



Dr. James Carr Eagle Jr.

November 21, 1937 - May 26, 2020

Dr. James Carr Eagle, Jr., 82, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at The NC State Veterans Home.

He was born November 21, 1937 in Rowan County, NC to the late Dr. James Carr Eagle, Sr. and Sadie Ellenburg Eagle. Dr. Eagle was a graduate of Spencer High School, Wake Forest University with a degree in Chemistry and UNC Chapel Hill with his Doctorate in Dentistry. He served as a Captain in the Army.

Dr. Eagle was a two time recipient of the Richard F. Hunt Award, which is the highest given at the School of Dentistry; served as the Director of Comprehensive Care for many years at the School of Dentistry and held very high standards for his students and himself. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America achieving the Badge of God and Country. Dr. Eagle was a member of First Baptist Church of Spencer where he served as a Deacon and sang in the choir. Dr. Eagle loved cars, he was a Studebaker enthusiast, loved Chevy's and many other makes and models of cars. He was active with the Spencer City Council, he served as a Spencer Alderman, was active with the Spencer Jaycees, and was a founding member of the Transportation Museum. He loved to eat at Southern Lunch in Lexington, NC every Friday. Preceding him in death was his wife, Patricia "Pat" Lomax Eagle on December 24, 2014 for whom he was a dedicated caregiver.

Surviving is his daughter, Suzanne Thacker and husband Jeff of Emerald Isle; son, Chris Eagle and wife Nikki of Salisbury; two grandchildren, Sieria Adams

and husband Stephen of Mooresville and Garrett Eagle of Salisbury; and brother, Dr. Windsor Eagle and wife Kathy of Salisbury.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the NC State Veteran Home, the Laurels, Dr. Blackman, Dr. Wilson and all the other Doctors that cared for Dr. Eagle.

A memorial service will be held 1 PM Friday (May 29) at Trading Ford Baptist Church, conducted by Pastor Mike Motley. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made North Hills Christian School, 2970 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or Trading Ford Baptist Church, 3600 Longs Ferry Rd, Salisbury, NC 28146.

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trading Ford Baptist Church
3600 Long Ferry Rd
Salisbury, NC 28146
(704) 633-5986

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I knew Dr. Eagle during my time as a dental student at UNC Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. He was kind, knowledgeable and one of the friendliest people you'd ever want to meet. He was the only person to give me an "F" in clinic during my time there because I finished an amalgam filling and a piece of it chipped off and I didn't notice it until he came to check it. He was so apologetic that I felt bad for him that he had to fail me that day! Great, great guy.

*He is with his Lord and Savior now along with his beloved family.
What a blessing!*

Dr. Kenneth Black

Kenneth Mason Black - February 13, 2025 at 12:34 PM

MA

“ I was fortunate to be a student of Dr. Eagle's at the UNC School of Dentistry from 1987-1991. He was an exceptional teacher who challenged his students to be the best they could be while always treating us in a fair and kind manner. I have met few men in my life whom I admire as much as Dr. Jim Eagle. I think that he served as a great example to all of his students because of his unsurpassed level of integrity.

Mark Andrews - January 24, 2021 at 01:14 AM

DH

“ Dr. Jim Eagle was one of the best people that I ever met in all of my years as full time faculty at the UNC School of Dentistry. I first met Jim when my wife and I moved to North Carolina in 1998 to teach at UNC. He was very welcoming from the first day we met. The first thing that struck me is the fact that Jim was a sincerely intelligent, talented, humble and good human being (which is hard to find these days). Despite his years of experience as a clinician and educator Jim was always open to new ideas and constant desire for lifelong learning.

I had many great conversations with Jim on many topics, especially dentistry and classic cars! I thought of him the other day when I was watching a classic car auction on tv. I was saddened when I discovered that Jim had passed away this year.

Dr. Eagle was one of a kind! A great man with great moral character...and as Tim McGraw sang,...Dr. Jim "always stayed humble and kind".

Big Jim, we miss you!

Matthew Hopfensperger

Dr. Matthew Hopfensperger - December 09, 2020 at 02:55 PM

AS

“ A might oak has fallen. Dr Eagle exemplified what it means to be a gentleman and citizen. He was first a beloved teacher to me then a good and kind friend. He can now hug his sweet wife! God bless all the Eagle family during this time of loss

In Christian love

Allen Samuelson Chapel Hill

allen samuelson - June 10, 2020 at 06:30 PM

AS

“ James was my dentist while I was his pastor. He was a trusted friend and great colleague. I offer prayers for his family during this sad time.

