



## Richard II

June 20, 1918 - June 7, 2006

Services for Dr. Richard O. Cannon II MD, 87 of Tyler, will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 2:00 PM at First Christian Church Chapel with Rev. Dr. Ron Irons and Rev. George Richardson officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, KY at a later date. Dr. Cannon passed away, June 7, 2006 in Tyler, Texas. Dr. Cannon was born June 20, 1918 in Leitchfield, KY to H. Ross Cannon and Addie Berry McClure. He lived in Nashville, Tennessee until he moved to Tyler, Texas in 2002. Dr. Cannon graduated from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY in 1940 and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, TN in 1943. He served his residency and became chief resident in Obstetrics-Gynecology at Vanderbilt Hospital. In 1950 was appointed Assistant Director of Vanderbilt Hospital, with a promotion to Director in 1955 and serving until 1972. He then served as Dean of Allied Health Professions at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine from 1972-1983, when he retired as Professor and Director Emeritus of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He served as President of Tennessee Hospital Association, Treasurer and Board of Trustees at the American Hospital Association, and helped establish the Nashville Area Chapter of the American Red Cross where he served as its first board president. He had an active life starting with his devotion to scouting where he was an Eagle Scout and received the Order of the Arrow. As an adult he was an assistant of his sons' scout troop, he completed Wood Badge training and later was awarded the Silver Beaver for his contributions to the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy

Scouts of America. In 1951 through 1955 he served on active duty with the US Army as captain in the Medical Corps, stationed at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Remaining in Tennessee National Guard for 24 years he retired with a rank of colonel in 1978. After retirement he worked as a physician at the Armed Forces Examining Station until he moved to Tyler, Texas in 2002. Dr. Cannon was a former member of Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville, TN for over 40 years, serving as an elder, and upon his move to Tyler, TX he became a member of the First Christian Church. Dr. Cannon was preceded in death by his parents H. Ross and Addie Berry Cannon, and beloved wife Mary Ford Cannon in 1993. He is survived by his loving family including his daughter, Mary Cannon of Atlanta, GA, daughter Anne DeWitt and husband Tom of Tyler; son, Richard O. Cannon III, MD and wife Gail of Potomac, Maryland, son, James Ross Cannon and wife Perkie of Bridgewater, NJ and seven grandchildren. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ My dad's best friend at Garden Estates was "Doc" - I would visit them for lunch and breakfast - it was clear that "Doc" was the man everyone looked up to - He took care of Doris like she was his most important patient, if anyone needed anything while he was around, he made sure they got it - when my dad first moved to G.E. - Doc was his first friend and his best friend - Doc told us of his love for his family, Vanderbilt.....he was proud of all of his children and his grandchildren....I am a tennis player and we would talk of tennis matches and his love for the game (he had his own court)! He wanted to play one more time - he would say to me...the last time I saw him he was waiting to watch a movie - I placed the movie in the VCR and stayed for a short while - he was very prone to dozing off....I slipped out when a few others came to watch - It is my prayer that his family know what a wonderful friend and man Doc was to the people at Garden Estates and the beautiful impression and impact he has made on me and my family..God bless and keep you all, always! You are his legacy!!! You have already made him so very proud!

*Maureen McCullough*

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**Maureen McCullough** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Ann and Family,

*On behalf of Tyler Continue Care Hospital, each and every one of us who cared for your father were truly blessed, we are so very sorry for your loss, and you all will be in our prayers, thank you for the nice treatment your family extended to the staff here and for the opportunity we had to care for such a sweet and gentle man. The staff of CCH*

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**tyler continue care hospital** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I first met Dr. Cannon at Garden Estates Retirement Home. My dad is Robert Kelly and not long after my Mom had passed away my dad became ill and could not stay alone any longer. My sister, Maureen McCullough, and I had gone to visit Garden Estates to see if that was a good place for dad and one of the first persons that we met was Dr. Cannon. He was walking down the hall and one of the administrators introduced us to him and he was so nice and loved Garden Estates and that made feel good about bringing dad. So this wonderful friendship began and the really wonderful thing was that dad ended up being assigned to Dr. Cannon 's table in the dining room and it was such a great thing because they hit it right off. We were thrilled! I know Dr. Cannon kind of took dad under his wing and helped him adapt to being away from his home. There was another lady at the table also, Doris, and I was so impressed the way Dr. Cannon checked on her and made sure she came down for dinner or took her dinner to her when she didn't feel like coming down...He was so much fun to be around and always a joy to see. Every time that I visited at lunch or dinner, he would always offer me part of his dessert or the whole dessert. I especially loved the story about the time that when he was scout leader that he had an encounter with General Patton. He was a wonderful man and I am so thankful for the part he had in my dad's life and what he meant to our family. We will miss his wonderful humor and just his presence. I will pray for your family and hold the memories of Dr. Richard Cannon very dear.

God Bless!

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**Barbara Hopkins** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ TO THE FAMILY OF DR. CANNON,  
WE WERE VERY SORRY TO LEARN OF DR. CANNON'S  
PASSING. HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN, SO  
KIND AND THOUGHTFUL TO OUR AUNT AND TO US. WE  
KNOW THEY WILL BE TOGETHER AS FREINDS IN HEAVEN.  
OUR FAMILIES WILL ALL MISS HIM GREATLY.  
GOD BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL,  
DEBORAH, CAROLYN AND SHARON

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**DORIS HEINEN'S NEICES DEBORAH ROBERTSON, CAROLYN FISK, SHARON  
FR** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Anne,  
Fathers are so special to daughters. Carl joins me in sending you  
our special thoughts and prayers.  
Evelyn Bochow

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**Evelyn Bochow** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ We are so sorry to hear of your father's death. It has been many  
years since he and Bill were classmates and residents at Vanderbilt,  
but the numbers then were so small that we all felt like family. He  
made so many important contributions later that we are aware of  
and I am sure many that we are not.

*We send our sympathy, and have many memories of meaningful  
days with Richard O.*

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**William R. DeLoache** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Remebering you at this time. I remember Dr. Cannon at Woodmont.

*Connie, I still have the Herb Cookbook you gave me in Circle.*

*Ann I remember seeing you at Church in Tyler.*

*Our best to both of you.*

*Judy*

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**Judy Davis** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Anne, we read about your Dad's passing in the Sunday paper, and are sad about his passing. I remember him from parties at your house those many years ago. He had a full, wonderful life, and you were lucky to be near him. Condolences to the rest of the family.

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**Charlotte and Joel Covington** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ All the family,

*I was a good friend of Dick's at Vanderbilt and worked with him closely while he was Director of VUH. I honor his memory as a physician, colleague, Scout and friend. My best to all the family.*

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**andy spickard** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Ann:

*I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember how close you were to him and how involved he was in your life. Just the other day while I was cleaning out some stuff, I ran across a picture of us at your house. I think we were planning a skit and there was your dad with a big smile on his face while Laura and you were doing something inane ( as usual!)*

*He will certainly be remembered by many for all his contributions to others but will always be loved by his family. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Love,*

*Melanie*

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**melanie shane** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Dear Connie & Family,

*Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. May the fond memories of you Dad sustain you in the difficult days ahead.*

*God Bless!*

*Ralph Comer*

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**Ralph Comer** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the entire Cannon family, especially my dear friend Connie, my deepest sympathies. I always knew what a special person Dr. Cannon was, but I never dreamed of the accomplishments of his life. He was a wonderful man. You are richly blessed that he as Ms. Mary were your parents. I was not aware that Dr. Cannon had moved to Texas, but I am sure that he enjoyed being with Ann and Tom and their family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Connie, I would love to hear from you. God Bless.

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**Carolyn Stonecipher** - June 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM