



John H. Hooker

September 30, 1924 - March 10, 2012

John H. Hooker, M.D., 87, died at 2:16 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born September 30, 1924 in Dixon, MO the son of the late Henry Greenleaf and Grace Frances (Wells) Hooker. Dr. Hooker completed his bachelor degree in three years at The University of Missouri and then graduated from the Univ. of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. He served his residency at The Kansas City General Hospital before beginning his general practice in Clarksville, MO., where he delivered 35 babies. He then served two years in the Army Medical Corps at The Pentagon. With an interest in Radiology he came to the St. Louis City Hospital to do a residency under the teaching of Dr. Armand Brodeur for three years. In 1961 he came to Alton Memorial Hospital to practice with Dr. Arthur Brewer and became Chief of Radiology in 1969 until his retirement in 1984. During his time at Alton Memorial he was Chief of Staff on two occasions, a member of the Executive Board, President of The Madison County Medical Society, member of the Illinois State Medical Society and a member of RSNA—Radiological Society of North America. He was a member of The Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, a founding member of Pride, In., past board member of the Great Rivers Land Trust Dr. Hooker loved reading history books, bulldogs, feeding birds and animals, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Missouri Tigers. Everyone who knew him was touched by his compassion and gentle nature.

On April 26, 1952 in Clarksville, MO he married the former Betty Lou (Wells)

and she preceded him in death on August 15, 1996. Surviving are a daughter; Jennifer L. Hooker of Godfrey, nieces and nephews; Don R. Lindsay (Jane) of Sun Lakes, AZ, Karen Sellers (Jerry) of Ava, MO, Ann Carroll Wells of St. Louis, John S. Wells of St. Louis, Linda Lindsay of Lake Wales, FL, many beloved great nieces and nephews and his cat, Sam. On Feb. 28, 1998 he married the former Marlene A. (Riley) of Alton. She survives as well as her children; Linda Wickenhauser (Jim) of Godfrey, Billie Rice of St. Louis and Pamela Wahl of Brighton. He was preceded in death by a sister; Donna Lindsay and a nephew; Keith Lindsay.

Visitation will be from noon until 2:00 pm Tuesday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by a private funeral service. Burial will be at Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. Memorials may be given to Alton Memorial Hospital, Pride, Inc. or the American Lung Association.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Hooker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *John H. Hooker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about John's death. My mother (Mary Jo) is in Florida and was distressed to discover that he had passed away. We did not know until just recently and apologize for the lateness of our sympathies. John was a wonderful neighbor and will be greatly missed. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Jo Clark Kirchner and Kelly C Parish - March 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jennifer,
I am so sorry for your loss. You must be proud to have had such a father. He has left behind quite the legacy. I was unable to attend his visitation, but I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs!
Nancy Young*

Nancy Young - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ To Pam, Billie, Linda: I send my sympathy to you girls and to Marlene. I thought John was one of the nicest men I'd met. Pray Marlene is doing okay. Emma

Emma Riley Johnson - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ John H. Hooker

John and Gillian Wickenhauser - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To: Pam, Linda, & Billie

Sorry to hear of the loss of John. He was a very good man and am glad that Marlene was able to share her life with him.

Karen Hohlbauch

Karen Hohlbauch - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Dr. Hooker was my parents neighbor in Fairmount, and was the kindest, most genuine soul you could meet. My parents adored him as did so many others I am sure. He truly made a difference, and will be deeply missed.

Suzanne Newton Cogan - March 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jennifer,
My best years working at Alton Memorial were with your father. He was a great man and loved by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. May God be with you in this of sorrow.

Rosie Brueggeman - March 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM