



Dr. Calvin Patrick Bryan

April 8, 1947 - July 10, 2015

Dr. Calvin Patrick Bryan, 68, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee entered Heaven Friday July 10, 2015. “Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Phillippians 6:6,7)

These are the words Calvin Bryan lived by, from the moment Jesus became his personal Savior and Lord, to the last breath he took here on earth. They permeated every area of his life and prepared him for his peaceful and confident journey home.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis, Calvin continued his internship and residency there. He then served two years in Ethiopia with the Peace Corps, returning home to Chattanooga to join the medical practice of Dr. Reed Brown. He and Dr. Phil Newton later established their own general medical practice at the foot of Lookout Mountain, where he continued to serve his patients until the last few weeks of his life.

Calvin and his wife Margaret met at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church thirty-five years ago and have partnered in ministry ever since, both at home and abroad. In addition to the couple being “fishers of men”, it was said of

Calvin that, rather than being a doctor who loved to fly fish, he was a fly fisherman who loved being a doctor!

He also loved being part of a large family: wife Margaret McGavock Bryan; step-son, David Welsh, his wife Jennifer and their three children, Tait, Connor and Hamilton, of Budapest, Hungary; step-son, Jonathan Welsh and his wife Diana, of Greenville, S.C.; parents, the late William and Josephine Bryan; sister Patricia Bryan-Siler, her son Christian Siler and his wife Brandi; brother, the late Bernard Bryan, his daughter Carrie Puton, her husband Lionel and their children, Jack and Ava of Port Washington, NY; uncle, John Dyer; aunt, Mae Dyer Baker of Madera, CA; cousin, Mary Jane McKinsey; cousin, David McKinsey; cousin, Sissy Brackett; uncle, the late Charlie Bryan, his wife the late Kathleen Bryan and their daughter Gail; aunt, the late Virginia Edwards; her daughter Janet Helseth, her husband Joe; Janet's daughter, Lisa Thom and her husband Brian; and Virginia's son Bryan Harwell, his wife, Pat; their daughter, Sally Williams, her husband Scott and their children, Cadia, Skye, Keegan, Rowan and Sage; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael and Elizabeth Darby of Lake Burton, GA.; nieces and nephews, Mary Margaret Cain of Babson Park, FL., Brooke Bishop and her husband Benjamin of Ponte Vedra, FL., Heath Whittle and his wife Aimee of Tiger, GA., and Michael Darby and his wife Christie of Phoenix, AZ., and his eight "greats" of Arizona, Florida and Georgia.

Calvin thoroughly enjoyed working with his loyal, longtime partner and staff at Community Medical Associates; all of whom served him until the very end. They were, in particular, Dr. Phil Newton, Nurse Star Brock, Business Manager Rhonda Arnold, office staff Manager Loretta Hawkins and Delores Anderson and Tobey Hulgin part-time staff.

In life, Calvin was a Godly example to all his family members, staff, and his many lifelong friends and patients, yet he was fully prepared to go Home.

What a day of rejoicing it must have been for those believing ones who went before, as they welcomed him into Heaven! Also for the many other people who came to know Jesus through the time, energy and financial resources that Calvin invested into the work of God's Kingdom.

Calvin was loved and respected by everyone who knew him: for his deep love of his Lord, lifelong service to Him and His people, trustworthy and caring practice of medicine, and his knowledge of the Bible. Many people, including his beloved First Baptist Church of Lookout Mountain, turned to him for his clear explanation of Biblical passages. He most recently emphasized prophecy and the End Time, which he believed to be near.

His Homegoing Celebration will be held Saturday, July 18th, 2015, at 1:00 P.M., at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, 316 N. Bragg Avenue, Lookout Mountain, TN., 37350, with the Reverend Joe Novenson of LMPC and Pastor Jeffrey Jefferson of First Baptist Church of Lookout Mountain officiating. The family will receive visitors from 11:30 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. prior to the service at LMPC. They will also receive visitors the evening before from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Lookout Mountain, 205 N. Bragg Avenue, Lookout Mountain, TN., 37350. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to First Baptist Church of Lookout Mountain or the Lookout Mountain Presbyterian World Missions Fund.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lookout Mountain
205 N. Bragg Ave
Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

Tribute Wall

LM

“ We really liked the way Dr. Bryan ran his practice. The office always took morning 'walk-ins' and that has worked for us , I guess over 25 years. When we walked to his practice this morning to find a note with another dr. phone number saying to call their office, I'm like WHY??? I called the number and asked, she said , "yes, since Dr. Bryan's passing".. I was so in shock. I can't say how much we appreciated the caring and compassionate nature of this man....he was more than our Dr. He was our friend.

lucretia murdochl - August 18, 2015 at 10:20 AM

EC

“ Dr. Bryan was an excellent Doctor. My family and I loved and respected him for many years. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Elissa and Ledford Cook/McDonald, TN

Elissa Cook - July 27, 2015 at 11:53 AM

RK

“ I met Dr. Bryan at a Teen Challenge Banquet. He was such a gentle man. My husband Rick Keith and I went to the funeral on Saturday at the Presbyterian Church on Lookout Mountain. The church was breath taking with its stained glass windows and architecture ... but the CELEBRATION OF LIFE is what I will remember the most. The piano music brought back many songs which have revived my Spirit in years long gone. I caught myself writing the titles of the songs down on the back of the program so I would not forget how beautifully the pianist blended them together. I sat in the pew admiring the glory of the magnificent windows as the music played. The stories portrayed in the windows from the beginning of the Bible to the end were the inspiration to the songs and the life of the man we were there to honor on that day. I sat on the velvet pew refreshed in my spirit. Today, I realized it was as if GOD was speaking to me, "Do not look on merely the glorious outward appearance of the church. Come inside and see its glory as the sun shines within! My glory is shining on this man even now. The stories portrayed in the colorful shards of glass were etched on the heart of this man, 'Doc'. Come and see inside the heart of this man who served as the Hands and Feet of Jesus his community. His story is a continuation of the stories beautifully displayed on the stained glass. See the different colors of people who were touched by My love for all nations through him. See how they loved him and how they love one another as I have loved them! See how together they all love Me. I have gifted them to speak, sing and pray in such a way that MY LIGHT shines through them as well. These people from all walks of life are all part of MY CHURCH and it is glorious. MY LIGHT is shining humbly in brilliance at this moment!"

Everyone I know who knew him only had kind things to say about him in life and in death. What a difference he made in this world which is so thirsty for pure refreshing kindness from heaven. God's kindness blessed our community in placing him here for this season of time. He obtained the prize and ran the race with honor and dignity. They say you can judge a man's integrity by the friends he keeps. The love of his friends was so touching. If I did not already have a church home I would love to visit either church which

orchestrated the funeral. One day we will all worship together in heaven! THANK THE LORD for raising up such men as this one and his precious family as they walk in His footsteps.

Love, Rhonda Keith

Rhonda Keith - July 22, 2015 at 11:22 AM

NI

“ *Without Dr. Bryan's kindness I would have found it difficult over the last five years to have a primary care doctor. He was a fine man of God and I will miss him and his show of concern for me as his patient. My condolences to the entire family. I was honored to have known him.*

Nick - July 18, 2015 at 09:16 PM

BO

“ *Dear Family and friends, my deepest sympathies to each of you. The pain of death is immeasurable. How comforting it is to know our creator will do away with death forever. 1 Corinth 15 : 21,26. Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

Bobbi - July 18, 2015 at 05:01 PM

ST

“ *Margaret, I was saddened to hear of your husband's passing from this world to the next! He was a dear man and served his Lord well in the years he was granted. My parents were patients of his, and they felt a sweet connection and compassion not typical of patient/doctor relationships. I know his passing will leave a huge void in your world. I pray comfort in wonderful memories and a sense of God's sweetest presence today and all your days to come.*
Sharon Tachenko

Sharon Tachenko - July 18, 2015 at 09:25 AM

BM

“ I will always remember Dr. Bryan as a really caring person. I was one of his first patients when he first started his practice and knew then that I would never seek another doctor as long as Dr. Bryan was available. He is truly missed. Barbara Moore

Barbara Moore - July 17, 2015 at 11:51 AM

RK

“ We loved Dr. Calvin Bryan very much. He was one of the most caring people that we have ever met. He lived his life to help others and to please God! He will be missed by many! -Rick & Rhonda Keith

Rick Keith - July 17, 2015 at 07:47 AM

SL

“ Shirley Lindsey-Pangle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Calvin Patrick Bryan



Shirley Lindsey-Pangle - July 16, 2015 at 11:53 AM

SL

I knew Calvin when he was a teenager and I knew his cousin Bryan well. I recall Calvin as being a very nice young man and even then he and Bryan were always going on some outdoor adventure for fun. God bless him and his family.

Shirley Lindsey-Pangle - July 16, 2015 at 11:57 AM

IC

“ Dr. Bryan was the best doctor with whom I have associated, both as a patient myself, caregiver to some his other patients, and my other family members. He saved my life, and I will always be grateful for his kind manner and concern. He also had an unique sense of humor and we enjoyed tales of my many animals , and his. He loved bluegrass music, which my family are all involved in, and while he can't be there in person this weekend to see me play with Ronni Stoneman, I know he would get a charge out of it. Inez Pinion Castleberry

Inez Pinion Castleberry - July 16, 2015 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ There will never be another caring and compassionate doctor and Dr. Bryan.

Joyce Minnick - July 15, 2015 at 01:33 PM

JF

“ Dr. Bryan was a wonderful doctor and person. He was a blessing to my brother. Love and prays with the family. Jan, Linda & David Fine

Jan Fine - July 15, 2015 at 11:36 AM

BI

“ Dr. Bryan was a good man, and always there to help in any way he could. Dr. Bryan was my Dr. for years, as well as Charles Cox and his family for many years.

He will be missed by many. This is a man who always had the right answers, and medicine for all who were in need.

*Billy Joe Plaster, Cox Hardwood Floors
and also the Charles & Daisy Cox Family*

Billy - July 15, 2015 at 09:52 AM

KJ

“ *Im not good at writing but Doctor Bryan has been my Doctor for I guess the last 25 years. He has took wonderful care of me and always showed love and compassion. He just very recently saved my life by being the watchful doctor that he was. I will forever be grateful to him and will miss him so much. My prayers are with his Family and Staff. We are all Blessed to have had him in our lives*

kennie jones - July 14, 2015 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ *Twila Fuller lit a candle in memory of Dr. Calvin Patrick Bryan*



Twila Fuller - July 13, 2015 at 07:56 AM

BB

“ *Bruce & Tolitha Bowden lit a candle in memory of Dr. Calvin Patrick Bryan*



Bruce & Tolitha Bowden - July 12, 2015 at 05:14 PM