



Mitchell Anderson

December 20, 1952 - August 12, 2009

Dr. Mitchell Dixon Anderson, beloved husband, father, servant, and friend, went home to glory peacefully August 12th at age 56. Mitchell was born December 20, 1952 in Gilmer to schoolteachers, Joyce and Gerald. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology from McMurry College in Abilene and went on to graduate from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He completed his residency in radiation oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and married the love of his life and devoted wife, Barbara, shortly thereafter. The couple moved to Tyler where Mitchell began radiation oncology practice in 1986 and raised two adoring children, Patrick and Diana. He was an active member of the Bridlewood Church in Bullard where his gentle, warm, and peace giving demeanor was a blessing to all. Mitchell will be remembered by family, friends, and patients as loving, wise, generous, incredibly intelligent, patient, and a godly man of unparalleled dignity and character. He had a passion for music of all styles, a love of literature ranging from Shakespeare and Tolkien (he could quote lengthy passages of each) to graphic novels and sci-fi, and an unmatched enthusiasm for video games, gadgetry, and automobiles. His hobbies included listening to live music, reading while enjoying one of his myriad CDs, going on leisurely walks to new places or restaurants, collecting action figures, comic books, and antiques, learning about new car and motorcycle models, and maintaining his several aquariums. He could carry on a conversation about anything and everything, whether it was astronomy or art, fishing or

photography, cinema or his Savior. His insights seemed to spring from an unending well, and his joy stemmed from an eternal root. His kind countenance was surpassed only by the overflowing goodness of his heart; his love for his family eclipsed only by his steadfast relationship with Christ. Though he will be missed inexpressibly, his family and friends rejoice as they rest in the assurance of his salvation and eternity with our Heavenly Father. In his last conversation with his daughter, he stated that indeed, "Heaven is a fantastic place." He is preceded in death by his father, Gerald in April, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Patrick; daughter, Diana; mother, Joyce; sister, Melinda. Visitation will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Old Jacksonville Highway on Saturday, August 15th, between 10:00 and 11:00 am with the service beginning at 11:00 AM Burial will follow the service immediately. Pallbearers will be Ron Mason, Patrick Anderson, Jackie Cly, Mike Sabota, Dr. Gary Gross, and Jake Battenfield. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Thanks for being such a respected colleague and a true friend.

Steven Roberts - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Mitchell Anderson

Mark Saunders - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dr. Anderson was a great man who will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys.

Susan Paddack - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I became acquainted with Dr. Anderson in 1992 when I was diagnosed with cancer and he was my radiation oncologist. I was young and frightened and he was there to offer his support and expertise in treating me. Not only did he assuage my fears, but he instilled in me an understanding of the importance of helping others as they venture down an unfamiliar path. I have not seen or spoken to him since my treatment but I think of this kind and compassionate doctor often and thank God every day for placing me in his capable hands. To his family, losing someone you love is heartbreaking, I know, but treasure the wonderful memories you have of him and in those dark moments, those special times will help you through.

Linda Davis - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, y'all will be in our thoughts and prayers...

Friends at the Athens Daily Review - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Anderson for the past few years, handling his advertising. He was a joy to know and work with, and he will be missed immensely.

My thoughts and prayers to the family.

*Mary Lou Williams
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Athens
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Mary Lou Williams - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to work for Dr Anderson. He was a joy to be around and never seemed to be in a foul mood(which for a doctor is amazing). We all enjoyed his sense of humor and he would always share a funny story he found on the internet. He was so kind and very generous and I will miss him terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Always
Kelley*

Kelley Quade - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Please know how much I care about you all and am lifting you up in prayer! It's hard not to ask WHY to the Lord concerning Mitchell and what seems to me, an untimely graduation to glory..but, I must trust that, as my mentor always told me: GOD KNOWS!

I love you all and pray for "the peace that surpasses understanding to guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Phil.4:7 You are treasured and I am here for you all in the future standing SHOULDER 2 SHOULDER Zeph. 3:9

*My love in Jesus,
Marilyn Ackerson*

Marilyn Ackerson - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dr. Anderson had such a beautiful soul. He always had a smile on his face and was always ready to "talk fish". I was honored to have the chance to know and work for him.

The Fish Lady

Deborah Lake - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Barbara, Patrick and Diana
We want to express our sorrow on your loss of Mitchell. We will be out of town this weekend. What special memories we have of all of you.

Our prayers are with you and know that he is in heaven and that God will comfort you.

love Karen and Wayne Williams

Wayne & Karen Williams - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *It is my prayer that God will give you strength during this time of sorrow. My Lord has a word for every heartache; the Divine Physician has a touch for every wounded spirit; my Blessed Savior has a comfort for every tear.*

Larry W. Osborne

Larry W. Osborne - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dr. Anderson was my radiation oncologist. His tender care made the whole experience much much easier. I shall never forget when my mother died, he called and asked if he could do anything for me. What class this man has.*

The world has been a better place with his being here. And, to repeat his words HEAVEN IS A FANTASTIC PLACE. Well, I know that heaven is surely even more fantastic!

We shall miss him greatly. Godspeed, Dr. Anderson.

Dorothy Herrington - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My sincere condolences to Dr. Anderson's family and friends as well as to the employees at the clinic in Athens. Dr. Anderson was always gracious, fair and considerate as well as being very professional. He will indeed be greatly missed. I know you will draw strength from his faith as well as your own. My thoughts and prayers will be with you as your work through your loss.*

Bill Dederichs - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Melinda and Family*
We were so very sorry to hear about Mitchell. We knew you and Mitchell as children, we used to go fishing in Mr. Gerald Anderson's pond. May the blessing of our Lord and Savior be upon you as you go through this time. May he give you the strength that you need. God Bless the Anderson Family.

Arlie & Margaret Bradshaw - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Mitch was a toddler when I first saw him at his grandmother's house on Allen St. during one of my piano lessons. My formal study of music was engendered by Mrs. Joyce in junior high band and "tolerated" light-heartedly by Coach Gerald, who tried to make an athlete out of me.

Age discrepancy kept us from getting very closely acquainted in those years, but I was apprised of his progress by Mrs. Arnold after our respective HS graduations. One fond memory I have of our post-graduate years is the time I called M. D. Anderson in Houston to speak to Dr. M. D. Anderson! I had to explain to the switchboard.

I regret very much not establishing contact with Mitch, having often thought of him and his parents and grandmother, all of whom had such a dramatic impact on my life in the classroom, in the studio, and on the athletic field. Time is elusive.

My thoughts are with all of you,
Royce Hill, M. D.

Royce Hill, M. D. - August 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM