



Dr. Herschel Wayne Cotton D.V.M.

November 6, 1927 - January 3, 2018

Dr. Herschel Wayne Cotton of Russellville, Alabama passed away at home on January 3, 2018 at the age of 90. Dr. Cotton was born to Elmer Ernest (Ted) Cotton and Clayona (Ona) Brumback Cotton on November 6, 1927 in Seymour, Missouri. He is a veteran of World War II and of the Korean War, earning the rank of Sergeant major in the 816 Field Artillery Battalion. On July 28, 1951, he married Willie Faye Kelley in Headland, Alabama. He received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) in 1958 and moved his family to Russellville, Alabama to establish his practice, Russellville Animal Hospital. He later opened Woodward Avenue Animal Clinic in Muscle Shoals, Alabama where he practiced until January 1993.

Dr. Cotton was active in local and state veterinary associations, serving as State President of the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association. He was a retired Rotary International member, former Rotary President and Paul Harris Fellow. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Russellville, serving as deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. He also was involved with Gideon International. Dr. Cotton was an avid pilot and served as a charter member of the Aviation Council of Alabama.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Franklin Memory Gardens. Rev. Richard Parker will officiate.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Willie Kelley Cotton, and two daughters, Carol Cotton Ashburner (Jim) and Charlotte Cotton. He was blessed with six grandchildren who loved him dearly; Jama Ashburner Ketcham (Geoffrey), Bob Ashburner (Laura Catherine), Emma Ashburner Cook (Adam), Will Whitlow, Rebecca Whitlow, and Ben Whitlow. He also has eight great-grandchildren. He has one surviving brother, Jack Cotton (Sharon) and was preceded in death by another brother, Delton Cotton (Joy).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Gideon International.

You may leave condolences online at pinkardfh.com

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Franklin Memory Gardens
2710 Waterloo Rd.
Russellville, AL

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry Charlotte and family. Dr Cotton was a great man and veterinarian.

Ben and Marna Sneed - January 04, 2018 at 08:04 PM

DH

I'm sorry to hear of Wayne's departure, and I join you in grieving. I also join you in Celebrating his arrival in the presence of Jesus. we celebrate a life well lived.

dudley hall - January 05, 2018 at 01:26 PM

HW

Dr Cotton made me feel like one of his on. He came to the farm every spring and did annual checkup on entire. He flying over the farm once with camera in hand, took a picture as we where feeding cows in the snow. He will be missed.

Hal Wood - January 06, 2018 at 01:38 PM