



Charles E. Finney, MD Obituary

June 12, 1934 - August 11, 2012

Charles E. Finney, MD, Albany, GA, died Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Willson Hospice House. His funeral service was conducted Monday, August 13, 2012 at Covenant Presbyterian Church followed by interment at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Reverends Biff Coker, Don Adams, and Tim Oldes officiated. Dr. Finney was born in Cochran, GA on June 12, 1934 to Evelyn Dykes Finney and Ralph B. Finney. He graduated as Valedictorian from Valdosta High School in 1952. He completed his undergraduate work at Emory University, attended Emory Medical School, graduating in 1959, followed by internship at Grady Memorial Hospital and the VA Hospital in Atlanta. Dr. Finney completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Talmadge Memorial Hospital in Augusta, GA. In 1962, at the age of 28, he began his Ophthalmology practice in Albany and later served as chairman of the board of Palmyra Park Hospital. Dr. Finney received an MBA degree from Emory in 1980.

In 1968 he started his first farming operation, known as ToLee Plantation. Dr. Finney owned a pecan shelling plant in Hawkinsville, GA and for many years was on the board of the National Pecan Marketing Association. He was president of the Georgia Pecan Grows Association in 1980. In addition, Dr. Finney owned two different radio stations in Albany. After retiring from farming, he opened his wellness center.

He enjoyed gardening, especially roses; running, having completed one marathon; wood working, and hiking in the mountains at their mountain home

in Sapphire, NC. He was an avid reader and enjoyed writing. His favorite poem was "If" by Rudyard Kipling. Dr. Finney was a private pilot with an instrument rating. He enjoyed his friends and having house parties at their mountain home in North Carolina and at their beach home in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. Dr. Finney was Youth Governor of the YMCA 7th. Youth Assembly in 1951.

There will be a memorial service for Dr. Finney in Sapphire, NC Labor Day weekend.

Dr. Finney was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jimmy Finney and Dr. Ralph Finney, Jr.

Dr. Finney is survived by his loving wife of 46 years: Charlie Nixon Finney; daughter: Anne Finney Dekle (Clyde); son: Fred T. Finney (Debbie); daughter: Evelyn Finney Coursey (Tony); daughter: Angela R. Finney; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; house nurse: Dora Stephens; dear friends: Marilyne Moore and James Purvis.

Those desiring may send memorials to Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Ln., Albany, GA 31707, or to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2126 W. Edgewater Dr., Albany, GA 31707.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Interment

AUG 13 (ET)

Crown Hill Cemetery
1907 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2126 W. Edgewater Dr.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Charlie, I checked the Albny obits for the first time in a year tonight and saw Charles' notice. My husband Jim also fought cancer for almost 2 years. He died to this life last Thanksgiving.*

I have several specific memories of him, all centered around the obvious truth that he loved you very dearly. He pitched in so many times with Symphony events and put up with our seemingly endless calendar of meetings. You all were such a handsome couple! I know you will miss him but also that you rejoice, as do I, that your husband is out of pain.

*Take care. I pray God's comfort for you in the coming months.
love, EDITH JOHNSON*

EDITH BLACK JOHNSON - Austin, TX - friend - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To the family of Charles Finney, we are saddened by the loss of such a great man. Over the short period of time that we had the pleasure of knowing him, it was very clear that he was a very passionate person with a big heart. He loved Charlie very much and our hearts go out to her and their children.

Taylor Williams - Santa Rosa Beach, FL - Business - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ To the Finney Family: I was sorry to hear of the loss of your father and husband. May you find comfort in God's love. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Joanne Stripling Smith (Teacher at Deerfield in the "70's)

Joanne Stripling Smith - Chattanooga, TN - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Finney's passing. He gave me one of my first jobs when I was 19 years old and was a caring friend. He taught me not only about ophthalmology but about medicine in general, information I have used during my entire career in medical office management. Charlie, you and the entire family have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers.
Phyllis Bacon Copley

Phyllis Bacon Copley - Pineville, NC - family friend - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We just wanted to send you our prayers & love to you & the family on your loss. We enjoyed taking care of Dr Finney in the coumadin clinic @ AIM. If ever in our area stop in & say hi, would to see ya.
Your friends,

*Debbie & Sheryl @ AIM
Coumadin clinic*

DEBBIE & SHERYL - albany, GA - friends - August 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I'm saddened to know that Charles is no longer with us. I have fond memories of my conversations with Charles whenever we were together at a family holiday. You are all in my heart in and my prayers.

*With love,
Brent Fletcher*

Brent Fletcher - Los Angeles, CA - nephew - August 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM