



Dr. Thomas Corley Paschal Obituary

May 3, 1953 - February 18, 2014

Friends and relatives and former patients of Dr. Thomas C. Paschal of Albany will be glad to know that after a quick and painless death he is now whole again. Dr Paschal, or Dr Tom, or "Doc", as he was variously known, depending on exactly when you met him, was born here in Albany at Phoebe Putney Memorial hospital on May 3, 1953. He also died here (in easy walking distance of Phoebe) in his bed at home on 715 W. 3'rd Avenue. Dr. Tom was a 1971 graduate of what was then called Deerfield School. He was a physics-and-chemistry major at Emory University and later studied medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. He did a residency in Pediatrics at Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. -- which is one of the premier pediatric programs in the country. He did so well there that he was offered the position of chief-resident but he turned down that highly-coveted position, so that he could come home and enter practice with his father to enable his father to retire earlier than would have been possible otherwise. "Dr Tom" practiced pediatrics here for ten years, first with his father, Dr. J. Dean Paschal, then alone until an attempt on his life in 1988 rendered him severely handicapped and brain damaged. He struggled with that dual affliction, only partially successfully, to the great and enduring heartbreak of all who knew him, up until the beginning of last week, when all of his trials ended. He is survived by his brother Dr. Lewis Dean Paschal, a physician in New Orleans. Dr. Tom wanted to be cremated and that has already been done at Kimbrell Stern funeral home. There will be a funeral and services-- also likely at

Kimbrell Stern-- but not quite yet. Be patient, please. The services will come.
Those of us who knew and loved Tom will need some time to adjust to this.

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“ *Dean,
I am so sorry that this is so late coming. I only just found out a few minutes ago about this. Words cannot express how much my heart aches for this tragic loss. Tommy was a good and caring man that made a difference in the lives of so many people. He may be at the gates of Heaven, but he will always remain in our hearts.*

Love, Kathi

Kathi - Jesup, GA - cousin - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was saddened and heart broken to hear the news of Tom's death. He was a very special man in my life and I still treasure the time we spent together. Dean, I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and friend and will be missed by many.

Jan Pieschke (Springer) Kase - Peachtree City, GA - Friend - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dr.Tom was a good friend he was always there when I needed him this is a tragic thing that has happened .He is at peace now .He may be gone but he will never be forgotten he will always hold a place in my heart.

Lisa Zimmerman - moultrie, GA - friend - March 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I met Tom when I was Nurse Manager of the Nurseries at PPMH in the early 1980s. He was a wonderful pediatrician---perfectly suited to the job. He became my friend, one whom I will always cherish. He was so gentle, funny, patient, kind, generous, and a joy to work with. He was so like his sweet Daddy and Mama. It is at least good to know that he is no longer troubled by things beyond his control.

Best wishes to his brother and any other family and friends.
Judy Lott

Judy Wright Lott - Macon, GA - friend - March 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Dean:

I was so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. Although it's been more than 40 years since we have seen each other, I still remember playing in the front yard with you and Tommy. Sometimes our lives can take paths that none of us could possibly predict. I'm glad Tommy is finally at peace.

Your friend,

Michael Martin

Michael Martin - Athens, GA - Childhood Friend - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *In Nov. 1979 Dr. Dean Paschal became my daughter's Pediatrician & from that day forward they were family to us. It was our good fortune, we had a well-baby checkup scheduled for Tom's first day working along side his Dad. I'm pleased to say my little girl was Tom's "very first patient" & there began her love of her Doctor. She attended Deerfield & was on the basketball court one night when a friend brought Tom in to see the game. It was amazing to see how many children left their seats when he was spotted & went to welcome him with a hug & kiss. When the game concluded, I believe every girl on the team was out of the dressing room & straight to Dr. Tom. He was dearly loved by every child who knew him, (including their parents). I know there was a Very Special spot reserved for him in Heaven. God Bless you, Dr Dean Paschal & God Bless our Dr. Tom. He will be long remembered & thought of with much Love & Affection.*

