



Dr. Richard Thomas Lowe, Sr.

March 24, 2013

Dr. Richard Thomas Lowe, Sr., 87, a retired family physician, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2013 at his home with his loving wife and daughter by his side. His funeral service will be Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Pinkad Funeral Home, Haleyville, Al. Visitation from 12:30 until 3 p.m. Entombment in Winston Memorial Mausoleum.

Dr Lowe was born on Sept. 26, 1925, in Lee County, Al. He was the only son of the late Albert Alonza Lowe and Garnie Irene Thurman. He attended elementary and high school in Lafayette, Al. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, spending more than 18 months as a medic in the Pacific Ocean, and in the National Guard for one year. He received his B.S. at Auburn University, and his M.D. at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Lowe started his medical career by opening the first doctor's office in Heflin. He later moved his practice to the Valley, and then was recruited to design, organize and head the emergency department in the Columbus Medical Center in Columbus, Ga. The rest of his medical career was spent in LaFayette and Haleyville. Dr. Lowe was a true country doctor, in the sense that he performed all medical duties ranging from delivering babies , emergency care, surgery and diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of diseases. Having practiced medicine close to half a century, Dr. Lowe was often a family's physician over multiple generations. His walls in his office were covered with photos of the children he delivered and cared for as well as their children and even their grandchildren.

In addition to being a doctor, he was very proud of being an Eagle Scout as a teenager, a Boy Scout leader and a Little League coach. He also served as a Haleyville City Councilman, was a member of the American Legion, a member of the Alabama Sons of the Confederacy and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Opelika chapter. Dr. Lowe was an avid reader of autobiographical and historical novels. When his children were younger, they were often surprised to find him reading the dictionary or the encyclopedia in his spare time just to absorb more knowledge, and he encouraged them to do the same.

Survivors include his dedicated wife, Janice Waters Lowe; three daughters, Amy Lowe(Wade)Jackson, Mary Virginia Lowe(Jim)Rawe and Sally Lowe(Jim)Fortenberry; one son, Richard(Teresa)Lowe, Jr. and two stepsons, Steve Adams and Brian Adams. He was the grandfather to six granddaughters, Julie Rawe, Mary Virginia Fortenberry, Emily Lowe, Martha Lowe, Emma Sansom and Katie Anne Sansom. He was the step grandfather to Stephanie McDonald, Jessica Crumpton, Tyler McVoy, Rachel Adams, Anna Gregoul, Corey Adams, Ashling Jackson, Everett Jackson and Forest Jackson and 10 step great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haleyville Ninth Avenue Church of Christ Youth Fund or to the Haleyville Doctor Lowe Memorial Fund via Traders and Farmers Bank.

Tribute Wall



“ Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Richard Thomas Lowe, Sr.



Pinkard Funeral Home - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry to Janice and the rest of the family for the loss of Dr Lowe...##imported-begin##Stacey Mcnutt##imported-end##

April 02, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ Sorry for the loss of Dr. Lowe. He was truly a good doctor. I went to him a many of a time. RIP##imported-begin##Melinda Lolley Sanderson##imported-end##

April 01, 2013 at 10:15 PM



“ Jan and family, so sorry to hear about Dr.Lowe and my prayers and thoughts are with you. He was a good man and a good Dr. and had a heart for everyone,kind and passionate for his patients and friends.He will continue to be missed.God bless you all.##imported-begin##Diane Miles##imported-end##

March 30, 2013 at 07:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Dr. Lowe. He was our family doctor until he closed his office. He will surely be missed in our community.##imported-begin##Judy McCullar##imported-end##

March 30, 2013 at 06:43 PM



“ Richard, we are thinking of you and family during this time of grief. Prayers.##imported-begin##Shelby Thompson##imported-end##

March 30, 2013 at 10:18 AM



“ I have missed Dr. Lowe, and am sorry for your loss. He was such a special Dr. and man. My prayers go out to the family.

