



Duane Neil Andrews M.D.

November 6, 1937 - June 1, 2024

Memorial services for Dr. Duane Neil Andrews, 86, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Marvin Methodist Church's Pirtle Hall with Dr. Doug Baker, Rev. Jack Cox and Rev. Randy Hageman officiating. A light luncheon reception will follow at the church.

Dr. Andrews passed away Saturday, June 1 in his home. He was born November 6, 1937, in his grandmother's house in Crosby, Texas to Edgar and Angel Lee Andrews.

Born and reared in Alvin, Texas, the son of schoolteacher parents, he earned the Order of the Arrow as an Explorer Scout, and worked hard growing up, paying income tax since age 13. In high school, he was the recipient of the American Legion Award (awarded to one boy annually), class president, and inducted into the National Honor Society as an eleventh grader, played varsity football, and was voted "best all around".

Duane considered being accepted to Rice Institute as the greatest honor of his young life, and said they were his hardest and best academic years. While attending Rice, Duane re-met childhood acquaintance Patty Sparling, and they married in 1961. Aided by his Rice education, he was ranked #1 in his first year at Baylor College of Medicine. He was one of four inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society as a junior medical student and

graduated with High Honors.

He then served a rotating internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, where he fell in love with surgery. After beginning a residency in surgery, he enlisted in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and served two years at Mountain Home, Idaho AFB as a flight surgeon, and as a USAF surgeon at the base hospital.

Duane returned to a residency in general surgery at Parkland, where he felt he received excellent training in many different areas of the specialty: vascular, thoracic, lung, abdominal, cancer surgery, and emergency surgery. He served as an adjunct professor of surgery at Parkland, mentoring and training surgery residents alongside him in Tyler, in rotation. He served as assistant director of the of the Department of Surgery and director of Intensive Care and Emergency Services at John Peter Smith Hospital in Forth Worth. He was intensively active in the training of surgery and medical residents throughout his life.

During his almost 50 years practicing in Tyler, Duane consistently worked 100 hours each week, operating with skill that grew and innovated every year, taking cases others would not, never saying no unless truly necessary. He took his own calls and did the aftercare for each patient. He conducted all the histories and physical examinations in great detail, because he believed that when you understood a person you could help them more effectively. He made hospital rounds with great care and at length, returning over again - at night, and anytime he deemed needed - believing this was the key to successful outcomes. The extent to which he served others would not have been possible without the steadfast support of his loving wife, Patty, who believed so deeply in the importance of his work.

He operated alone, except for an anesthetist, operating room nurses, and a

faithful and skilled surgical technician of more than 30 years, Debbie Carlyle, whom he said became as skilled as any surgeon. Until the hospital gave up the procedure, he performed kidney transplants for 15 years, with the highest success rate in Texas, and possibly beyond. He performed with much success the 6-12 hour Whipple procedure on the head of the pancreas. Many of the surgeries he performed were not done by anyone else between here and Dallas or Houston, and then only by surgeons who limit their practice to one procedure. He did more Whipple procedures than most Whipple surgeons, more kidney transplants than most kidney transplant surgeons, and more lung surgery than most lung surgeons. And he made house calls.

He never turned anyone down for lack of money. In fact, he at times paid for hotel rooms for convalescing or indigent family members, and even bought a recliner for at least one patient to help in his recovery, all without anyone knowing until the patients themselves shared the stories. He carried a comb in his pocket and would comb hair or shave faces because “people recover better when they feel good.”

Not wealthy, Duane nevertheless gave away most of his money. His daughters recently learned that every time he got a check for doing a kidney transplant, he took it straight over to St. Paul’s and donated it.

Because he cared deeply, he initiated the request for the establishment of hospice care in the area (Hospice of East Texas – the only non-profit hospice around – who then took beautiful care of him the last weeks of his life). He also established the first volunteer home repair and home building project in Tyler for indigent homeowners – not only planning it, preparing for it, choosing projects, gathering materials, and recruiting workers, but working fervently himself, usually on the roof. For more than 35 years, Mission Week has been an annual week-long event involving hundreds of volunteers each year.

Duane also initiated and largely financed the expansion of an existing church after-school program in North Tyler into St. Paul Children's Services - with a medical clinic, a dental clinic, counseling services, a food pantry, a clothes closet, two parks, a Santa's workshop for Christmas gifts, Khakis for Kids, a summer lunch program, a weekend food backpack program, a school supply program – all without cost to recipients. He planted and maintained a garden for people in the neighborhood, and carried lawn equipment in his truck so he could mow the grounds between surgeries.

A lifelong committed Methodist, much of his volunteer work has been through the church, serving both physically and financially, and in leadership positions: chairman of the Administrative Board, delegate to Annual Conference, delegate to the denomination-wide General Conference, member of the Episcopacy committee advising the bishop, and lay leader for a large area of churches. He served on the Missions Commission and was board chairman of Lakeview Methodist Conference Center for 13 years, heavily financing a new cafeteria and other needs, and volunteering as camp doctor and grass mower.

Duane also served on the board of directors of The Methodist Hospital for 15 years, and on the board of The Methodist Children's Home for three years.

Though highly accomplished and innovative, he never put himself in a position to be recognized and was sheepish about any awards given him.

Nevertheless, he has been honored and recognized with awards such as Chamber of Commerce T.B. Butler Award for outstanding citizen; Smith County Medical Society Gold Cane Award for highest medical standards; East Texas Communities Foundation Volunteer of The Year Award; East Texas School of Nursing Doctor of the Year Award; Bethesda (charity) Clinic Doctor Luke Award; Texas Annual Conference Hispanic Services Award; and an invitation to membership in the Texas Surgical Society.

His family cherishes his legacy of sacrificial giving, and of taking the “road less traveled,” fueled by the convictions of his faith, and his personal fortitude.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, sister Martha, and brother Donald, as well as his beloved wife of almost 62 years, Patty last year. He is survived by his daughters Susan Andrews Hageman (Randy) and Allison Andrews (Michael Adams); grandchildren Kathryn Hageman Holmes (Patrick), Caroline Thompson, Andrew Thompson (Sarah Grace), and William Hageman; great-grandchildren Charlotte and Ella Holmes; sister-in-law Helena Sparling; nieces and nephews Dr. Gretchen Andrews (Roger Hassol), Jon Sparling (Sarah), William Sparling (Elizabeth), David Sparling, and Sarah Sparling; and great nieces and nephews Max, Rose, Perry, Clara, George, Mary, and William Wesley.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Thompson, William Hageman, Jon Sparling, William Sparling, David Sparling, Michael Adams, and Patrick Holmes.

Honorary Pallbearers include Dr. Douglas Coltman, friend, colleague and personal physician; Debbie Carlyle; Keshia Dunkin; Roger Worden; Ben Clark; Jay Olson; Dr. Eric Smith; Dr. James Holton; Dr. Scott Middleton; Dr. Don Smith; the myriad compassionate hospital doctors and staff who shared his sense of mission in medicine, for whom he had deepest love, respect, and appreciation; St. Paul Methodist Church and Children’s Services; Lakeview Methodist Camp staff; and Pairs and Parents Sunday School Class.

The family is especially grateful to Lee Reese who was by Duane’s side and coordinated his care in the last months of his life with Malinda “Ludy” Johnson, Charolette Y McGee, and Ronnie Calloway. There are not words to express enough gratitude for their conscientious and loving care of Dr. Andrews.

If desired, memorials may be made to the cherished and vital ministries of St. Paul Children's Services (www.stpaulchildren.org), Lakeview Methodist Conference Center (<https://lakeviewmcc.org>), or Marvin Methodist Church (<https://Marvin.church>).

Previous Events

Dr. Andrews Will Lay In State

JUN 7. 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church
300 West Erwin
Tyler, TX

Reception following service

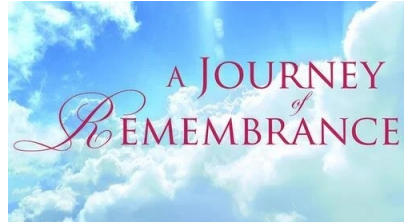
JUN 8 (CT)

Marvin Methodist Church
300 West Erwin
Tyler, TX

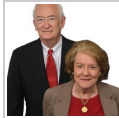
Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Neil Andrews M.D.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2024 at 07:33 PM



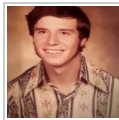
Duane was the always most perfect doctor! Always gracious & charming. Will miss him. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - June 06, 2024 at 04:53 PM

BM

Dr. Andrews taught me much of what I know about surgery, but even more about life and the Art of caring. I loved him like a brother. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Bob McKinney - June 06, 2024 at 05:33 PM



What a prince of a man and a true servant of mankind and his maker. The thousands of people that he has touched in his long and admired career are a lasting tribute to him. Tyler was tremendously blessed to have had his many talents and gifts (well beyond the operating suite). Thank you Dr. Duane Andrews for your lasting impression upon me beginning when I moved to Tyler as a young, green physician in 1986. What an immense honor to have called you my colleague. I know you are enjoying the fellowship of the Lord and His saints in glory, rest well from your many years of tireless labor. I look forward to seeing you again! Kevin May MD

Kevin May - June 07, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DO

As a young 19 year old Radiology student in 1975, we were warned about doctors that would sometimes not be kind to you in the operating room. Dr Andrew was not one of those Drs, he was always patient, always willing to give positive constructive help. I'll always be grateful for that and knowing him all these years has been an honor. He was a wonderful Doctor and a faithful man to his family, church and to his patients. He will be missed by all who knew him, and now he rests in the arms of his loving savior. Thanks be to GOD.

Denise Garrett O'Kelly - June 07, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SC

Dr Andrew's was a great Dr & a great man he saved my sister's life Brenda Thorn from Jacksonville Texas we were so grateful for all he done for her too & he had the best bedside manner I've ever seen in a Dr too God was waiting for him at the Golden Gate he will definitely be miss we all in our family loved him The Bollinger family from Jacksonville Texas R.I.P.

Sherri Cox - June 07, 2024 at 06:23 PM

DB

I worked with De. Andrews at ETMC, as a nurse case manager in the late 1990's. He was so very kind to everyone and I always knew his patients were well cared for. Thank you for sharing extensively in word & family pictures. It was such a blessing to read & watch. May Jesus give you peace & comfort.

Heaven is so much sweeter now.

Respectfully, Debra Baird RN, Oklahoma City

Debra Baird - June 08, 2024 at 07:32 PM

DM

Dr. Andrew's helped care for our mother the late Mrs Inez Hughes, he was kind to our family, blessings to all of his family, daughter Deborah Hughes Mosley and family. He has his crown now , we thank him for taking care of our mother.

Deborah Hughes Mosley - June 19, 2024 at 12:01 PM

CS

Dr Andrews saved my life in 1969. I will always be grateful and he have always been my hero. What a blessing

Connie Sirchio - July 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

LA

I am really late in commenting. I did not know that he had passed. I am very ashamed of myself for not reaching out to him sooner. He saved my life. I was a very young woman with 2 small little girls & a husband. I had never met him before, but he was an angel to me. I remember him coming in my room and just sitting with me and talking. He even helped me with a sitz bath once. I knew he was a special man but after reading everything I understand how special he was! Thank you Ann Ayres

Lenore Ayres - November 04, 2024 at 02:29 AM

MM

We just recently found out about Dr Andrews passing he was a Godsend for my husband. Dr Andrews saved my husbands life and became our guardian angel. He performed a surgery that nobody else could/would do and he was very dedicated to helping my husband recover. We would see him for after care 3 times a week at his office across from the hospital at times he would just open the clinic just for my husband and I. He gave my husband his personal cell number and told him to call him if he needed him. He showed me how to properly care for his wounds and gave me tools to be able to do that for him while he was at home. Dr Andrews was an exceptional man he really loved and cared for his patients he offered us money one time to help with our gas to come to an office visit (we declined) that was just the kind of man he was. He took a liking to me and liked the fact that I was bilingual and said I would be a good fit for St Paul's and a couple of weeks later I was working for St. Paul's dental clinic. I believe he was to cross our paths to save my husbands life and for that we are eternally grateful and thankful. Wish we would have known about his passing sooner.

Maria Millan - May 22, 2025 at 02:43 PM

AN

“ Thank you for your military service during the Vietnam War 🇺🇸

A Grateful Nation

A Grateful Nation - July 26, 2024 at 10:43 AM

AB

“ Dr. Andrews was my surgeon many years ago and I will always remember how kind he was during my procedure and during recovery. Very professional, soft spoken, skilled, the kindest doctor you would ever want to meet and after reading his obituary, I know for a fact, Heaven gained the kindest soul upon his passing.