Judy W. Simpson - Albany, GA - Friend & Mother of Patient - February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dean, I looked forward to teaching Tommy after finding you such a joy to teach! Tommy had such a delightful personality and won friends easily. He was an excellent history student and was on our first debate team at Deerfield to win state. We had some interesting times on debate trips. Tommy and Karl Bowman, the younger members on our team, saved us from being late to an important tournament. They changed a flat tire. I am proud that both of you became such fine doctors, like your father. I am just so sorry that his career was cut short so tragically. From time to time, Tommy would share news from you and was so proud of your writing. I grieve the loss of Tommy. His reputation as a beloved doctor continues to live on in all our hearts. I look forward to seeing you at the memorial.

Martha Dye - Leesburg, GA - Former Teacher - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ Dean, I am Opal Cannon, mother of Bill Cannon and friend of Bernola. Bill and Tommy debated on the Deerfield Debate Team and they won State that year. Tommy was such a delightful young man, full of fun and friendly as well as good looking. He and Bill both went to Emory and rode together several times. I would always enjoy having Tommy come by. I was Principal of Lee Count Primary school in 1988 and had many teachers on the faculty who knew Tommy as their Pediatrician for their children. It was like a funeral at the school when the tragedy happened! We were so grieved and angry about what happened. My deepest sympathy to you. Albany was robbed of a great doctor!

Opal Cannon - Leesburg, GA - Friend - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Such a beautiful obituary! Tommy has been through so much, yet I am grateful to know that he is reunited with your wonderful parents. He lived an admirable life in service of others. Always smiling, kind, giving, more concerned about others than himself, especially in his early years and while practicing pediatrics. May God grant you His explainable peace and shine His light upon your heart. With the fondest memories of better times! Peace and Love be with you!*

Deane Lamb-Ellis - Albany, GA - Classmate & friend - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ *I was Dr. paschals neighbor for many years, just recently moved in October.. My backyard faced his.. I would sometimes see him outside sitting in the Sun. I have had to help him back in his wheel chair as he would sometimes fall getting out of his van, and thank God I would be driving by when he needed help.. he was a wonderful man always thankful and always smiling. when iam sure at times it was not so easy for him. I don't know what the circumstances are surrounding his passing. but I do know this.. his life was worth living.. iam just saddened he was cut short on doing what he was destined to do.. heaven has gained a gentle kind and caring man... rest in peace Dr. Tom. you will be missed.. My prayers for your family*

Wendy - albany, GA - neighbor, friend - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was my daughter's doctor when she was born in 1983. He saved her two times in her life. She was born 6 weeks premature and the nurses told me he watched her all night. The 2nd time she was hospitalized with E-coli bacteria for 10 days. She was only two and we thought we might lose her. She survived with his care. I will always be grateful for him. He was an excellent doctor and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Laura S.Maischaider - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dean, all of our love to you at this time of sadness but Tommy is able to rest without the bonds of his earthly body. Tommy was such a sweet caring man that always made me and my family feel loved. Tommy gave selflessly to everyone. Even here in Atlanta I run across people from Albany, GA and when I mention I have family there, the Pachal's, I get what a wonderful family and a touching story on how their life was touched by one or all of them. I am proud to call you all family and will forever miss your mom, dad, and Tommy. With all of our love, Ann

Ann Brown - Johns Creek, GA - Cousin - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My sweet friend may you rest in peace. You were a wonderful doctor to my children always very loving and kind and your Daddy and Mrs. Brock were just as kind and loving to me.

DeLora Staines Rogers - Panama City, FL - friend - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dean, I am so sorry about Tom. He has been on my mind alot. I have been thinking about the time we spent together and with you also. I will never forget him. May he rest in peace. Regina

Regina Clark - Albany, GA - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dean, so sorry to hear of Dr. Tom's passing. He will be missed. He was a special man and he was an awesome physician. May he rest in peace.

Ruthie and Bryan Spell - Leesburg, GA - friend - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I cried when I heard the news. Tom was such a good friend to my family. I have such amazing memories with him. When I was in high school he helped me almost daily with algebra and ensured me that I would get it that I just needed to keep practicing. He took my sister and I to prom in his Lexus at the time, dressed in suit and tie and "chauffeured" us so we would go to prom in style. He was an amazing man. I am so glad I got to know him, he saw something in me when I didn't see it in myself. I love him and will ALWAYS remember the impact he made on my life. I know you're resting peacefully, i love you, thank you for all the memories

Joanna (Neel) Lansford - Albany, GA - family friend - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dean, I am so sorry about Tommy. He endured so much in his life. I will always remember him with fondness. My prayers are with you-
Becky Bays Carlon

Becky Bays Carlon - Albany, GA - friend - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I would not be here if he had not been in Albany when I was born in 1985 I was early and was put in the nicu at Phoebe on may 29 1985 he was a kind and loving person and so forgiving I am so sorry for what has happened my prayers and thoughts are with his brother

Amber Aldredge - meigs, GA - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Rest in peace doc cause you are finally at peace and the nightmare is over for you .the angles are welcoming you home

ambrt mcmullan - albany , GA - patient - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ R I P now you can be whole again your suffering is over 2vjj5

john - pation - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dean, Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers! So glad that Tom is finally at peace! He was a wonderful Doctor, and family friend. Our parents had such a wonderful friendship over the years, and our families were close growing up. Tom endured so much over the last 20 something years....and he did it with a strong will to survive. The news of his death was a shock, but I know he is with God. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.
Debbie TenHagen Sutton

Debbie Tenhagen Sutton - Albany, GA - Family Friend - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My last child was born in 1986. Dr Dean Paschal had retired (he was the pediatrician of my older son), so I chose Dr Tom as my younger child's pediatrician. He was a marvelous pediatrician and took care of my child. He was loving and showed care and concern. My child did not have Dr Tom too long but I will always remember him and loving and caring for my child.

Johnna Cannon - Colquitt, GA, GA - Mother of patient - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ So sorry this happened. You will be missed by many..You were a GREAT pediatrician. My children and I love you. ..

Karen Lilly - Montevallo, AL - friend and pediatrician - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dean, you are the only one left now and I'm terribly sorry. I am three years younger than Tommy so you may not remember me, but I remember you. My family thought so much of your family. I have many fond memories of Tommy. I grew up on Lake Loretta too and Tommy and I rode to school together when we went to Deerfield. When Tommy started driving we rode in his Model T or A. I'm not sure which. I am so very sad that Tommy is gone, for your loss, and for the past experiences he endured.

Melanie Farmer Batchelor - GA - neighbor, friend, schoolmate - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ When I was in high school I lived in the duplex on third avenue that faced his garage with my mother, Mary Alice. Later she and I moved across the street to an apartment diagonal to his house. I used to talk to Dr. Tom quite a bit before the attempt on his life. Later on, after the incident, I would see him occasionally outside and would always stop to talk. I got online to do a search for him all these years later just to send him a message to see how he was doing but only found the article about his death.

I am very saddened to learn about his death but am proud to have known such a kind and wonderful man.

Shannon Land Post - AK - Friend - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Although I did not know Dr, Tom personally, I have lived in Albany all of my 56 years and have known of him most of those years. I have never heard anything but great compliments about Dr. Tom. I am happy that Dr. Tom is now at peace and most definitely in a better place. The angels are singing!!! God Bless the Family & Close Friends of Dr. Tom. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. Tom's obituary was the most touching I believe I have ever read...quite lovely if I may say...

Friend - Albany, GA - friend - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ May DR Paschal rest in peace, he was wonderful with our kids as their doctor someone you could call on day or night, Thanks for the memories.

Celena & Dale Henry - Leesburg , GA - Friends - February 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

Its been YEARS but my husband & I wanted your family to know the Paschal name especially Dr Tom still remains in our memories he was an awesome man & doctor he did not deserve what happened to his life but rest assured our Lord is righteous!

Cathy Bietry - February 07, 2023 at 11:55 PM