



Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck

November 13, 1928 - June 3, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck, 88, died at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at his home in Godfrey. He was born November 13, 1928 in rural Edwardsville the son of the late George Hardbeck Sr. and Clara (Stahlhut). He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of Immanuel U.M.C. Church in Edwardsville. He received his undergraduate degree in biology from Shurtleff College in 1957. He began his career as a chemist at Shell Oil Company in Wood River. He continued his education and went on to graduate June 7, 1963 from University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago. He did his residency at City Hospital in East St. Louis, IL. He was the Doctor for Fairmont Park Race Track and was a Obstetrician/Gynecologist in Alton for over 50 years where he delivered over 15,000 babies. He lived for his work and always put his patients first. From his farm roots, he was an avid gardner and yard specialist and always a great Cardinal fan and season ticket holder. On August 1, 1954 in Alton, he married Dorothy Voumard and she preceded him in death on April 26, 2011. Surviving are four daughters; Donna Hardbeck of Godfrey, Beth Bradley (Sean) of Kansas City, MO, Janet Hardbeck of Godfrey and Karen Arensmann (Frank) of Godfrey, four grandchildren; Phillip Goodrich of Godfrey, Glen Bradley of Washington D.C., Siobhan Bradley of Kansas City, MO, and Amelia Arensmann of Godfrey. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister; Vernon Hardbeck, George Hardbeck Jr. and Dorothy Heinrich. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at

Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Jackie Havis-Shear officiating. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dr Hardbeck I was blessed to be a student working along side of him in the 70's. Awesome respect He delivered both my daughters; I was high risk and he stayed near my side over 10hrs 1979 He the first to hold my daughter Kindest Caring Doctor blessed to know Last time blessed to see him and say hellos' was Joe Kay's' He is in my heart always and forever He stood by my side when I became ill 2004 God loves Dr Hardbeck Dr Hardbeck Loved Gods people's generally He applied his farming and his Marine skills to his doctoring An amazing man an amazing Doctor*

rhonda k cope - December 18, 2018 at 08:52 PM

CM

“ Prayers for your family during this time of bereavement. Your Dad was my mother's doctor in 1972-73. He and Dr. Brown took care of us. We were their first mother / daughter carrying at the same time for them to care for. Dr. Hardbeck was soft spoken and very caring. He was truly a wonderful doctor!

Cindi McClain-Mack - July 05, 2017 at 11:15 PM

EM

“ Dr Hardbeck was blessed & talented. He delivered my children and helped me stay healthy too. There aren't many people like him anymore.

emily - July 04, 2017 at 03:49 PM

LB

“ Dr. Hardbeck was a kind & compassionate doctor, who I was honored to deliver my son 28 years ago. He assisted with my daughter's delivery 26 years ago. There was never a time when he was impatient or thoughtless. God bless him & his family. I will keep you in my prayers.

Linda Barrett - June 07, 2017 at 12:39 PM

CH

“ Worked with Dr. Hardbeck many years. Was a great doctor. Prayers for the family.

Carol Hornsey

Carol Hornsey - June 06, 2017 at 09:14 PM



*Thought and prayers for the family .spent many years working at the hospital,stop and talk to you in the hall way .talk to your daughter Karen , many times
I will miss talking to you .(Jerry. & Debbie. Mount)*

Debbie Mount - June 07, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DE

“ When our son, Ben, died his twin brother and his wife rushed home from Wisconsin . She was 9 months pregnant. Being her first pregnancy she had more than the usual worries. My wife, Nancy, called Dr. Hardbeck. He did not hesitate and saw my daughter-in-law for a special exam. All was well. She delivered our first grandson one week later. Dr. Hardbeck was a very special person to our family.

David Elson - June 06, 2017 at 03:55 PM

BB

“ Bob & Judy Bradley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck.



Bob & Judy Bradley - June 06, 2017 at 12:26 PM

CC

“ Dr. Hardbeck was a wonderful Dr to work with & was always very kind to his patients. I had the honor to work with him as a Labor & Delivery R.N. at St. Joseph's Hospital for almost 9 years.

Cathi Culbertson - June 05, 2017 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald E. Hardbeck.*



June 05, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ *Dr. Hardbeck was a wonderful man. I had the opportunity to work with him for two years in Alton. Condolences and prayers to his family.*

Lori Surapaneni - June 04, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *Dr Hardbeck was a wonderful man and a great doctor. He delivered all eight of my children and even some of my grandchildren. He will be missed by many..*

Pam Brown - June 04, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Dr. Hardbeck delivered all of my children. He was kind, professional and just a terrific guy. Condolences to the family.*

Nancy Elson - June 04, 2017 at 08:50 PM



He was a great doctor. So sorry for your loss.

becky mcgowen - June 04, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LH

So sorry for your loss. He was a good and kind doctor. I will never forget his gentle ways and caring. Rest in Jesus' arms, dear Doctor Hardbeck.

Lou Ann Hopper - June 06, 2017 at 06:17 AM



“ *Sooo sorry for your loss ... You gained an ANGEL in HEAVEN Today.*

Pamela Spengler - June 04, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JS

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Hardbeck. He was a true gentleman and a wonderful man. Few people in this world can ever make the kind of contribution to humanity that he did. He brought so many babies into this world, including mine. He will always be remembered and sadly missed.*

John Sowders - June 04, 2017 at 07:28 PM

JS

My sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Hardbeck. He delivered my daughter 44 yrs ago . Those we love are hard to lose . I am glad to have known your father. Always continued to give me a smile when I saw him at Joe K's . He was a kind man 😭

Jackie Sumpter - June 04, 2017 at 08:58 PM



I am so sorry for the Family and all of his co workers and all the lovely women who he delivered their children . Delivered my son Travis 35 years ago .

Marietta Massalone - June 04, 2017 at 10:15 PM