



Abner Carr Withers

August 14, 1937 - March 19, 2013

Dr. Abner Carr Withers, Sr., 75, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Born August 14, 1937 in Spencer, NC to the late Sallie Mattox Withers and Benjamin Roscoe Withers, he was educated in the Spencer Schools and graduated from Spencer High School. He graduated from UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, NC. Dr. Withers served in the U.S. Navy attached to the U.S. Marine Corps.

Dr. Withers served his Internship at the Virginia Medical College in Richmond, VA and was in Family Practice in Drexel, NC until 1992. He served in Ambulatory Care in Belwood, NC and at Rowan Regional Medical Center Outpatient Clinic in Granite Quarry, NC before retiring in November 2000.

Dr. Withers was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Adam and Eve Sunday school class and served on the Wellness Committee. He was a past member of the Granite Quarry Civitan Club, the American Academy of Family Practice and the North Carolina Medical Society.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Withers was preceded in death by his infant grandson, Wesley C. Withers; brothers, B.R. "Buck" Withers, Jr. and George Wesley Withers; sisters, Martha W. Agner, and Alene W. Ritchie.

Surviving is his wife Lynn Clarke Withers, whom he married September 17, 1983; sons, Abner Carr Withers, Jr. and wife Reyna Leon Withers of Raritan, NJ, Paul Wesley Withers and wife, Penny Mathews Withers of Victoria, TX, Gregory Jay Williams and wife Angela Arrowood Williams of Morganton, NC;

daughter, Jill Suzanne Williams of Taylorsville, NC; sisters, Sarah W. Keesee of Salisbury, NC and Elizabeth W. "Bo Bo" Smith of Salisbury, NC; grandchildren, Kenneth Zambrana and Benjamin Zambrana of Orlando, FL, Emily Withers, Abner Carr "Cubby" Withers, III of Raritan, NJ, Grace Withers, John Withers and Nathan Withers of Victoria, TX, Bailey Rose, Hannah Williams and Eli Williams of Morganton, NC; mother-in-law, Hazel M. Clarke, of Morganton, NC; sisters-in law and brother-in-law, Elizabeth S. Withers of Conyers, GA, Anne S. Loeblein of Salisbury, NC, Randy and Pamela C. Pritchard of Glen Alpine, NC, and also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday at the Summersett Funeral Home

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM – Friday (March 22) at First United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Stephen D. Haines and Samantha J. Wesley, officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care, 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Salvation Army, PO Box 625, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Withers family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

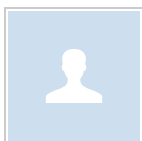
Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Withers took good care of my family while working at Drexel Medical. He had such a sweet bedside manner and caring personality. We are so sorry to hear of his recent illness and passing. We are praying for Lynn and all the family.*

Knox and Lena Hollifield & Family##imported-begin##Heather Hollifield##imported-end##

March 24, 2013 at 08:37 PM



“ *Dearest Lynn, So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Be comforted in the thought that now Abner is with God. Love, Susan and Brent##imported-begin##Susan Williams Mull##imported-end##*

March 23, 2013 at 11:46 AM



“ *Dear Sweet Lynn,*

We were so sorry to read about your precious husband! I will never forget how kind and caring toward me he was in 1989 after I was in a head on automobile accident, the best doctor one could have!! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Alton & Mary B. Tallent##imported-begin##Alton and Mary B. Tallent##imported-end##

March 22, 2013 at 07:25 PM



“ Dear Lynn,

I was so saddened when my Mother (Mary Tallent)told me about Dr. Withers' passing. He was such a kind and caring doctor to me and my family.

He will be missed very much. He is in God's hands now. Sing Praises!

With Love & Prayers, Rita Jo##imported-begin##Rita Jo Brittain Isaacson##imported-end##

March 22, 2013 at 04:49 PM



“ *I am sorry for the loss of Abner. He was a wonderful man full of love and compassion. Please know that each of you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kim Watson Holden##imported-end##*

March 22, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to all of the Withers family. We knew Abner in High School and thought a lot of him. Douglas and Jane Buie Truesdel##imported-begin##Jane Buie Truesdel##imported-end##*

March 21, 2013 at 08:57 PM



“ *Elizabeth, BoBo, I am sorry to hear about your Brother. I hope to see you again at our next class reunion##imported-begin##Dianne Walser##imported-end##*

March 21, 2013 at 08:04 PM



“ Lynn & Family,

We were deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Withers passing. We have many fond memories of the Drexel Medical days, Christmas parties and celebrations. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and the hopes that your precious memories will sustain you during this difficult time.

*All our love and heartfelt sympathy,
Linda & Melina Woods##imported-begin##Melina
Woods##imported-end##*

March 21, 2013 at 07:43 PM



“ Lynn, I am so sorry for your loss. It seems we only communicate at these times of sorrow. Much love and prayers for you and your family. Cousin Toni##imported-begin##Toni Clarke Ledbetter##imported-end##

March 21, 2013 at 02:33 PM



“ Condolences to Dr. Withers family. When I was a patient at Grace Hospital in Morganton, I was in a coma. He stayed at the bedside with my family and made sure I was cared for during a critical night. Such devotion to my care when I was young allowed me to live on to a very good life. I will always remember his care as being outstanding for his patients.

God Bless the family during this time of transition.

*Sandra McNeely, Morganton.##imported-begin##Sandra
McNeely##imported-end##*

March 21, 2013 at 10:13 AM



“ *To the Family, Relatives and Friends of Abner Withers,*

During this time of loss, we are praying that you will draw strength and comfort from your faith in God.

"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Matthew 28:20

Carolyn and Wilbert S.##imported-begin##Wilbert and Carolyn Sadler##imported-end##

March 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM



“ *"No longer shall the sun be your light by day, nor the brightness of the moon shine upon you at night; the Lord shall be your light forever, your God shall be your glory."*

-Isaiah 60:19

To Lynn and family members,

We are thinking of all of you at this time and we extend heartfelt understanding and sympathy

"Grace and peace be multiplies unto you

Membership Care of F.U.M.C.

Coord. Wilbert and Carolyn Sadler##imported-begin##Carolyn & Wilbert Sadler##imported-end##

March 21, 2013 at 09:51 AM



“ Lynn:
Can't begin to tell you how sad I am to hear of Abner's passing. You and I now share the same sadness in losing a mate. But, Lynn, we can rejoice in that God will give you strength, comfort and wonderful peace in the days ahead. Just lean on Him. He did me. You and Abner have been dear, dear friends to me for many years. I will miss Abner. Will continue to pray for you and all the family. God Bless and Peace to you.
Bennie Greene##imported-begin##Bennie Greene##imported-end##

March 21, 2013 at 06:48 AM



“ Paul,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.##imported-begin##Judy Luker##imported-end##

March 20, 2013 at 10:53 PM



“ Dear Lynn and family,

I was saddened to hear about Dr. Withers. He was a wonderful doctor and was always so nice to me when I worked part time at Drexel Medical and at Bellwood.

You are in my prayers; may your good memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Janice H. Berry##imported-end##

March 20, 2013 at 02:46 PM