



Dr. Dennis L. Hill

February 8, 2020

Dennis L. Hill, MD, FAASM (Veteran) passed away Saturday, February 8, 2020 at his residence.

During 56 years of marriage Kathleen and Dennis, two immature, inexperienced, naïve young people came to understand they had navigated the dangerous shoals of married life and had found forgiveness, understanding and mature love. Their marriage was blessed by two successful daughters, two gifted grandchildren and the happiest one-year old great-grandchild.

Dr. Hill was among the pioneers of sleep medicine in North Carolina and acute stroke care in Rowan County. During the last years of his 50-year medical career he was privileged to serve the warriors at the Salisbury NC VA Medical Center.

His passions were music, especially the opera and bluegrass, horses, fly fishing, and The Great Courses. His favorite charities included Historic Salisbury Foundation, The Blue Ridge Music Center, Salisbury Symphony, Salvation Army and Samaritan's Purse.

He like to be remembered as being kind; and as the old Arkansawyer used to say: "He done the best he could."

As per Dr. Hill's wishes no services will be held.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Novant Health Hospice and Trinity at Home.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Hill family. Online condolences may

be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

WO

“ I remember Dennis well from the earliest days of the fledgling field of sleep medicine. Dennis was very supportive of an organization I founded called The Pickwick Club and we had a reception every year at the national meeting of the combined sleep organizations. As the Chariman of the Club, each year i would auction off some Pickwickian memorabilia. One year, Dennis won the auction which was an original copy of the Dickens book The Pickwick Papers. It was in this book that Dickens graphically described a character named "Joe the Fat Boy" whom he described as very sleepy and somnolent with notably loud snoring. This was later recognized as, what we know today, as the sleep apnea syndrome. As I gave Dennis the copy of this cherished book which he had just purchased he immediately gave it back to me to be auctioned off (but not purchased!) every year. Thus began a tradition which is a tribute to Dennis' generosity and thoughtfulness.

William C. Orr February 16, 2020

William C Orr - February 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

CR

“ I send my deepest condolences and well wishes to the family. Although i didn't have a very "close" friendship or relationship with Dr.Hill, my mother Judy Robinson worked for him for quite some time and over time our whole family came to know him. A caring and special person who dedicated his life to public service. Whether it was piano recitals, boy scouts, track or cross country, - Dr. Hill always seemed "interested" in whatever it was someone was doing and it made you want to be better. Ill always remember that, and I'm glad my mom got to know and work for him.

Christopher Robinson

Christopher Robinson - February 12, 2020 at 12:20 PM

DL

“ I was so very sorry to read about Dr. Hill's passing. He was always kind and encouraging to me during our interactions at Rowan Regional. He always was engaging and interested in our lives when we would see him out in the community. My favorite memory was when we ran into him with his grand kids at the Ashboro Zoo, when our son was small. Sending prayers.

Deborah M Lucas - February 11, 2020 at 10:36 AM

LB

“ Thank you for your service. Rest in Peace. †

Linda Bailey - February 11, 2020 at 08:39 AM

LB

“ So very sorry to hear of his passing. What a gentle and loving man. He was an awesome doctor and a fantastic human being. He will truly be missed. May you rest in peace.

Lynn Bowers - February 11, 2020 at 07:30 AM

SD

“ Dr Hill gave me my first sleep job and then I had the pleasure of working with him again @SVAMC. He was truly a blessed man. Ty for treating everyone with love and respect! You will be greatly missed



Sylvia Denise - February 10, 2020 at 07:17 PM

DB

“ Dr. Hill was such a mentor and inspiration working with him the past 8 years at the Salisbury VA. When I would get so frustrated with all the politics of trying to supervise the sleep clinic, Dr Hill would always know what exactly what to say to keep me motivated and lift my spirits. I felt like he was my primary supporter of doing the best job possibly for the veterans and the sleep clinic. I know how much I was dedicated to the veterans but Dr. Hill had me beat. He will always have a special place in my heart. To his family: thank you for sharing this precious man with me. I will dearly miss him.

Darlyn Baldwin - February 09, 2020 at 11:38 PM

MB

“ Denny was a much loved big brother and hero to us all. In childhood he always set a very high example for all of us to follow. He will be missed by his Big Creek and Sierra High School family. He is now in God's care and pray the peace of God surrounds the family and friends. In God's precious love, Maggie Thomas Bailey

Margaret Bailey - February 09, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BW

“ Bob Wood lit a candle in memory of Dr. Dennis L. Hill



Bob Wood - February 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM

KD

“ We always enjoyed seeing Dennis and Kathy around Salisbury. We remember enjoying their beautiful garden the year they were on the Symphony Guild garden tour. And then there was the Hall House cleanup when Dennis and I polished silver for several hours. Fond memories and sincere condolences.
Kathleen Dunn and Gene Krueger

Kathleen Dunn - February 09, 2020 at 08:04 AM

CM

*I will always remember my visits to Dr. Hill's sleep clinic and watching his pet bird in his office. He was very clear on his thoughts about the severity of sleep apnea.
My sincere condolences to his family.*

Carolyn Melchor - February 10, 2020 at 08:50 AM