



Edgar Emrich Perry

October 18, 1939 - September 6, 2020

Dr. Ed Perry died at his home on Sunday, September 6, 2020, after a long struggle with COPD. He was 80 years old. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on October 18, 1939, and grew up in Marked Tree, Arkansas. He graduated from medical school at UAMS. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era and trained corpsmen for service. He then completed a Pediatrics residency and practiced Pediatrics in Memphis for more than 35 years before retiring to Vanndale, Arkansas in 2006. He was a kind and compassionate physician who loved his young patients and touched many lives during his lifetime. In his spare time, he loved gardening, reading, and to cook and eat.

He leaves his children, Dr. Lea Mary Bannister, Danna Perry, Lillian Carole Perry, Benjamin Perry and Dr. Andrew Perry. He is also survived by grandchildren, Isabel, Harden, Maxwell, Julia, Lillian, Reese and Maddox and sister, Dr. Judy Perry Black. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dr. Carole Perry and daughter, Sara Perry.

There will be a private family service held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ *Dr. Perry took care of my children in the 70s and 80s. He had such a relaxed manner while being totally professional. My children were comfortable with him and we all respected him very much. He always took plenty of time with us. And he did love to talk Arkansas football. I am so glad we knew him for so long. My love and prayers to his family.*

Judy Nokes

Judy - October 09, 2020 at 01:15 PM

MT

“ *Dear Judy. I was so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. As you of all people know, he was my best childhood friend and we spent many good times together in Marked Tree, at the Marked Tree Hunting Club near Weiner and other places although we drifted apart many years ago when I moved to New Orleans. The last time I saw him and Carole was in the early 1990s at Dannal's house in New Orleans when they were here visiting Dannal. He called me after Carole died and we visited for a few minutes and that was the last time we had any contact. I regret not getting back to him after that to check on him and to see how he was doing after Carole's tragic death. We are all getting to the end of our lives and have many memories of growing up in Marked Tree and Arkansas. I hope that you are well and happy and that you have had a good and prosperous life. I am thinking about you and Ed's family during this sad time. Mike Thompson*

Michael Thompson - September 22, 2020 at 09:58 PM

LN

“ Dr. Perry was the kind of doctor every family needs; he was kind, patient, thorough, and interested in the total child. Our three children were Dr. Perry's patients from the span of 1987 until Dr. Perry moved to Arkansas.

Here is one memory of Dr, Perry that I would like to share. At one visit, we talked about low iron. I told him my husband's iron was low. He asked me how low my husband's iron level was. When I told him, Dr. Perry said , " that needs to be checked right away. Tell him to come in and we will check it." My husband went to Laurelwood Pediatrics and got his iron checked.

Thank you all for sharing Dr. Perry with us. We really appreciated him.

Linda Nagy

Linda Nagy - September 21, 2020 at 12:01 AM



“ Dr Perry was mine and my sisters pediatrician. I can hardly think of my childhood without thinking of him. He was a kind and gentle man. He will live on in the many children he treated over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with the Perry family. Thank you for sharing a bit of him with us.

Stephanie Perez - September 16, 2020 at 03:20 PM

HE

“ Our family respected Dr. Perry for his medical skills, compassion, and humor. He most importantly listened, spent quality time with us, gave thoughtful advice, and understood our sons’ needs. We will miss him ... the essence of a good doctor.
In sympathy,
Helen and Bruce Erskine

Helen Erskine - September 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM

 Ursula Wimpee

“ so sorry to hear about Dr. Perry.....always fond memories of working around the old Housholder group in the 1970's Good pediattician to my childrens also
Ursula Olson (Wimpee)

Ursula Wimpee - September 16, 2020 at 07:51 AM

MC

“ Dr. Perry was the best pediatrician hands down! One of my co-workers recommended him when I was pregnant with the first of our three boys. We never regretted choosing him and our hearts were broken when he retired! Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your loss. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Melanie Cummings - September 15, 2020 at 09:00 PM