sonya norris knight##imported-begin##Sonya Norris Knight##imported-end##

March 30, 2013 at 04:59 AM



“ My first job was with Dr. Lowe in Heflin. I was seventeen years old and just out of High School. I loved him as a person and as a Doctor. He was so kind to everyone. It did not matter if his patients had money or not, he cared for all. Heflin was a sad town when he left, but we were so proud of all he accomplished.##imported-begin##Lucretia Gaines Berryhill##imported-end##

March 29, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ My name is Rudy Rooks and I'm the mayor of Heflin. As a young boy around the age 4 or 5, I rememeber going to see "Dr. Lowe". I was not always a fan of the shots, but I do remember how nice Dr. Lowe was and that always seemed to ease the pain somewhat. My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Rudy Rooks##imported-end##

March 29, 2013 at 03:21 PM



“ I'm saddened by the news of Dr. Lowe's passing. He was an awesome man and loved people. I had the pleasure of working for Dr. Lowe in Heflin, AL. I worked for him from July 1962 until he closed his office in Heflin and moved to the Valley. I saw in him a man who truly felt the plight of those less fortunate who needed medical attention and couldn't afford it. I will never forget the many times he would administer medical care to those people and the elderly and when they were ready to leave the clinic he would tell them there wasn't a charge for his service. He was an awesome doctor. My husband had to have emergency surgery and he wouldn't let us pay him for his services as the surgeon - he also delivered my older daughter, Caron Skinner Duckworth, and wouldn't let us pay for his services. I will never forget Dr. Lowe and his impact on my life as a young woman and mother of 18 yrs. There was never another doctor in Heflin like him and never will be. He was one of a kind. My love to you, his family, may you find comfort in the memories and goodness of this man.##imported-begin##Pat Crane Skinner##imported-end##

March 29, 2013 at 11:57 AM



“ I loved Dr. Lowe. I lived behind the clinic in Heflin and worked for Dr. Lowe after school and in the summers. If we were not busy he would give me spelling tests and quiz me on medical terms. Once I was allowed to be in the delivery room at the clinic. I guess he thought I was going to faint, and kept asking, "Ann, are you O.K.?" Good times and great memories! God Bless his family!##imported-begin##Ann Wade Howle##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 11:24 PM



“ THANKS TO THIS MAN FOR SAVING MY LIFE WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD... HE WAS OUR FAMIY DOCTOR FOR YEARS... I HAD A VERY UNCOMMON BIRTH DEFECT AND WHEN I NEARLY DIED HE FIGURED OUT WHAT IT WAS EVEN THOUGH HE HAD NEVER ACTUALLY HAD A CASE .. HE PUT MY PARENTS IN TOUCH WITH TWO OTHER SPECIAL DOCTORS WHO BROUGHT ME THROUGH 7 LONG YEARS OF SURGERIES AND BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS... BUT IT ALL STARTED WITH HIM... HE WAS MY ANGEL ON EARTH...##imported-begin##ANITA MURPHY BUFFORD##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 08:23 PM



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March 28, 2013 at 08:23 PM



“ *Dr.Lowe and His family were our neighbors for years. I watched Amy grow up and his other children also. Doc was always kind and there for any of our needs. He cared for my family many, many times. I can't think of anyone in this town who hasnt seen Doc for one thing or the other. I do know that there were MANY people who received care that could not afford to go elsewhere. For all that you did for your towns people we say Thank You. Janice, to you and Amy, May God comfort you in this time. Love You... The Marcum family..##imported-begin##Pam Marcum##imported-end##*

March 28, 2013 at 08:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Dr. Lowe. He was such a great Dr. I wish there were more Doctors like him now, that cared and helped as much as he did. He will be truely missed. Thoughts and prayers are with your family during the days and weeks to come.##imported-begin##Vic and Cindy Steele##imported-end##*

March 28, 2013 at 04:24 PM



“ We love you all and were so saddened to hear about Dr. Lowe passing away. All of you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Robin Abernathy Cottle##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 03:16 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Jack and Cindy Hall##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 10:36 AM