Angela Butler - June 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DC

“ Dr. Andrews operated on my wife, Betty, when her appendix ruptured. I credit him with saving her life. He treated her when needed the rest of his career. When she had a blockage, he treated here in the hospital. When no bill was processed through my company insurance, I called his office, and was told that since Dr. Andrews did not have to perform surgery, then there would be no charge. I asked the assistant to go ahead and process the insurance claim. She got back to me and told me that Dr. Andrews said he "had enough money," and would not process claims or bill at this point in his life if he did not do surgery. I thought that was amazing. My wife felt at peace when she was in his hands and could have died due to her appendix rupturing.

Dr. was a true saint, and as a physician was one of a kind. He will be greatly missed.

David Couch

David Couch - June 17, 2024 at 12:29 AM

TS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Andrews for over 20 years. He is the most extraordinary, giving, and caring man I have ever met. He genuinely cared for his patients and went above and beyond to make sure they were well taken care of. One thing I learned quickly from him in the OR, was not to talk when Dolly Pardon was singing on the radio :) He will truly be missed.

Tanya Sanders - June 08, 2024 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ James and Corissa Caccitolo purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..



James and Corissa Caccitolo - June 07, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JC

“ James and Corissa Caccitolo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..

James and Corissa Caccitolo - June 07, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..



June 06, 2024 at 09:27 PM

NF

“ He was so kind to me when we were all training for the Pike’s Peak marathon. I was only training for the ascent race. We had to run and run and run. We had to wear these packs that made it harder to breathe to simulate running at a higher altitude than Tyler, Tx. My Dad would get going and forget about me in the back of the pack. I couldn’t run as fast as everyone else. And even though he was tallest and had a longer stride, Dr. Andrews would run with me—just encouraging me with his presence. Thank you Dr. Andrews! Natalie

Natalie Fletcher - June 06, 2024 at 08:04 PM

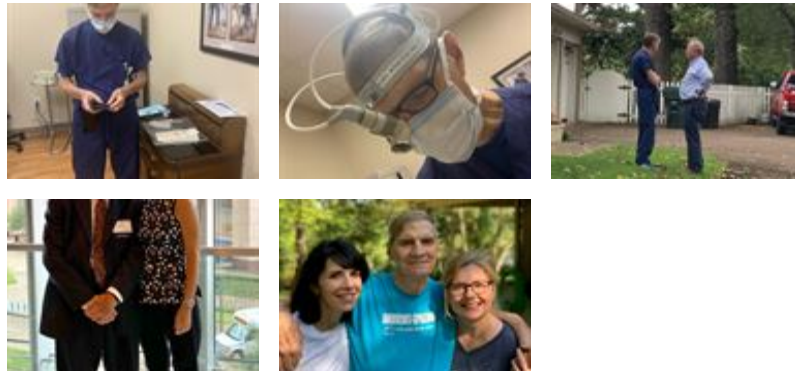
CC

“ Celeste C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..

Celeste C. - June 06, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ 274 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 06, 2024 at 01:17 PM

MB

Dr Andrew’s did surgery (5) over the years . What a wonderful good decent man . God bless him .

Marcy Bingham - June 06, 2024 at 02:28 PM

DS

“ Words fail to express the depth of feelings that the passing of Dr. Duane Andrews will have on all of us that knew him and especially those that had the privilege of working with him or having him save the life of a loved one. . He truly exemplified the physician of the “Golden Age of Medicine” and the ideals we all hoped to instill in future generations of those involved in the healing arts. Few can measure up to the quiet confidence with which he performed his duties. Few outside the halls of our hospitals realize the self-sacrifice he exhibited on a daily basis to insure a successful outcome of even the most complicated of procedures. He will be sorely missed by all but will remain in the hearts and minds of those who knew him. When in his presence, you knew he was a servant of God and His will. Rest in well deserved peace dear friend and colleague. Prayers to Susie and all the family knowing how much your dad meant to us all... Dennis Spence

Dr. Dennis Spence - June 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ The Sparling Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..



The Sparling Family - June 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM

TF

“ The Sparling Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..

The Sparling Family - June 06, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BP

“ Dr. Andrews was one of the kindest, most caring, and most Godly man I have ever known. He was a major supporter of the St. Paul's Children's Foundation that we started at St. Paul's Methodist Church in 1990. In fact, Dr. Andrews loved our church so much, that he would often come and just sit in our parking lot and pray for us. He loved the people of our small church and we indeed loved him. On a personal note, he was there for my family when my wife, Rebecca was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer many years ago. In fact, Dr. Andrews made that diagnosis himself as Rebecca got to know him and love him following a terrible traffic wreck in 2006. He offered her courage later in the 4 and a half year battle with this terrible disease. He will be truly missed by all of those who knew and loved him for the Godly man he was. My condolences and prayers go out to his loving family. Bobby Perdue

Bobby Perdue - June 06, 2024 at 04:38 AM

RS

“ Rick Seidel purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..



Rick Seidel - June 05, 2024 at 11:09 PM

RS

“ Rick Seidel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..

Rick Seidel - June 05, 2024 at 11:09 PM

BS

“ Dr. Andrews was a powerful driving force as well as a benefactor behind our efforts to establish our St. Paul Children’s Dental Clinic many years ago. How many times did we look out one of our windows to see him with his mower taking care of the lawn. How many times did I look up from working on one of his precious children to see him looking over my shoulder to offer encouragement after he he had come in so quietly,as was his way. What a blessing it was to have known him. Brady Swinney,DDS.

Brady P. Swinney,DDS - June 05, 2024 at 10:53 PM

SB

“ My family got to know Dr. Andrews thru my father's cancer journey. Dr. Andrews spent many hours with my parents at my dad's bedside. They struck a quick bond being of the same age and being raised in very similar situations. We were amazed by Dr. Andrews' dedication to his patients. We really saw this on Mother's Day of 2009. I had to take dad back to the hospital. I called Dr. Andrews, and he met us there on Mother's Day. He left his friends and family to take care of our family. This was Dr. Andrews. He was the kindest and most caring soul. We will never see another physican like him again. We were truly blessed by his care and friendship in the care of my dad.

The Family of Frank Breeden

Steven Breeden - June 05, 2024 at 09:47 PM

DF

“ Dr. Joseph Gonzales and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..



Dr. Joseph Gonzales and Family - June 05, 2024 at 06:29 PM

DF

“ Dr. Joseph Gonzales and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Neil Andrews M.D..

Dr. Joseph Gonzales and Family - June 05, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LB

“ I will never forget Dr. Andrews and his extraordinary care of my sweet Daddy while he was in the hospital for 14 days when he had to have his colon removed. He cut a weekend trip to Houston short to come back when Daddy developed a small bowel obstruction. Most surgeons would've passed him on to another surgeon, especially on the weekend, especially if they were out of town, but not Dr. Andrews! He returned and quietly came to see us in the middle of the night that Saturday night to check on my daddy and let us know he would be taking him back into surgery soon. Such dedication, compassion, devotion and caring for his patients — not to mention his excellence as a surgeon! I've never met another like him. And I feel quite certain I never will. He truly was an angel on this earth.

Laurie Creiglow Brown - June 05, 2024 at 05:30 PM

LR

The best did removed a garter from my throat 51 years ago in 8 hour surgery explained and let me know all the possibilities and he was going to do everything he could to make sure everything went alright and he did thru the grace of God. Number one with me I often told others about his skills and kindness RIP Dr. Andrew

Linnie Ray - June 05, 2024 at 10:27 PM

BR

“*Dr. Andrews was the closest thing to Jesus, than I have witnessed in my life. Yes, I too was a patient at one time, but my interactions with him were more centralized around Marvin United Methodist Church. I had the opportunity to work at the Family Life Center, which Dr. Andrews frequented and not a day would pass that he wouldn't stop by and listen. If you knew him, you know that one of his best qualities was listening. We talked about many things, ranging from Mission Week to fishing (which he was passionate about). We all have stories we can share, but one of my personal favorites is I was going to attend a Duck's Unlimited event as a volunteer, which I would receive an extra ticket, so I asked Dr. Andrews if he would like to go with me. He never hesitated and said yes, much to my surprise. That night was great, because I was able to share it with him. Yes, I was involved in many of the earlier Mission Weeks, and witnessed him work circles around us kids, but my treasured memory is the evening he dedicated with me at the DU event. Thank you Susan and Allison for sharing your dad with me and the thousands of people who he encountered in his life. God bless you all!*”

Bob Rhodes - June 05, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DR

“ There are countless stories of Dr. Duane Andrews and his kindness, compassion and concern for his patients, colleagues, family and friends. While I could share many stories I have witnessed as a Healthcare Professional working around him, I also have some personal perspectives as a patient of Dr. Andrews.

