



## Dr. John Stephen Inman Jr.

September 1, 2021

John Stephen Inman, Jr. was born October 13, 1921, on the Slappey Dairy Farm in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slappey. He was the first son of John Stephen and Eloise Slappey Inman. He attended Albany public schools, graduating from Albany High School in 1938. Dr. Inman attended Emory College, first in Valdosta and then 'Big Emory' in Atlanta, Georgia. While at Emory, Dr. Inman was an active member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity along with fellow Albanians Stuart Watson and Paul Keenan who were lifelong friends.

During World War II, Dr. Inman entered Emory University School of Medicine as a private in the United States Army after graduating from Emory College in 1942. In 1945, he graduated from Emory University School of Medicine and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps. After a nine-month surgical internship in Lexington, Kentucky at St. Joseph's Hospital, he served two years in the United States Army Medical Corps, primarily at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas. While there, he graduated from the Air University School of Aviation Medicine and received his wings as a Flight Surgeon. In 1948, he returned to Lexington, Ky. for a year of general surgery residency; then in 1949 he began a three-year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Crawford W. Long Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1952, he returned to Albany, Georgia and opened his office for the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology and, after passing both the written and oral exams that same year, became the first board certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist in South Georgia. In 1955 he married Willa Brickle and they were blessed with two sons, John Stephen Inman, III M.D., also an Obstetrician and Gynecologist in Albany, and Mark Ashley Inman, an attorney in Atlanta.

Each year his practice became larger and in the 1970's, Drs. William F. George and Frank F. Middleton joined the practice. Then his son John joined the practice in 1987 following his graduation from and residency at Emory University. When Dr. Inman stopped delivering babies in 1989, he had delivered 9,531 babies at Phoebe Putney Hospital alone. All told, in his career he helped birth over 10,000 children. Even after ending his obstetrical practice, he continued to practice gynecology for many years and often related one of the true pleasures in his life was assisting his oldest son John with surgeries.

Dr. Inman was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; his great-grandfather, Rev. Thomas Goulding Pond was rector in the 1870s. Dr. Inman served on the Vestry for three 3-year terms. He was Chairman of a successful Capital Fund Campaign in 2000. He was a member of the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club for over 50 years, serving as vice-president and board member. He was also a life member of Albany Lodge 713 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Inman had a passion for fitness. He joined the Albany YMCA in 1930, served on the Board of Directors for many years, was President in 2003, and was Chairman of the YMCA Endowment Committee. Having earned the honor, the YMCA dedicated their outdoor track to him in 1999.

Dr. Inman was a founding Director of the Security Bank and Trust Co. which is now a part of Synovus Bank. He was President of the Dougherty County Medical Society in 1962. He sent two children to Deerfield-Windsor School and made possible the construction of the John S. Inman, Jr. M.D. Science and Media Center at Deerfield.

Dr. Inman loved his profession and continually gave back of his time and energy. Dr. Inman was a member of the Albany/Dougherty County Hospital Authority and served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Phoebe Putney Hospital Foundation. He was a Life Member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and was a section chairman for the State of Georgia. In 1975, he was President of the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and in 1984 he became vice-president of the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Phoebe Putney Hospital honored him in 1999 by naming the Labor and Delivery suite the John S. Inman, Jr. M.D. Pavilion for Women, perhaps the honor which he was most proud. Finally, in 2014, the Georgia Obstetrical and Gynecological Society honored Dr. Inman with its Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Inman had a deep love for and gratitude to Emory University. Both his sons attended Emory. He was honored to be asked to be a member of the Advisory Council of Emory University School of Medicine and was a member of the Emory Legacy Society. His devotion to his alma mater was recognized in 2000 when he was awarded the J. Pollard Turman Alumni Service Award of Emory University. In 2008, Emory University School of Medicine awarded him the Arnold Patz, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award.

Finally, Dr. Inman loved Albany and cared deeply for its people. His love for his hometown was recognized in 2004 when the Thronoteeska Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded him the DAR Community

Service Award. The Rotary Club of Dougherty County awarded him the Service Above Self Award in 2004 as well.

Dr. Inman is survived by his beloved wife of seventy-six years, Willa Brickle Inman of Albany and their two sons, John S. Inman, III M.D. also of Albany and his family: wife Vicki Lang Inman, son John S. Inman, IV and his wife Beverly Guillebeau Inman, and daughter Ivy Inman Clark and her husband, Martin B. Clark, DMD who recently blessed Dr. Inman with his first great grandchild, Carlyle Lynn Clark; and Mark Ashley Inman of Atlanta and his family: wife Jennifer Bandrowski Inman, daughters Mary Elise Inman and Meryl Ashley Inman and their son, Paul Jeffrey Inman. Dr. Inman is also survived by his sister, Eloise Inman Jackson and her husband Lawson of Richardson, Texas and predeceased by his younger brother, Robert Allen Inman and his wife Ann of Waycross, Georgia.

