



Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr.

September 2, 1920 - September 4, 2017

Dr. Charles Milligan Holman, Sr. was born September 2, 1920 in his parent's home at 606 North Jackson Street in Albany, Georgia. He was the third son of William Clinton Holman, Sr. and Wilhelmina Lelage Griffin Holman. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Anne Edge Holman; his two older brothers, William(Rip) Clinton Holman, Jr., Robert (Bob) Griffin Holman and his sister, Clementine (Tiny) Holman Bethea, all of Albany.

He graduated from high school at Baylor School for Boys in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He

attended the University of Georgia for two years, before transferring to Emory University where he graduated with a BS degree in 1939. He received his MD from the Emory University School of Medicine in 1941.

In the fall of 1940, while attending a dance at Emory, he met Miss Anne Blackmar Edge of Decatur, Georgia. They fell in love and were married on June 16, 1942. They shared a love of many things, including nature, the outdoors, sports, and often said laughingly that not only were they devoted to each other, but they were "best friends." They lived in many places during his medical training and his military service during World War II.

He served a Surgical Internship at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Quebec. At the end of that year, he entered the United States Medical Corp

and was stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. He served his country during WWII as a Hospital Train Commander, taking wounded soldiers being returned to the United States from Europe on a train to the hospitals nearest their hometowns all across America. During this time, he and Anne lived in Hyannis Port on Cape Cod.

After the war, he returned to Atlanta to complete his medical training at Emory University School of Medicine and Grady Hospital. IN 1949, he returned to his hometown in Albany, Georgia where he began his practice in OB-GYN until his retirement in 1985. Dr. Holman served as Chief of OB-GYN staff at Phoebe Putney Hospital for many years.

Over the years, he received recognition for his hard work and dedication to both his patients and to Albany. A former member of the Albany Rotary Club, he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was declared a Fellow in the College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists in 1959. He received an appreciation certificate for many years of Volunteer Service at ACTO, and received the Book of GOLDEN DEEDS award from the Albany Exchange Club in 2001. In 2002, Dr. Charlie wrote a collection of family stories about his GROWING UP SOUTHERN. The small book was published by his brother-in-law Walter Mitchell, Jr. of Southern Accents. He had a gift for genuinely enjoying every moment of his life for which he will long be remembered. While he practiced OB-GYN for nearly 40 years in Albany, he also loved the outdoors. When he had time off from seeing his patients or delivering babies, he would head straight for the woods to hunt or fish with Anne, one of his three children or 18 grandchildren.

He would often tell people how thankful he was to “THE OLD MASTER” for his family and the times he shared with them. He wanted to share his love of nature with them. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

Dr. Charlie is survived by his three children: Dr. Charles (Tod) Milligan

Holman, Jr. and his wife, Jean of Ocean Springs, MS; Judith (Judy) Holman Deriso and her husband, Walter (Sonny) Mabry Deriso, Jr. of Albany/ and Atlanta; and Dinah Holman Freeman and her husband, Rodney (Rod) Lee Freeman of Brentwood, TN.

He has eight grandchildren: Holly Holman Bailey(John) of Charleston, WV; Lauren Holman Hensley (John)of Mobile, AL.; Walter Mabry (Walt) Deriso, III (Anna)of Atlanta; Dr. Charles (Charlie) Holman Deriso (Rachael)of Albany; Richard Warren Deriso (Suzanne)of Atlanta; Kelly Freeman Davis (Scott of Ocala, FL.); Robert(Bobby) Clinton Freeman (Adrienne) of Franklin, TN; Richard Lee Freeman (Meg)of Franklin, TN.

He has twenty-five great grandchildren: John, Brooks and Lisette Bailey of Charleston, WV; Mills, Charlie, and Walter Hensley of Mobile, AL; Walt IV and Henry Deriso of Atlanta; Charles "Holman", Carter, Jackson, Denham and Ellie Deriso of Albany; Margaret, Emily Anne, and Julia Deriso of Atlanta; Haley, Lauren, and Caroline Davis of Ocala; Charlie, Ellie, Niles, and Henry Freeman of Franklin, TN; and Wells and Gray Freeman of Franklin, TN. He loved each and every one of them. A son, a grandson and three great-grandsons were named either Charles or Charles Holman after their grandfather. All his family are thankful for the good example their Dad and Grandad set for all.

Mrs. Mary McConnell took excellent care of Dr. Charlie. She is a valued family friend who has been devoted to looking after both of the Holman couple as they aged. Mrs. Mamie Benjamin and her daughter, Lynnette, also are devoted helpers whom the family has relied on.

A memorial service for Dr. Holman will be at 11 AM on Friday, September 15, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia where Dr. Holman was a faithful member from his birth in 1920 until his death on September 4, 2017 at age 97. A private burial will take place at Crown Hill Cemetery. The

family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 6-8 PM. The family will also receive friends at First United Methodist Church prior to the memorial service from 10 AM until 11 AM.

Memorial consideration in memory of Dr. Holman:

Emory University School of Medicine at www.emory.edu/give

First United Methodist Albany Youth Ministry, 307 Flint. Avenue, Albany, Ga. 31701;

West End Community Church Youth Ministry, 235 White Bridge PW, Nashville, TN 37209.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
307 Flint Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr.*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Judy, I just read your daddy's obit! Sorry I'm so late.. but it was truly a beautiful summary of your mom and dad's life! Each of them had such a vibrant life.what a blessing to have had such great parents, as did I! We were blessed. Carole Lowe Boline*

carole lowe boline - October 26, 2019 at 12:31 AM



“ *Judy,
Sorry for your loss.*

Walt Green - September 26, 2017 at 12:01 AM

CB

“ Judy, Tod, and Dinah. I will always cherish the times with your father. When I was very young, he taught me to clean doves, introduced me to trapping. I fondly remember him often saying he was "tickled pink" about something. We traveled with Anne and Charlie to many Albany High basketball and football games to watch the Holman and Berg children. Always pleasant with a smile and a laugh. He is missed.

Chandler Berg

Chandler Berg - September 21, 2017 at 09:44 PM

MJ

“ I visited Albany for the first time this last week, when I and my family stayed at a local motel during Hurricane Irma. My husband and I both were drawn to the photograph of Dr. Holman, and greatly moved when we read the remarkable account of his life. Although we never knew this noble individual, we want to wish his dear family peace and blessings. He was the sort of man that is referred to as "a great soul".

*Mr. and Mrs. C. Gail Jarvis
Saint Simons Island, GA*

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gail Jarvis - September 15, 2017 at 11:56 PM

CF

“ Thinking of you all at this sad time.
Tom and Connie Flowers

Connie Cannon Flowers - September 14, 2017 at 10:11 AM

PC

“ Dr Charlie sewed up my knee in the Phoebe ER when I was 5 years old . When he took out the stitches in his office he gave me a stethoscope and said " keep this , someday you may be a doctor." He was still in practice for 3 years after I came back to Albany.What a great man and mentor !

Price Corr - September 14, 2017 at 09:38 AM

GB

“ Our family lived next door to the Holman family, so I have wonderful memories of Dr. and Mrs. Holman and Tod, Judy and Dinah when they were young. What a blessing !!
Georgia Wolfe Burns

GEORGIA BURNS - September 12, 2017 at 09:59 AM

JN

“ He delivered both of my daughters. He was the best and I am happy that he was my doctor. May God comfort his family and keep them close to him in the sad days ahead. We lost a great doctor and man!!

JoAnn Norfolk - September 11, 2017 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ Dinah,
I'm sorry for your loss.. it sounds like he was a wonderful man!
Love,
Marlene

Marlene Mason Butler - September 10, 2017 at 07:09 PM

CS

“ *Dinah so sorry about your dads passing. Prayers and thoughts for your family during this difficult time. God bless!*

Carhy Autry Stott - September 10, 2017 at 06:28 PM

BR

“ *Judy, Tod and Dinah, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and a great influence on the lives of those that knew him.*

Bill Russell - September 10, 2017 at 02:29 PM

KP

“ *Uncle Charlie was so special to me and Carl. He was such a positive influence on me and I know my dad thought the world of him! One of Carl's favorite people was Uncle Charlie and they spent many a day hunting and fishing in the area. He will be missed!*
Kathy and Carl Pennington

Kathy Pennington - September 10, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr..*



September 10, 2017 at 10:31 AM

SH

“ Judy, Tod and Dinah, Carl and i am so sorry that we have loss Charlie. Carl and I loved him so much and he will really be missed. He was a wonderful person and Doctor like no other. Please know how much we are praying and grieving for you and your family and ourselves. May the angels enfold you in their light and wings and bring you comfort and Peace at this time. Carl and I and family send our Love to all of you. Blessings , Carl and Sandra Hancock

Sandra and Carl Hancock - September 10, 2017 at 10:29 AM

WM

“ Tod, Judy and Dinah
What a wonderful life lived by Uncle Charles!
About fifteen years ago, I wrote him a letter thanking him for the tremendous influence that he had been in my life. No man other than my father had as much an impact on who I am today than your father! There is little doubt in my mind that I would not have been a physician had it not been for the fact that my admiration for every phase of his life led me to the profession that I enjoyed for over forty years!
The world has lost a true gem of humanity with his passing. Very few men have lived a life as well!
With love,
Buddy
William M. Bethea MD, FACP

WM Bethea MD - September 10, 2017 at 09:15 AM

MJ

“ Judy, I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Charlie's death. I enjoyed so much over the past few years reconnecting with you & your parents. They meant so much to me in their support when my mother was so ill. My love to you, Tod & Dinah....



Marie (Re) Kelley Jones - September 09, 2017 at 11:41 PM

GB

“ Ginny Barnes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Milligan Holman Sr.



Ginny Barnes - September 08, 2017 at 06:58 AM

JG

“ So sad to hear about the loss of a great doctor and friend. I was Dr. Holman's patient from a young teenager to the time he retired, as was my grandmother, mother, daughters, aunts, and friends. He was very caring of his patients and a true gentleman. Will always cherish the memories.

Janice Johnson Garey Gray - September 07, 2017 at 06:53 PM

KF

“ Dr. Holman delivered me and was my doctor until I became pregnant and he turned me over to Dr. Klemann . I just loved him. He was so caring and concerned about his patients. Rest in peace Dr. Holmon. Heaven has another angel.

Kathy Frakes

Kathy Frakes - September 07, 2017 at 04:40 PM

NS

“ To all the family, we loved Dr. Holman and will always remember him. He was the classic Southern Gentleman Doctor; we were blessed and privileged to know him.

Nancy Stephenson - September 07, 2017 at 03:51 PM

DB

“ Dear Judy & Family, our deepest sympathies in the death of Dr Holman. Mom & I were his patients until his retirement. He had such a caring & professional mannerism. Dr Holman has left your family such a special legacy. In Christian love & friendship, Eunice Greene & Debbie Greene Blanchard

Debbie Blanchard - September 07, 2017 at 01:12 PM

TW

Judy, we are so sorry to hear about your dad! I have already share with you how much I loved him when he was my doctor as a five year old little girl! He was the best! Know Bill and I are thinking of all of you!

Tricia Walker

Tricia Walker - September 10, 2017 at 09:44 PM