



Dr. Ronald Jack Donaldson

January 12, 1937 - June 4, 2015

Services for Dr. Ronald Jack Donaldson, 78, of Tyler, Texas and Hound Ears Club, North Carolina, will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 11:30 AM at First Presbyterian Church of Tyler with Reverend Stuart Baskin and Reverend Pamela Leach officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Ron passed away Thursday, June 4th at Twin Rivers Park, Boone, NC while fishing.

He was born January 12th, 1937 in Springfield, MO to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henry Donaldson.

Ron was a member, trustee and elder of First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, Founder of Tyler Neurosurgical Associates, Board Member of ETMC Regional Healthcare Systems, Board member of Willow Brook Country Club, member of Order of the Rose - Texas Rose Festival, and past Board Member of People's National Bank. In 2010 The Ronald J. Donaldson, MD Neuroscience Symposium was established in his honor at East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare Systems.

Ron graduated from Westminster College in Fulton, MO and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and the ROTC. Ron had a Distinguished Military Career and served as a Captain in the United States Army. While serving, in the Army, he was an agent for the Central Intelligence Agency and served his country while stationed in Tehran, Iran. He was honorably discharged from the Service after completing his tenure at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ron attended the University of Oklahoma Medical School and Residency

Program where was Chief Resident. Upon completion, Ron and his wife, Susan, and their four children moved to Tyler, Texas in 1972 and started Tyler Neurosurgical Associates. Ron was chief of Staff of East Texas Medical Center 1978-1979 and was President of Smith County Medical Society in 1985. Ron also established the East Texas Neurological Institute.

Ron was preceded in death by his father Jack Henry Donaldson and his mother Ruby Marsh Donaldson.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Susan Whitney Donaldson and their four children Sarah Donaldson Jacobi, Jack Whitney Donaldson, Sandra Donaldson Hipps and Julie Donaldson Moore; his grandchildren Jack Dixon VanDeventer (and wife Nixon Powell VanDeventer), Hutton Whitney Hipps (and fiancé Ian Christopher Beckcom), Christopher Marion Hipps, Jr., Olivia Whitney Jacobi, John Roger Moore V, Susanna Elizabeth Jacobi, Gates Hamilton Moore, Jack Bennett Moore, and Grant Whitney Donaldson; and his two sons-in-law John David Jacobi and Christopher Marion Hipps.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Joe Bill Belue, Dr. James T. Clark, Mr. John E. Deibel, Sr., Mr. Jack Whitney Donaldson, Dr. S. Edwin Duncan, Mr. Elmer G. Ellis, Mr. George T. Hall, Mr. Doane F. Harrison, Mr. Christopher M. Hipps, Mr. John D. Jacobi, Dr. Jon T. Ledlie, Mr. John W. Noble, Dr. Ronald F. Vrnak, Dr. John F. Walker, and Mr. H. Andy Wall.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Jan H. Garrett, Dr. Mark Greenberg, Mr. Eddie L. Howard, Mr. H.T. Hyde, Mr. Tommy Hyde, Dr. James Holton, Mr. Harley D. Hooper, Mr. George Oge, Jr., Mr. Scott Myers, and Mr. J.B. Smith.

Ron loved the great outdoors. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, traveler, a voracious reader and a lover of all things Scottish. There was rarely a sporting event he missed, including his grandchildren's. He was a loyal friend, a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His wife Susan was the love of his life and they were to celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on August 23rd, 2015.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at

Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Tyler,
230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, TX 75701, East Texas Medical Center Foundation, P
O Box 6400, Tyler, TX 75711, East Texas Food Bank, 3201 Robertson Rd.,
Tyler, TX 75701 or Tyler Meals on Wheels, 3001 Robertson Rd., Tyler, TX
75701.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mem. Service

JUN **10**. 11:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
230 Rusk St.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Susan,
Howard and I are holding you close. Even though we do not know you well, we were always warmed by both of you as you turned and so kindly welcomed us Sundays the last years at Wee Kirk. May God hold you close in the palm of His Hand, as you and your four children enjoy all the fond memories which will help sustain you at this time and in the future. It is obvious that you two had a wonderful, full and life of service to your family and others, what a beautiful gift. I trust we will see you again this summer when you have time to come again to your retreat at Hound Ears. Please join us at Wee Kirk when you are there; we will miss you until then. Our love and strenght to you; we will keep you in our hearts.

Gail Brinn Wilkins, Howard Freese (husband and wife from Charlotte, who sit behind you often at Wee Kirk Presbyterian Church in Linville, NC)

Gail Brinn Wilkins; Howard Freese - June 15, 2015 at 05:58 PM

SM

“ Ron will be missed by all. He was a dear friend and loved going to Scotland with Dr. John Miller (Jack) and their golfing friends. Jack was from Faulkirk, Scotland and he loved taking Ron to the popular & remote non tourist golf courses. They had so much fun. He was a great surgeon and father. He is with the Lord. My prayers are with his family at this difficult time. God Bless.
Deepest Sympathy with love
Sheryl Miller



sheryl miller - June 12, 2015 at 02:21 PM

LG

“ He will remain an icon in our medical community; because of him we have become one of the finest centers for neurology.....and his family have provided love for the entire community. Our prayers are for strong arms of healing positive comfort surround all of his loved ones. His is a life well lived and he will live forever as we continue to think and speak of him. Special love to Sarah Jacobi.

Larry Goddard - June 09, 2015 at 05:23 PM

JP

“ I worked for Dr. Donaldson and Tyler Neurological for about 10 years during which time I lost my daughter and husband, he had the heart of a champion, will always remember him and so appreciate the kindness he showed to me, my love to his family, think I met all of them during my time with TN, God bless you and keep you in His care.

June Penn - June 08, 2015 at 07:33 PM

CH

“ It was a sincere pleasure and honor to know and golf with Ron at Hound Ears. He was a true gentleman and a friend to everyone he met and played with.

He will surely be missed by me and by all of that all of his friends at Hound Ears. Charlie Harris

Charlie Harris - June 08, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *Melanie Martin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ronald Jack Donaldson*



Melanie Martin - June 08, 2015 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ *1 file added to the album Ronnie Donaldson - Class of 1955*



Joe Morgan - June 07, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Ronald Jack Donaldson.*



June 07, 2015 at 12:07 PM

LT

“ *Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ronald Jack Donaldson*



Lynda Tippit - June 06, 2015 at 03:03 PM



I have wonderful memories of Ronnie....he use to be quite a jokester and had a wonderful sense of humor....he made everyone laugh....I grew up with him and he will really be missed.

Jane Landers - June 08, 2015 at 06:32 PM