Funeral services for family only are at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 5, 2021. Graveside service for friends and family follows at 3:00 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery.

Suggested memorials may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Albany YMCA, the Phoebe Foundation and Emory University School of Medicine Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Dr. Inman delivered my son, Jack, October 22, 1971. He was an excellent doctor and a good and kind man. I thank God for him, his knowledge and caring ways and mostly that he allowed God to use him that day, it wasn't an easy delivery. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to his family. Dr. Inman will be remembered by me always. Rest in Eternal Peace, Dr. Inman.*



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**Linda Lester** - September 08, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JS

“ *Dr. Inman delivered two of my three sons. My oldest son was delivered by Dr. H. Hudnall Ware Jr. in Richmond, VA at Medical College of Virginia Hospital; Dr. Ware was one of the physicians on the board that certified Dr. Inman. My middle son was two weeks late; so Dr. Inman told me to go home and "rake the yard some more", and he would see me later and he did! My youngest son was the largest baby in Phoebe's nursery at the time of his birth, and Dr. Inman was so proud that he was "his baby"!! He carried him up and down the hall showing him to everyone. He was a wonderful man and physician with a terrific sense of humor who truly loved his patients. His son, John, is so very much like him and is currently my physician; having been a patient of the Inman practice since 1965. My condolences to the family. May you find peace in knowing he was loved by some many and will be greatly missed. GOD bless you. Jan Smith*

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**Jan Smith** - September 04, 2021 at 05:17 PM

JB

“ Our sincere sympathies go out to the Inman family. Dr. Inman was always a gentleman and always so sweet and kind! He delivered our youngest child Staci, in 1975. He will be in hearts always! May his memory always be a blessing to you all!!  
Janie & Bruce Bitterman

janie & Bruce Bitterman - September 04, 2021 at 03:57 PM

KP

“ My sympathy goes to Dr Inman's family. Daddy Inman was a friend and a wonderful and compassionate physician. My son was one of his 10,000 babies. He was one of a kind.  
Kathryn Pierce

Kathryn Pierce - September 04, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John Stephen Inman Jr..



September 03, 2021 at 06:35 PM

CL

“ I worked with Dr Inman at Phoebe and we were good friends. He was one of the best doctors I have ever known. He will be missed by many.  
God bless his family. He had a great life

carole Moseley Law - September 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM

MD

“ Dr John was the best he delivered my three brothers and my self. Then in 1988 he delivered my son with my mom in the delivery room. My mom was so proud he had delivered two generations of our family. Your family is in our prayers we loved Dr. John and he will be missed.

Mary Dodd - September 03, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John Stephen Inman Jr..



September 03, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JF

“ I truly loved "Daddy" Inman. He was such an extraordinary Doctor and I am so privildged to have worked with him. He taught me so so much. He was so very kind & had a tender heart. I just can't begin to praise him enough for being so special. Sending prayers to his family during this time. May our Lord hold them close & comfort them.  
Jenny Abel Folds



Jenny Folds - September 03, 2021 at 12:24 AM

DP

*Dr. "Daddy" Inman was a blessing to me. For years he managed my health and was never in a rush. He took time to hear my heart. When I was going through chemo for breast cancer at age 40, I talked to him about the deep depression that I was going through. I could not stop crying. He was so gentle and caring and even walked me to my car! He truly cared about his patients. He will be missed but remembered with such appreciation and fondness.*

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**Debra Phelps** - September 03, 2021 at 04:25 PM

PT

*Daddy Inman you will be missed greatly. It was such an honor and privilege to work with you. Love you so dearly.*

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**Pam Taylor** - September 03, 2021 at 06:38 PM

VC

“*Dr. Inman became my ob/gyn during my first pregnancy and delivered my daughter in 1987. He was an incredible doctor and gentleman. I remember how he was about weight so I always tried to cut back before I visited him. 😊 After his retirement, I became his son's patient. He is so special, too! Condolences and love to the Inman family ❤️*

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**Valerie Cooper** - September 02, 2021 at 09:56 PM

CL

“*Please accept my deepest sympathy. I was blessed to be one of Dr John's 10,000 babies. He will truly be missed by many. Prayers going up for his family.*

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**Connie Lundy** - September 02, 2021 at 09:24 PM

SS

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Dr. Inmans passing. He was such a kind gentleman, loved and revered by many. I was one of the 9,531 Dr. Inman delivered at Phoebe. My heartfelt sympathy to the family.

*Susan Dowdell Smith*

Susan Dowdell Smith - September 02, 2021 at 06:14 PM

JH

*I'm sorry for ya'll loss Dad Inman was a great man he will truly be miss by his family and the community in Dougherty County.*

JOSEPHINE HOBBS - September 03, 2021 at 06:02 AM

KG

*Dr Inman delivered me and my brother and sister, he always told me to relax when I saw him,,, such a wonderful man and doctor❤️*

Kathy Green - September 03, 2021 at 08:26 AM

CH

*This community has lost one of the kindest, most helpful and wonderful citizens with Dr Inman’s passing. My love and condolences to the family.*

Carolyn Hatcher - September 03, 2021 at 10:04 AM

DH

*A pillar of Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Dr. Inman was a fine southern gentleman who always noted that he missed you at church last week. He was observant and caring and had a gentle laugh and twinkle in his eye. He has given so much to our community. We must continue his legacy. Much love to his wonderful family who he adored.*

Debbie Hambley - September 03, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BA

*What a great man. He delivered two of my children. He was very interested in my time as sales and sales manager at Pritchett Ford. Was my wife's doctor and her mother's doctor. Never failed to ask about me when they would see him. Will be missed by all.*

**Bill Acord** - September 03, 2021 at 01:46 PM

BJ

*Delivered my children in 65,66,and 70. Good man and I was told,a man in charge of OB at Phoebe.*

**Barney Jacobs** - September 03, 2021 at 02:24 PM

WH

*Dr. Inman became my ob/gyn back in the 70's. He was a very special doctor. He was always very caring toward his patients and wanted the best for them. he delivered my in son 1971. I just thank the world of Doctor Inman. After he retired I becme his son's patient. My condolences to the Inman's family.*

**william hemmings** - September 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM

PM

*I was a patient of Daddy John with my first son, in 1964 when I first moved to Albany. He was my OB/GYN until his retirement just a few years ago. A wonderful Christian man who was totally devoted to his patients...At my appointments we would catch up with what was going on with all our old Albany friends... He was a true gentleman in every way and will be missed by so many. I always enjoyed running into Dr. John and his beautiful wife, Willa. A life well lived, a devoted servant of God, who will never be forgotten by Albany, Georgians....RIP, John Inman.*

**Patsy Martin** - September 03, 2021 at 05:39 PM

RW

*Dr. Inman delivered me in 1959 and my daughter in 1980. He was such a great physician, he had a good sense of humor and had a wonderful bedside manner. He treated his patients with great respect. My condolences to the Inman family.*

**Rebecca Wray** - September 03, 2021 at 07:17 PM

DC

*I had the honor of working with this wonderful man for many years! I always said he hired me because I was from Colquitt as every lady from Miller County drove to Albany to see Dr. Inman! I know he is in heaven in his glorified body with his jogging shoes on enjoying a good run! He will be surely missed.*

*Love and prayers for Mrs. Willa and family.*

**Debbie Cothran** - September 03, 2021 at 08:41 PM

SS

*Dr. Inman delivered all three of our children, and he was always kind, caring, and professional. He was like a member of our family, and I was one of the lucky patients he continued to see after his "semi-retirement". He had the most interesting stories of events in this area from long ago, and I truly loved the sweet and precious man. Our family will miss him, and so will this entire area in Southwest Georgia! Thank you, Dr. Inman, and we'll never forget you!*

**Shirley Stiles** - September 04, 2021 at 09:04 AM



*I was blessed to be his patient from when I married in 1958 until he retired, a total of fifty four years. He delivered one of our daughters and later her son. He also delivered our son. He cannot be replaced! I loved Dr. Inman.*

*Mary Lee (Clif) Dennis*

**Clif Dennis** - September 04, 2021 at 12:36 PM

CR

*I just heard about Dr. Inman's Passing. He was truly a kind Dr. and took great care of me. I was a patient of his 1963-1977. He delivered two sons of ours, 1968 and 1971. We moved to Kennesaw, Ga. 1977, I needed a OBGYN Dr. I called his office and he gave me the name -Dr. Gingery - Marietta, Ga. he was a life saver for me I had a problem and Dr. Inman sent me to another good Dr. I will always remember him and looking forward to seeing him in Heaven. Our Deepest Sympathy to his family! Love, Claudia & Charles 🌹🙏*

**Claudia Rhodes** - September 08, 2021 at 12:07 AM