Alan Sasser - June 04, 2020 at 12:35 PM

WG

“ To Windsor and Kathy and all of the Eagle family:

Please accept my deepest condolences in the loss of your brother James.

Milton Gosney
Lucas, Texas

William Gosney - May 29, 2020 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ To Chris and your entire Family.
So very sorry for your lose. May God comfort each of you in the days and weeks to come.
You all are in our Prayers. The Hatley's

Scott Hatley - May 29, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. James Carr Eagle Jr..



May 28, 2020 at 09:00 PM

DK

“ Suzanne and Chris. It makes me very sad to learn of your father's passing. He was a wonderful person, employer, and friend, and also an excellent dentist. The best. I feel fortunate to have had the honor of working with him for almost 20 years. He taught me so much more than I ever learned in school. He accepted nothing but excellence in the treatment of his patients. His morals and his ethics were ever present and I hope he was able to pass some of these things along to his students. In all of the years I was employed there I never once saw him lose his temper or get angry with a patient or staff member. With me being just out of school I had much to learn. He never once criticized but instead he would say "Sometimes it's easier if you do it this way," or "Sometimes it works better if you do it like this." He made you want to do your very best for him. The world needs more dentists like him, but there will never be another Dr. Eagle. The first day I went to work he stopped me in the hallway and said, "I only have one thing to say to you. Be nice to my patients. Always treat your patients the way you want to be treated when you're sitting in that chair." I have never forgotten that. He was highly respected by other dentists and I personally have more respect for him than anyone I have ever known. Much love and prayers for you both. Debi Kilgore

Debi Kilgore - May 28, 2020 at 08:11 PM

TO

“ To Chris and family, sorry to hear the passing of your father. You are in my prayers for comfort in the days to come

Todd Overcash - May 28, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ Dearest family,
Jon and I would like the family to know that you are in our prayers. Mom and dad meant so much to us, especially when we were at FBC SPENCER many years ago. Before the pandemic, I was taking Dr Eagle a sweet bite every other week (peach, blackberry, blueberry, and His favorite pecan cobbler). I got to talk with him most times. The last time he was not in his room but I left him his sweet bite. I am so going to miss him and visiting him. Know that dad is with mom in such a wonderful place. Love you!

Jon and Susan Shores - May 28, 2020 at 06:15 PM

EM

I want to express my sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Eagle. I served with him at First Baptist Church in Spencer,NC. He was a fine man and a dedicated Christian.

Elizabeth Mitchell - May 29, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CA

“ Suzanne and Chris, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I was friends with James for many years.

Clayton Armistead - May 28, 2020 at 12:25 PM

BW

“ Bob Wood lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Carr Eagle Jr.



Bob Wood - May 28, 2020 at 09:21 AM

GC

“ A wonderful person from a family who has done so much for Rowan/Salisbury. He will be missed, and I pray the current and future citizens of our area will use him as a great role model.

Gordon & Cynthia Correll

Gordon Correll - May 28, 2020 at 06:53 AM

AH

“ My sympathy and prayers for family. RIP Dr. Eagle, a true gentleman.

Arlene Hager Hankins - May 28, 2020 at 06:39 AM

AH

“ Arlene Hager Hankins lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Carr Eagle Jr.



Arlene Hager Hankins - May 28, 2020 at 06:37 AM

JS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. May the beautiful memories that your Dad leaves behind fill your hearts and bring peace and comfort to you Chris and Suzanne during this time of your loss. He was a wonderful man and I so enjoyed serving him coffee and talking to him when he came out to the receptionist area during my time working at the NCSVH. He will be missed by many who loved him!

Janet Schenk - May 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM

LD

“ James was a great neighbor when he and Pay lived with his mother across the street from us while his home was being built. Thank you James for always being so kind and gracious. You will be missed.

Laura Deal - May 27, 2020 at 09:37 PM

TJ

“ Dr. Eagle was one of the best men I was ever fortunate to meet. He was the dentist to many a child in Spencer when I was growing up. He was not only a fine dentist, but an even better family man. I spent plenty of days at his home hanging out with Chris and other friends. Dr. Eagle was proud of his cars but loving toward Pat, Suzanne, and Chris. I remember him selling tractors after retiring from dentistry. Many a fine dentist learned his craft from a gentleman of Spencer, Dr. James Eagle. Rest easy Dr. Eagle.

Thomas Long Jr. - May 27, 2020 at 09:15 PM

RB

“ James and I were friends from before the first grade and the rest of our lives. We made many memories playing basketball in his back yard, honing our skills for varsity as Spencer Railroaders. He will truly be missed, he was a wonderful friend, man and father.

Richard "Brownie" Brown - May 27, 2020 at 05:28 PM