and your family. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to know him. I remember him letting you, me, Mark Brookshire and Neil Hadden borrow the family station wagon for our Senior trip. It wasn't in such bad shape when we returned that he gave it to your maid. God Bless.

Keith Sawyer - October 27, 2019 at 01:44 PM

LJ

“ Such a fine Christian man and friend. So sad he and John left their "dancing" shoes! That Alzheimer's got them both but many sweet memories were left behind! LouAnne and family, my prayers and love are with you/ Lynne J.

Lynne Justice - October 26, 2019 at 07:50 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I enjoyed working for Dr. DeHaven , He always took time to explain things to me as a Tech to help me better understand my job. He was a wonderful doctor. I remember he would take mission trips to Africa to help those in need of better eye sight. I highly respected him as a Doctor and as a person. He will truly be missed.

Charlie Boyd

Charlie Boyd - October 26, 2019 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ *Dr. DeHaven was my eye doctor when I was a little girl (over 40 years ago). I never forgot him. He was so gentle, funny, kind, and I totally trusted him with my eyesight. He performed 2 eye surgeries on me and did a superior job. He is the reason that, throughout my life, I will except nothing but the BEST in a doctor.*

Mona Bryner - October 25, 2019 at 12:55 PM

SW

Cool and he is my great grandfather

Shelbi White - July 14, 2021 at 11:29 PM

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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Roger DeHaven, M.D..*



October 23, 2019 at 06:00 PM