“ Janice and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wish we had been afforded the opportunity to get to know Richard. I (Jim) am glad that I was able to meet him shortly after your move to The Heritage at Brentwood. Hope we continue to have you as our neighbor for many years to come. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Jim and Anne##imported-begin##Jim and Anne Ratcliffe##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 10:26 AM



“ Praying for family and friends, Mr. Lowe was one of a kind doctor who cared about his patients, he will be missed... God Bless!##imported-begin##Janis Cole##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ Janice and Family- You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always loved Dr. Lowe. He was always a joy to work for. He helped so many and will never be forgotten! God Bless You! Love Yall!##imported-begin##Kelly Banks McKee##imported-end##

March 28, 2013 at 12:33 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Lowes passing . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am out of town this week and will miss seeing you. I send my love to you and the family.##imported-begin##Jeanette Masdon##imported-end##

March 27, 2013 at 11:11 PM



“ I will miss you Doc. You were a good and loyal friend to Lynda and myself.##imported-begin##Bob Huddleston##imported-end##

March 27, 2013 at 12:42 PM



“ DrLowe help Haleyville we will mis him##imported-begin##Ronald an Connie Loden##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 10:36 PM



“ sorry for your loss##imported-begin##sam heath##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 09:45 PM



“ God has called another angel home. You was my favorite doctor. You will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers for your family.##imported-begin##Sara Parsons Baker ##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 08:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Lowe's passing. Will always be thankful that he gave me a job. I will never forget all the good times we had in the NWA Track Club. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. RIP Dr. Lowe.##imported-begin##Christi Norris##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ There is nobody in 50 mile's of Haleyville that Dr. Lowe didn't see one time, he was a good kind man to all that he meet, so very sorry for his family's lost##imported-begin##Debra Christopher##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ So saddened to here of the passing of Dr. Lowe. God be with you, the family, in this time of such great lose.##imported-begin##Pam Carson Black##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 01:29 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of DrLowe, your in our thoughts and prayers .##imported-begin##Mark and LeAnn Farris##imported-end##

March 26, 2013 at 06:37 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

In ChristianLove,

*Scotty K. Burleson##imported-begin##Scotty Kent
Burleson##imported-end##*

March 26, 2013 at 02:27 AM



“ *May God comfort you all##imported-begin##Sherry Vickery
##imported-end##*

March 25, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ *Dr.Lowe was a good man and great Dr.Will be missed by
many.##imported-begin##Rose Baker##imported-end##*

March 25, 2013 at 10:26 PM



“ *Im so sorry to hear about DR.LOWE i will miss seeing him.He
always had many stories to tell and always was a joy to see.praying
for your family.##imported-begin##Tommy & Tialisa
Dooley##imported-end##*

March 25, 2013 at 10:14 PM



“ Janice we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Lowe. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was a good man and a great Doctor. We will hold you all close in thoughts and prayers for the weeks to come.

Wayne and Edith Crumpton and Family##imported-begin##Wayne and Edith Crumpton and Family##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 10:08 PM



“ Jan - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Debra Hood##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 08:54 PM



“ I'm am so sorry for the loss. i was a patient for many years. my heart goes out to family may god give them strength and comfort them in their time of need##imported-begin##patricia franks##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 08:03 PM



“ Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time or sorrow.##imported-begin##Steve and Robin Miller##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 08:03 PM



“ Janice and family: My thoughts and prayers are we you all! Dr. Lowe was a great man and doctor. He did good things for all. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Kim Bailey Smith##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ Ralph and I loved Dr. Lowe. He helped us so many times. He will be truly missed. He was such a friend especially to the elderly.##imported-begin##Opal Edwards##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 07:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Lowes' passing.He was a great man and a great doctor.He will be missed by all.My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Kathy Worden##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 06:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Lowe. I worked with him at the hospital for several years and always considered him a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.##imported-begin##Connie Hutcheson##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 03:32 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear about Dr. Lowe's death. We will always remember him fondly. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Donald & Tricia Tinker & Girls##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ Janice and family. SO sorry about Dr. Lowe. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Wynell Howell##imported-end##

March 25, 2013 at 01:45 PM