

## Dr Richard Gordon Senter

January 4, 1940 - November 26, 2013

Richard Gordon Senter, MD, age 73, passed away at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital November 26, 2013. He was born in Grand Junction, Tennessee, to Alfred and Nettie Senter on January 4th, 1940.

As the son of a Baptist minister, Gordon lived in several places in Tennessee before moving to Charlottesville, Virginia, where he attended Albemarle High School and graduated with honors. He attended Carson Newman College, where he met his wife, Barbara. He then attended Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He received further training in rheumatology at Case Western Reserve and the University of Virginia. He worked at the Nalle Clinic in Charlotte, NC, for twenty years, and in private practice in Salisbury for twenty years following.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Lisa (David) and Emily; son, Stuart (Deedra); and his two brothers and three sisters. His grandchildren are Olivia, Paul, and Joseph Cline, Zachary and Joshua Senter, and Julia Senter.

Gordon had many passions, including music, travel, lengthy kayak tours, and spending time with family. He lived his life to the fullest, and impacted innumerable lives. His love of God was complete, and his humility, kindness, and faith inspired everyone he encountered.

Gordon has volunteered with A Storehouse for Jesus's clinic, mission trips to Ghana, Africa, Rowan County's Community Care Clinic and AIDS Task Force, and First United Methodist Church's Camp Discovery.

Funeral services will be held at First United Methodist Church at 3 PM Sunday, December 1st, conducted by Rev. Steve Haines. There will be a 30-minute musical interlude preceding. The family will receive friends following the service in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Senter family. Online condolences and memorial tributes may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
217 S. Church St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

CY

“ I was a long time patient of Dr. Senter, I had suffered with problems from the age of 9, and he was the first Dr to give me a correct diagnosis, and helped me regain my life back. I cried the day he retired, he hugged me and told me it would all be ok. I consider him to this very day to be the most kind, understand, and attentive Dr I've ever seen. He is greatly missed, He did Good in this world, may his soul be at rest.

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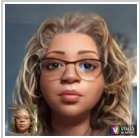
**Cynthia** - January 07, 2017 at 04:26 AM

PJ

Dr. Senter saw me on a Saturday morning at the Nalle Clinic and diagnosed me with lupus. Never have I met a kinder person. I was so sad when he left the Nalle Clinic. I will never forget him. I decided to look him up on internet and was so sad to hear that he had passed away. RIP

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**Patsy Jordan** - June 23, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ My name is Sherry Richards and I was a patient of Dr. Senter's for several years. I was a patient from 1995 until he retired. I was the last patient he saw, I cried because he was the type of doctor who cared about his patients. He listened to every word I had to say and saved my life. He always took notes and gave you notes and the end of your appointment and he had his. He was the most intelligent, most caring, most understanding doctor in the world. I am still looking for a Rheumatologist, he was such a good man. i will always pray for his family and patients who are looking for care that can in some way, measure up to the care Dr. Senter gave all of us. I know he is in Heaven with the Father and we will all meet there. God bless his family and all who knew him.

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**Sherry Richards** - May 05, 2016 at 07:51 PM

TD

“ *Barbara, so sad to hear of Dr. Senter's passing. I remember how pleasant and professional he was all the way back to 1973 when I first came to the Nalle Clinic. He indeed was a very compassionate well like physician. His smile has not changed.*

*Tommy Dagenhart  
Nalle Pharmacy*

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**Tommy Dagenhart** - March 28, 2015 at 12:10 PM

SP

“ *Mrs. Senter,*

*I am just hearing of the sad news of Dr. Senter passing. I am sorry for yours and your families loss. I was Dr. Senter's, Certified Medical Assistant, at Rowan Diagnostic Clinic. He was so loved by so many of his patients, he will be dearly missed by many. He had a heart of gold. Caring was his passion. I will miss him.*

*Sherry Petti, CMA(AAMA)*

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**Sherry Petti** - January 14, 2014 at 08:15 AM

TJ

“ Dear Barbara and family:

*Like so many others, we were stunned and overwhelmed with sorrow to learn of Gordon's untimely death. He was one of those people who seemed so much alive, we could not imagine him not being alive.*

*Of all the splendid people we have been privileged to know, Gordon was one of the most Christlike in every way. If anyone deserves a "Well done, good and faithful servant," greeting at the gates of heaven, it is surely Gordon.*

*We loved and respected him from the first time we met him in Baltimore in the early 60's, when we were both students at Johns Hopkins, and he and Barbara helped us develop a new church in Reisterstown, Md. Whenever were together through the years since, we felt enriched, inspired and challenged by his presence.*

*Please know that we share your grief because we love you also. As we enter 2014, we will be giving thanks for the life of Gordon and praying that you, his family, will find comfort in remembering that he was a great gift to you and that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Sincerely, with love and prayer, (Dr) Tom and Ginny Jackson, 7510 Lead Mine Rd, #104, Raleigh, NC 27615.*

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**Tholmas and Virginia Jackson** - December 27, 2013 at 10:09 AM

RA

“ *I was so shocked and sorry to hear about Dr. Senter. He was such a caring, loving doctor. He always took time to let his patients know how much he cared and wanted to help them. I enjoyed working with him very much.*

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**Rachel** - December 18, 2013 at 02:30 PM

AW

“ BARBARA AND FAMILY, I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR ABOUT GORDON. I AM SO SORRY THIS HAPPONED. AS YOU KNOW I LOVED HIM LIKE HE WAS MY BROTHER. PLEASE CALL ME SO THAT I MIGHT TALK TO YOU. I LOVE YOU ALL. ANDREA  
704-529-1752

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**ANDREA WOOD** - December 07, 2013 at 05:22 PM

DO

“ Barbara, Emily, Stuart and Lisa- please accept my condolences on your loss and apologies for not being able to attend the service. I still remember Gordon like it was yesterday. Great memories of him playing in the backyard, church trips with the MPBC Youth Group, even the .25 per Japanese Beetle he used to pay Stuart in an attempt to save the bushes by the swimming pool.

*My best wishes to you all...*

*Dave Outwater  
outh2o@gmail.com*

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**David Outwater** - December 05, 2013 at 03:07 PM

BH

“ I lived next door to the Senter family for many years as all of us "children" were growing up. What a wonderful influence the entire Senter family was on our small rural town of North Garden (except Gordon's father didn't like for "us girls" to wear shorts). My father (Cato Powell) use to get such a delight in seeing the Senter "boys" enjoy the river on his family farm. And, Gordon was always such a good influence on all those who knew him. Sadly for all of us, when college days came about we lost track of each other ... but rest assured, Gordon left a profound influence on those of us who knew him over our youthful years. Finally, I was so saddend to learn of Gordon's death - he was so young yet! I send my heartfelt sympathy to all of his family.

*Billie Powell Hogan, The Villages, FL*

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**Billie Powell Hogan** - December 04, 2013 at 01:27 PM

CB

“ So saddened to hear this news. Dr. Gordon Senter was a huge part of starting a non-profit in Charlotte, NC called Arthritis Patient Services. He, along with many of the individuals still serving on the Board of Directors today took a leap of faith to help our founder, Shirley F. Rodgers begin the agency. The agency still exists today to educate and provide services to persons with arthritis and related conditions, many of whom could not afford such specialized services. Dr. Senter and Barbara freely gave of their time and caring expertise working with individuals with arthritis. Dr. Senter will be missed. He will be revered as one of the most caring physicians ever in the field of rheumatology.

*Cindy Berrier, RN, Executive Director, Arthritis Services,  
Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC*

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**cindy berrier** - December 03, 2013 at 11:50 AM

JP

*Just learned of Gordon's death and am deeply grieved. He was a good friend who Martha and I deeply respected and admired. He was one of CN's finest graduates that we constantly bragged about being our own.*

*James Pethel, Jefferson City, retired CN prof.*

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**James Pethel** - December 30, 2013 at 08:37 PM

BB

“ *Barbara, I was just devastated to return from Thanksgiving to see that Gordon had lost his battle from the bad fall. When you first came to Salisbury, he treated my bedridden 82 year old Mom, and helped her get on her feet to enjoy 4 more years with us. In fact, she fell in love with this sweet, kind man, and I feel sure she will be greeting him with joy. Please know how much I care and hold you close in prayer along with your family. Betty Bills*

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**Betty Bills** - December 02, 2013 at 05:49 PM

BR

“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Senter. I was a patient of his at the Storehouse and though I knew him only a short time, I felt like I had known him all my life. He just happened to be seeing patients one Thursday evening when I came in to the Storehouse hoping to be able to be seen. He sat and started talking and asked me about the UVA shirt I was wearing and I told him I was from the area. He asked if I knew North Garden and I told him I was from Scottsville; both towns being very small but near each other. God had sent me an Angel and I just hadn't realized it yet. He made a profound difference in my health and in my life! I am so very thankful to have known him! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Sincerely, Brooks, a fellow Albemarle High grad.*

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**Brooks Robertson** - December 02, 2013 at 08:39 AM

CA

“ My mother (Charlotte Rumsey) and I were very impressed with Dr. Senter's kind and caring attitude. My mother was very selective of her doctors. She ranked Dr. Senter as her very best! My condolences to the family he leaves behind.

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**Cary** - December 01, 2013 at 04:18 PM

DS

“ Barbara, I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Gordon's passing. We were classmates at Albemarle High School and enjoyed our time visiting with you and Gordon at our 50th reunion. We truly missed you at our 55th in July but understood he was going to be in NYC. My sincere condolences to you and all the family.

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**Doris Sandridge** - December 01, 2013 at 07:09 AM

GS

“ Sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. Condolences to the rest of the Senter family. Classmates from Red Hill school thru AHS class of 58. Especially remember his beautiful tenor voice. Gladys Wilson Stokes

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**Gladys Wilson Stokes** - November 30, 2013 at 05:57 PM

AA

“ The members and supporters of the Albemarle High School Alumni Association were very sorry to hear about Dr. Senter's passing. It is always sad to lose a member of the Albemarle family, and we offer our condolences to his family and friends.

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**Albemarle High School Alumni Association** - November 30, 2013 at 01:38 PM

JS

“ We were shocked to read about Gorden's death. Our love and prayers are with you and the family. Love, Sue and Sid Head

Julie Sloop - November 30, 2013 at 11:34 AM

ST

“ This message of condolence is from John and Sara Thompson, brother Fred's sister-in-law and brother-in-law from Whiteville. We are truly sorry for the loss of a husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend in the death of Dr. Senter. Know that the entire Senter Family is in our prayers and thoughts.

John and Sara Thompson and Family

Sara B. Thompson - November 30, 2013 at 10:58 AM

 Olivia Cline

“ 2 files added to the album Ghana work



Olivia Cline - November 29, 2013 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Gordon in Ghana with SHFJ medical mission 2010



Jack Brehm - November 29, 2013 at 11:21 AM

HD

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of Dr. Senter; he was truly a wonderful person. I (Harold) owe him a great debt of gratitude for his curing me of RA several years ago although he refused to take credit for it. It was very obvious that he cared for people and wished to be used by God. Harold & Jan Dyer Mocksville

Harold & Jan Dyer - November 29, 2013 at 10:34 AM

EH

“ Dr. Senter family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time. Dr. Senter was the most dedicated and caring person. He has been greatly missed' since he retired from his practice. Dr. Senter will be missed by all who knew him.  
A patient for many years,  
Edwina M. Hill

Edwina Hill - November 29, 2013 at 09:44 AM

AM

Senter family----- Sorrow is the feeling, words are more difficult to express how very much Gordon will be missed. God loves him as well as anyone who met him, which are too many to number. Ann Martin

Ann Martin - November 29, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JY

“ Jean Young lit a candle in memory of Dr Richard Gordon Senter



Jean young - November 29, 2013 at 08:38 AM

JD

“ *Barbara and family,*

*I am so very sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dr. Senter was the best boss I ever had and it was a joy to work for him. He was a wonderful person and the most caring physician I have ever known. His patients were blessed and they loved him so much. That goes double for his employee's. We all loved him. He was truly a blessing to so many people. May God bless and comfort you.*

*Love,*

*Janet Douglas*

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**Janet Douglas** - November 28, 2013 at 06:22 PM

CE

“ *Barbara:*

*We are so sorry to learn of Gordon's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God comfort you in the coming days.*

*Bobby and Charlene Evans  
Knoxville, Tennessee*

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**Charlene Evans** - November 27, 2013 at 02:03 PM