



Jack Mobley, M.D.

November 12, 1925 - July 17, 2011

Jack Ervin Mobley, M.D., age 85, passed away Sunday July 17th in Conway, AR, after an extended illness. Born in Little Rock, he grew up in Morrilton, AR. Following high school graduation, he entered the US Navy in an accelerated medical training program at Monticello and Little Rock obtaining his Bachelor of Science from the University of Arkansas, School of Medicine in 1946 and his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1948. He met his future wife Susanna Speas at Vanderbilt where she was enrolled in the wartime Cadet Nurse Program. They married in 1947. He continued his naval service as a commissioned medical officer, completing an internship in Oklahoma City, obstetrical training at Vanderbilt and a tour of duty in Millington, TN. He served stateside in Oxnard, CA as a flight surgeon during the Korean War. Following honorable discharge from the Navy, he took his family to Rochester, Minnesota, where he trained in general surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Known to family, friends and patients as Dr. Jack, he joined his father Dr. H.E. Mobley, practicing obstetrics, general medicine and surgery in Morrilton until 1963. He served as a deacon and elder in the Presbyterian Church, Scout leader, and member and chair of the Morrilton School Board. Dr. Mobley was committed to excellence in practicing medicine and the scientific method, but it was his dedication for and love of teaching that led him to the next phase of his medical career. Choosing an academic path, he completed further training in urology at Tulane School of Medicine. After returning to Little Rock in 1967 as Head of the Division of Urology at the

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences., he was recruited in 1972 to serve as Professor and Chair of the Department of Urology at Rush Medical College in Chicago, IL. He continued in medical education as Associate Dean for Clinical Sciences at the University of South Dakota School of Medicine where he was instrumental in expanding the School from a 2 year basic science curriculum to a full 4 year program conferring medical degrees. In 1976 he went to East Tennessee State University in Johnson City where, as Dean, he laid the groundwork for accreditation of the James H. Quillen School of Medicine. After a stint as Chief of Staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, he returned to Arkansas to retire in Conway. Even in retirement, he continued to teach surgical residents at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and undergraduates at the University of Central Arkansas.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed duck and dove seasons with his sons, hunting buddies, and his favored springer spaniels. It was clear, however, that it was the camaraderie that gave him the most pleasure from these hunting trips. He could bring tears of laughter to his listeners relating tales of the duck blind. A devout fan of the Razorbacks, he regularly made treks to Razorback Stadium. One of his prized possessions was a pair of tickets to the 1960 Arkansas vs. Oklahoma State game at War Memorial Stadium.

He was the son of H. E. Mobley, M.D. and Emma Louise Metzger Mobley. He is survived by his wife, Susanna Speas Mobley of Conway; sons, Jack E. (Elaine) Mobley, Jr. of Ft. Worth, TX, and T. Andrew (Valerie) Mobley of Grinnell, Iowa; daughters, Susanna (Michael) Floyd of Jonesborough, TN, and Deborah (William) Bryant of Nashville, TN; grandchildren, Jacquelyn E. Mobley, William H. Mobley, Anna L. Floyd, Benjamin A. Floyd, Samuel D. Bryant and Timothy A. Mobley-Benoist.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at Morrilton First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Drew Travis, Rev. Rebecca Spooner, and Rev. Frank LeBlanc officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20, at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Mobley, M.D.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Hi Susu,
Our love and prayers are with you and your family. Please give your Mom a hug from us, since we can't be there. May the Peace that passes all understanding comfort you all. We love you!
Love
Reece & Gene*

Reece & Gene - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ *Hi Susu,
Just want to let you know how sorry I am. I know how difficult it is to attend a funeral for your dad. Will hold you & your family in prayers. Also, hope that the Funeral is filled with lots of tales of the wonderful accomplishments & joys of your dad's life.
We love you, Jul & Jay*

Julie Floyd - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May God guide and be with you all in this time of sorrow.*

Donna Gage - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. In reading about Dr. Mobley and his many accomplishments and joy for life, it makes me wish I could have known him. How blessed you all were to have had him as husband, father, grandfather and friend. My prayers are with all of you.

Judy Archer - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

RS

“ Our thoughts are with you, Susu, Mike, Anna, and Ben, along with the rest of your family.
Sincerely,
Sally and Rod

Rod and Sally Stipe - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

JA

“ Please accept our sympathy in loss of your father,grandfather, and father in law.I hope you find comfort in the wonderful memories you all will share.Carl & Joan Allison

Joan Allison - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

DJ

“ I joined the Biochemistry faculty of the COM at ETSU in 1978 and taught on the first day of classes. I interviewed with Jack and I had a lot of respect for him. Without his leadership the Quillen COM may never have been established. He is remembered and appreciated for his kindness and many contributions.

I pray that God will give you comfort in this time of grief.

Yours in Christ,

Dave

Dr. David Johnson - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

RS

“ I was sorry to learn of Jack's death. He was a good friend and mentor during his tenure as Our Dean of Medicine in what is now known as the Quillen College of Medicine . He recruited me as the first Chair of Anatomy at Quillen.His Leadership was both gracious and strong. He was a true leader and scholar. Our School still benefits from his insights and strengths. Always the warm and sensitive leader, he was a pleasure to work for.My condolences to Suzy and his Family.

Dick Skalko

Richard G. Skalko - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

ED

“ I always thought of Dr Mobley as the scholastic father of Quillen School of Medicine. My joining the startup group of this school was conditioed that I could respect the virtues of the Dean also being selected. He did in spades. God bless him and his family.Ernest Daigneault

Ernest Daigneault - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

PD

“ Jack and Susu, remembering your family and keeping you in my prayers during this difficult time.

Paula Cupp Darter - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

ZB

“ My childhood memories of Dr. Jack are so distinct...warm, caring, and helpful to my family, particularly my mother, in so many ways that I'll never forget. I've always had such respect for him, and send all of your family my sincerest condolences in his passing.

Zoe (Adams) Butler - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

BF

“ Our deepest sympathy to a wonderful family for your loss of this exceptional member.

Beth and Butler Fuller - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM

JM

“ Family, I just wanted to send my condolences and heartfelt sympathy. My family and I were friends a very long time ago with your family. Debbie and I were also friends, and played for hours in her "attic" playhouse. When I was in the first grade Dr. Jack perform surgery on my broken elbow, a result of falling off the "rainbow climber" at Reynolds Elem. school. It took two tries and he was not sure that I would ever straighten my arm out again...but in one year the miracle happened!!!! He was a wonderful doctor and came to our house many times for house calls...such a kind, gentle and caring man. I feel very blessed to have known him. Janet Burns Mouro

Janet Burns Mouro - June 30, 2018 at 01:34 AM