



Dr. Clarence Bridger Obituary

August 19, 1920 - November 23, 2010

Clarence Edgerton Bridger, M.D. Dr. Clarence Bridger, 90, of Albany, died, November 23, 2010. The funeral service will be held Friday at 2:00 PM. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church with the internment to follow immediately at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Reverend Jay Weldon will officiate. The family will receive friends at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church of Friday from 12:30 PM till the funeral hour. Dr. Bridger was born in Kenly, North Carolina, on September 19, 1920. He was the son of Miller Clarence Bridger Sr. and Annie Edgerton Bridger. Dr. Bridger graduated from Bladenboro High School in 1938. He met his wife, the former Mary Snipes of Woodland, NC, when she was a student at Meredith College, in Raleigh, NC. They married in 1942. In the same year, he received his Bachelor of Science from Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC. He earned his medical degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University in 1946. Following medical school, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp as a Captain. Dr. Bridger established a general medical practice in his hometown of Bladenboro, NC in 1949. In 1954, he returned to The Bowman Gray School of Medicine to specialize in Clinical and Anatomical Pathology. In 1958, he moved his family to Albany, Georgia where he remained as Chief Pathologist and Director of Laboratories at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital until his retirement in 1986. Over his 28 years with the hospital, Dr. Bridger established one of the first accredited American Association of Blood Banks in Georgia. He was The Dougherty County Medical Examiner, the consulting Pathologist for The Georgia Crime

Laboratory, and he directed continued education programs for Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's physicians. Dr. Bridger was a member of the following professional organizations: The American Medical Association, The Medical Association of Georgia, The Dougherty County Medical Society, The College of American Pathology, The American Association of Clinical Pathology, and The Georgia Association of Pathology. In addition, he served as past president of The Dougherty County Medical Society and The Bladen County Medical Society, Bladenboro, NC. Dr. Bridger was a pilot and a sports car enthusiast. He loved bird hunting and helped to form The Albany Skeet and Trap Club. Later, his hobbies included the restoration of antique cars and furniture. He also enjoyed a special interest in clockworks. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary S. Bridger of Albany; their six children: Elizabeth Ann (Becky) Geer of Atlanta, Mary Angel Whiteman and husband Larry of Atlanta, Joy Belinda Wise and husband Guerry of Atlanta, Miller Clarence Bridger III and wife Betsy of Albany, Harry John Bridger and wife Tracey of Atlanta, Kenneth Lock Bridger of Albany, and thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grand children.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Clarence Bridger Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Dear Mary, Joy, Ken and family, All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful husband and father he was! I always admired his dry sense of humor and respected his dedication to his family. What a legacy he leaves! Much love to you and the family. We were blessed to have known all of you when we were in Albany and at St Pat's. Charles and Irene*

Charles and Irene Stone - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Becky and the Bridger family, We send our sincere condolences. May God give you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Don & JoAnn Callaway, Moultrie, GA*

Don & JoAnn Callaway - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Dr. Bridger. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Georgia Temples - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“*Mary: So sorry to hear of Babe's death. He obviously had an illustrious career. We shared many experiences at BGMS which are never forgotten. I remember his times in Bladenboro. He made many good choices but returning for pathology training was one of his best. Remember God never abandones us. Love George Highsmith*

George Highsmith M.D. FACP - December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HK

“*My memories of Dr. Bridger was with his Nash Metropolitan car.*

Harold Kosola - December 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“*I extend my warmest sympathy to Mrs. Bridger and the Bridger family, especially Becky. I have many fond memories of you all, growing up next door to you in Albany.*

Jean McKnight Reeves - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*We were very sorry to read about the death of Dr. Clarence Bridger. We remember his kindness and generosity. My sister was born in 1949, and many times we were at Dr. Clarence's house in the middle of the night with a baby with an earache. My mother had gone to school with Dr. Clarence and had tremendous respect for him. I was in the fourth grade with Becky. I think they moved away from Bladenboro that year. The passing of such an exceptional person causes one to reminisce. We extend our sympathy to the family, and we want them to know that we appreciate all he did for us so many years ago. Sincerely, Judy Sessoms*

Judy Sessoms - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Miller, Betsy, and Bridger family, I just heard about Dr. Bridger. I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jan Brock Lloyd - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Mrs. Bridger and Becky, I'm so very sorry I could not attend, I was in Winston-Salem, NC with my girls. Becky hope to see you soon, and again, I'm so sorry about your Dad, Love, Lou

Lou Johnson - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you find peace and comfort. Bill and Rita

Bill and Rita Collins - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I want to offer my sincere condolences on your recent loss. May God's peace and blessings be with the family of Dr. Clarence Bridger. I remember Dr. Clarence well. I was one of his patient's when i was a child. Bladenboro, North Carolina.

Linda Evers Fields - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My sincere and heartfelt sympathies to all of the Bridger family. Dr Bridger was a great man of many achievements. He has gone home to be his Father in Heaven, but he will always remain with us in our heart. Bunny Hamlin

Bunny Hamlin - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Ken, my deepest sympathy over the passing of your dad. I have exsperienced that pain myself and know that he will be greatly missed. Sincerely Dinorah Hall

Dinornah Hall - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Ken,What a long and accomplished life your Dad had.Please know Im thinking of you and your family. Leigh

leigh fackler crouch - November 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM