



Dr. Earl McIlwain Jeffres

February 20, 1934 - December 5, 2022

Dr. Earl McIlwain Jeffres 88 of Springville, Alabama passed away on December 5, 2022. Earl was born in Harold, Florida on February 20, 1934 to Beda and Jody Jeffres. He attended Linden High School, Linden, Alabama. He received his Bachelor's from Howard College in Pre-med followed by his MD from Medical College of Alabama. Earl then did a one year internship in the Panama Canal Zone at Gorgas Hospital, followed by one year surgical residency at the University of Florida, two years in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, one year of studies at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, one year general surgery residency and three years of orthopedic surgery residency at Lloyd Noland Hospital, Fairfield, Alabama. Earl began his practice as an orthopedic surgeon in Florence Alabama in 1970 and practiced there till 1992. He then moved his practice to Fayetteville, Tennessee where he worked till his retirement in 2002. Earl enjoyed volunteering at the State Crippled Children's Clinic while practicing in Florence. One of his greatest joys was helping children that were afflicted with club feet. Earl was also a proud member of the

American Medical Association. He was an active member of Gideons International, Fayetteville Camp for over 25 years, and a faithful member of Kirkland Baptist Church from 1992 until his passing. He was happily attending Central Baptist Church, Trussville, Alabama in his final months as he and his faithful wife, Jane had moved to Springville, Alabama to be closer to family. Earl was fiercely committed to medical missions, going on mission trips to the Panama Canal Zone, Brazil, and China.

Earl is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jane Matthews Jeffres, Sons, Matthew (wife Virginia), John (wife Anne), and Paul (wife Celia) Special nieces and nephew, Deborah Cardwell(husband Curtis), David Cumbie(wife Pat), Becky Berryman. Granddaughters, Megan Seals (husband Shane), Sara, Nora, and Ella Jeffres. Sisters Barbara Hornsby and Margaret Jeffres, sisters-in-law Patsy Powell(husband Billy), Peggy Matthews and numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his parents, Jody Lee Jeffres and Beda Irene Sowell Jeffres.

Memorial services will be held at Kirkland Baptist Church in Taft TN, December 12, 2022. Visitation 12pm- 1pm with Memorial service to follow. Funeral services will be held at Cental Baptist Church in Trussville, AL December 17, 2022. Visitation 1pm -2pm with funeral service to follow. Graveside services will be held at Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Troy, AL December 19, 2022 at 11am.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gideons International or Good Hope Baptist Cemetery Fund.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

1093 County Rd 1165
Troy, AL 36079

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Central Baptist Church
8762 Gadsden Hwy
Argo, AL 35173

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of Dr J's passing. I will never forget such a kind person he was and the things I learned from him. I hate that I never got to say goodbye. Fly high Doc. You have earned those wings. God Bless his family.

Krystal Barrett - March 25, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ Dr and Mrs Jeffres started attending Kirkland Baptist church and were faithful to the work of WMU and Baptist men's - missions-Gideon's and doctoring the community - we have many funny stories of Doc and they shared their family's musical talents on special occasions- the plays - fellowship-prayer warriors- One Christmas they sang the song “ I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day “ in memory of her sister and her husband , a pastor, that had died in a car wreck coming home from a retreat at the Billy Graham place in NC “And in despair I bowed my head; “There is no peace on Earth, “” I said , “For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on Earth, goodwill to men.” Then pealed the bells more loud and deep; God is not dead , nor doth He sleep ; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on Earth, goodwill to men” It became my favorite Christmas song- In this fallen world, as we celebrate the hope that God sent- remember that God is not dead and does not sleep and He cares for you- - absent in the body , present with the Lord! Praying for comfort for His family- love you!

Billy and Cindy Langford - December 10, 2022 at 05:12 PM

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“ Patricia Weaver lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Earl Mcllwain Jeffres



Patricia Weaver - December 08, 2022 at 08:44 PM

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Patricia Weaver - December 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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Patricia Weaver - December 07, 2022 at 02:36 AM