DM

“ My dear Perry Family, I could write a few pages about Ed and Carol. Knew Ed in High school. He at Marked Tree and I went to Harrisburg. My Mom and Dad were from Marked Tree. Mom went to school with Ed's Mom and Dad. Daddy Edgar and my Dad Ned Greenlee were drafted and went to Little Rock together to join the service. Remember Ed and think they had a dry cleaners and farm. Ed was my childrens Pediatrician. His nurse Lela was my neighbor. My husband, Harold, was his hunting friend. We enjoyed many fine meals of Lobster etc. at their home and Marked Tree Hunting Club Home. Our children were being born so it was a time ago. Ed and Carol were devine Gourmet cooks. Know you will miss Ed. My sincere condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dixie Morgan - September 15, 2020 at 07:22 PM

KR

“ Dear Perry Family. My 3 children were patients of Dr Ed. In 1988 my son developed a serious infection. Dr Perry met us at LeBonheur and was there with us the whole time. After my son recovered Dr Ed said he would be his Dr for life. He always asked about him. He was just the kindest most caring pediatrician. We were blessed to have his care. You all are in my prayers. The Rabb family

Katie Rabb - September 15, 2020 at 01:51 PM

JN

“ Dr. Perry took care of my two daughters in the 70s and 80s. He had such a relaxed manner with us while being totally professional. He was an excellent doctor and I'm very grateful for his care of my children. Plus, he was always up for a bit of Arkansas football chatter! My sympathy and regard to his family. Such a sweet man. Judy Nokes

Judy Nokes - September 15, 2020 at 12:59 PM

RE

“ We were blessed to know Ed Perry both professionally and personally. He was an awesome pediatrician who always made us feel as if our children were his only patients. We also enjoyed knowing him as “Andy's dad” and observing his many passions including cooking and, at various times Airstreams and Toyota Landcruisers. And what a great family! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ron & Kathryn Edmonds

Ron and Kathryn Edmonds - September 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LS

“ Dear Perry Family, it's been years since we saw Ed. He was the pediatrician for both of our children. Our whole family loved him, and we still make funny stories about “the time Dr Perrt said”!! He always knew the way to entertain our kids when they didn't feel good. They are now 48 and 42 and we still talk about dr Perry. We are so sorry for your loss and fondly remember the fun times with him even when we were sick. We pray that you feel Gods peace. The Shirley Family

Linda Shirley - September 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM

RJ

On Nov. 8, 1974, Dr. Perry saved my life as a newborn. He figured out what the other doctors could not. I owe him a lifetime of gratitude & appreciation. Thank you so much, Dr. Perry, for everything.

RJoyner - September 16, 2020 at 11:07 AM

MR

“ Dr. Perry was the greatest. His laid back manner and easy way of talking made my kids (and their parents!) feel at ease and comforted. He would lean against the exam table and talk to us like friends. He always saw Sesame Street characters in the kids' ears which was a big hit. When I was in the hospital for 10 days after the birth of my 2nd child, she stayed in the hospital too even though she was fine. Dr. Perry would always check on her during his rounds and finally, as his way of encouraging me, he told me it was time for her to go home. So we did. Finally, I loved that he left the room when the nurse gave the kids their shots. Even he didn't like that part. Thanks, Dr. Perry!

Mandy Rough - September 15, 2020 at 09:19 AM

JW

“ Dear Family,

We are very sorry for your loss. For years, I have wondered about the two great doctors who so diligently attended my newborn baby. I knew your mom and dad when they both were at John Gaston Hospital, Memphis, TN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I am forever grateful to them for saving my son's life. Their story is an amazing story to tell. Contact me if you wish. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Sincerely,
Joanne Webb & Family*

Joanne Webb - September 14, 2020 at 08:01 AM

JJ

“ One of the greatest doctors ever! We started using Dr. Perry in 2003 when my daughter was born. She had several health issues in which I credit him for correcting. Just about year ago I told him that he saved her life in which he said I don't know about that. After his retirement, I would see Dr. Perry in Wynne at Farm Bureau in which I worked. We had some very good conversations in which you could always learn something from him. He will truly be missed. He was a great doctor but even better man!! My family truly loved him!!

Justin Johnson - September 13, 2020 at 11:11 AM