I am a pancreatic cancer survivor of 24 years. The Summer of my diagnosis and surgery was long, torturous and due to complications, nearly fatal.

From the end of May to mid October of 2000, I spent the majority of those days hospitalized. Dr. Andrews would make rounds early and often come into my room around 5:00 AM, before his surgery schedule. Unlike many who would flip on the light and loudly awaken me, Dr. Andrews would quietly enter without turning on the light and gently place his hand on my shoulder to awaken me. This may sound benign but Doc was extraordinary in the ordinary...those small things many ignore, but which make a difference in the care of those who are ill or recovering. He was aware of my pain, stress and fatigue and demonstrated his care through his actions. I have never forgotten his keen sense of his patients needs.

Later that Summer, I was readmitted for a systemic infection by another physician. Around 4:30 AM one morning, I was taken by stretcher and left in a cold, darkened, low-lit hallway, awaiting a CT Scan. I had a high fever and was shivering with a fever chill, quite miserable. I had my blanket pulled up to my nose, with only my eyes visible. I noticed a figure walk past my stretcher, stop, turn around and come back to me. It was Dr. Andrews. He was there for an early surgery and recognized me. He wasn't even aware I had been admitted, but he was attentive enough to recognize me. After a brief visit, he moved along and I resumed trying to get warm under the blanket. Several minutes later, he unexpectedly returned with a heated blanket and covered me with it. In spite of his demanding schedule, he took the time to go to another unit, find a HEATED blanket and return to me to cover me. Once again, Doc was

extraordinary in the ordinary, using skilled hands for an unskilled task. This is evidence of a servant's heart.

About a year ago, he called me at home one evening and we spoke for 59 minutes. Not for any reason at all, other than to check on me and see how I was doing. It was a call I will cherish and appreciate all of my days.

An extraordinary, ordinary call.

There are thousands and thousands of examples of Dr. Duane Andrews' extraordinary surgical skill and expertise. Those are better suited for his peers to share. But yes, he was extraordinary in the extraordinary, too.

But for this man, one who was blessed to witness him from both a professional and personal perspective, the most incredible thing about my memory of him will not be his superb clinical experience, surgical techniques or patient results, not his amazing service to his family, nation or community, or the esteem and respect from his colleagues, teams and patients, all of which are extraordinary.

My favorite and enduring memory of Dr. Duane Andrews will be his incredible consistency and ability to be EXTRAORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY.

My life has been, and always will be, better having known him.

Dale Golden, RN - June 05, 2024 at 03:10 PM

VR

“ A great physician but most of all, a man of God who displayed God's through serving others with a spirit of humility



Vickie Robinson, RN - June 04, 2024 at 09:30 AM

SB

Such a honor to have had the pleasure to work with this wonderful physician. So humble & caring to his patients & their families. God Bless & Keep his family always

susan burk - June 04, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SM

I had the privilege of working with Dr. Andrews many years ago when we first started the Trinity Clinic. I have so many funny stories, but the most important thing I remember about him was his giving heart. He absolutely didn't work for the money and we all knew it. I'm sure he will be missed greatly.

Sherry Moses - June 05, 2024 at 03:25 PM

PL

Sorry that it is time to say goodbye to a fantastic surgeon, diagnostician & man. He was kind & gentle to all his patients be they rich or poor. He respected the nursing staff & was always willing to their opinions & to teach as needed. I was fortunate to work with him as an assistant head nurse & then as head nurse of 48 bed surgical unit @ ETMC until the hospitals divided. He was a great influence on my family. He helped to save the lives of my dad, my brother, & my husband. He tried his best to save my mom, but her cancer was too advanced for intervention to help. He made comment about her sweet Mona Lisa smile--I think he also liked the orange slice candy that she had @ her bedside. Time for each of us is written before we are born. It leaves a very large hole for us when he was called home. It was time to rejoin those he loved that had gone before him. Rest well beloved surgeon/friend, you have earned your wings many times over!

Peggy Lawrence, RN

Peggy Lawrence - June 06, 2024 at 11:59 AM