



Dr Goodwin G Tuck

May 1, 1923 - September 22, 2018

Goodwin Gheesling Tuck, MD
1923 – 2018

A long-standing and beloved member of the Covington and Newton County community, Dr. Goodwin G. Tuck, peacefully left this earth to touch the face of God on September 22, 2018. He was 95 years old.

Known as Tuck, he was born in Greene County, on May 1, 1923 to Louise Littleton Gheesling and Reuben McDaniel Tuck. Growing up in Covington, he finished his early education at Covington High School. He was a life-long member of First Baptist Church and a member of Kiwanis International.

His college education was interrupted as he served his county in the Medical Corp as a laboratory technician through the Army in the Philippines during World War II. Tuck attended Emory University at Oxford in Oxford, Georgia, the University of Georgia, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree. He interned at the Charity Hospitals in Lafayette and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Tuck came back to Covington to begin a practice as a general practitioner of medicine in the early 1950s. He was a founding physician at Newton County Hospital, now Piedmont-Newton. Many hospital staff members and patients will remember his whistling through the hallways as he made morning and evening rounds to see his patients. All knew when Dr. Tuck was on the floor!

Dr. Tuck was a man of many interests and lived life to the fullest. He was an accomplished skeet shooter and huntsman. He was a DAWG! Woof Woof Woof! He found a contemplative joy in working with his succulents and cacti that began from a visit to the monks at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. He was a ham radio operator and worked to pass his Morse code test in his seventies, that he said kept him getting his First-Class

badge as a Boy Scout. His love of music expanded many genres—baroque, classical, big band, and jazz. He might be found in the living room with headphones directing the musicians on a record with a baton.

Tuck was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Joanne (Joan) Malone Faulkner, as well as his parents and his brother Reuben McDaniel, Jr. His memory will be cherished by his wife, Wilma “Cheetie” Eleazer Halford, his three daughters, Janice Callaway, Lisa (Richard) Forbes, and Carey Bennett, four grandchildren, Jim (Amelia) Callaway, Ben (Lindsey Thomas) Callaway, Elizabeth (Hunter) Orvis, and Stephen (fiancé Kayla Vercande) Callaway, and three great-grandchildren, Charlie, Carson, and Henry (children of Jim and Amelia). Children by marriage include Ann (George) Burley and Gaines (Stacy) Halford and granddaughter Claudia Halford.

Tuck, otherwise known as Grand Tuck by many, will be remembered for his witty humor. He confided that he hoped he had made a difference to at least one person’s life. Tuck, you were a true physician and friend to many.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the following causes that were dear to Tuck’s heart.

Historic Rural Churches of Georgia, Inc. is an organization that is helping with the restoration of identified old rural churches in Georgia, including the Concord Primitive Baptist Church that was the early church home of Goodwin’s wife Joan. To donate: go to www.hrcga.org In the comment lines, please note/designate the donation for Friends of Concord Church/Concord Baptist Primitive Baptist in memory of Goodwin Tuck.

If mailing contribution, check would be made out of Historic Rural Churches of Georgia, Inc. Please note that this is for Concord Primitive Baptist Church on your check. The mailing address is Friends of Concord Church, Inc., 1914 GA Hwy 16 W, Monticello, GA 31064.

Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries is an organization that Goodwin contributed to over many years that provided care to children, youth, and families. To donate: go to www.gbchfm.org.

If mailing contribution, check would be mailed to: Georgia Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries, 9250 Hutchinson Ferry Road, Palmetto, GA 30268.

Funeral services for Dr. Tuck will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church of Covington. Interment will follow at Covington City Cemetery. The

family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday, September 24, 2018 from 5:00 pm
- 8:00 pm.

Cemetery

Events

Covington City Cemetery
1521 S Cart Center
Covington, GA, 30014

SEP
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Visitation

05:00PM - 08:00PM

Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services
11405 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington, GA, US, 30016

SEP
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Funeral Service

11:00AM

First Baptist Church of Covington
1139 Usher St, Covington, GA, US, 30014

Comments



“ Dr. Tuck became my Dr. when I was 9 years old with a horrible ear infection. He was my hero then and now. He was our family Dr. for many years, until he retired. He delivered all three of my children. There will never be another one like him. So sorry for your loss.

Joyce Byrd Slaughter - November 01, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ Janice, Lisa and Carey we were not aware of the death of your father until the day of his funeral service. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to you and your families. Dr. Tuck was a wonderful man and we were blessed to have known him for many years. We pray you will find comfort in the many wonderful memories of your beloved father.

The Family of the Late Mrs. Mable Graham

Family of Late Mable Graham - September 30, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to all the family and his numerous friends.
Dr. Tuck was a wonderful person and a great doctor. He was my Mama's doctor until he retired. He was always willing to do his best to help her.

Barbara and Wayne Hunt

Barbara Hunt - September 28, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ Great man, enjoyed his jokes and humor, physician to many, friend to all, Christian through and through. God has a new choir director!! Prayers for the family.

Marsha Hibbard, Paige Hibbard Pearson, and Kim Hibbard Dyer

Marsha Hibbard - September 25, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ I'm so glad I had the opportunity to be Dr.Tuck's Chauffeur Driver on two occasion's to the Wheeler's Christmas Party, With Ms. Louise and Ms.Dot. Even though the drive was just a few blocks away, Dr.Tuck, with his quick and smart humor, always made the short drive a lot of fun. He was a kind and true southern gentleman. With respect, Michael Rodriguez

michael rodriguez - September 25, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Dr. Tuck saved my life many times. He delivered me into the world in March of 1969, as well as my brother, in July of 1965. I was often sick as a young child and remember vividly sitting in his waiting room with my mom, as she read a Dr. Seuss book to me. I remember the nurse, dressed all in white, with cap and all, taking me back to the room where he would enter. He had a stern, but caring voice, that I will never forget. I continued to see him through my teenage years and enjoyed his great sense of humor. Most times, I remember him humming quietly as he decided what to order. Even though I often received a shot, or got my blood drawn, I was never scared to go see him because I knew he would make me better. I became a nurse in 1994 and I'm sure my childhood memories of being his patient planted a seed in my heart all those years ago. There will never be another man like Dr. Tuck.

I pray that God will comfort the family during this difficult time.

ROGER HOOTEN - September 24, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Dr. Tuck will be missed at Bojangles but especially as a special place in our hearts. He and my dad would go to Kroger on Senior day and see who could get the best deals. Ha! Daddy always looked forward to seeing him and enjoyed him so much. He will be missed!



Becky Using Briwb - September 24, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ Prayers to your family from ours for understanding and healing during this difficult time.

Mike Steele - September 24, 2018 at 03:24 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Tuck as a RN at Newton County Hospital. He gave me the nick name ' Little Bit'. Years after he retired, I saw him. He called me 'Little bit'. I laughed and said not too little any more. He smiled and said you are still ' little bit' to me. I will never forget that or him.

Teresa Higginbotham - September 24, 2018 at 02:48 PM



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ROGER M HOOTEN - September 24, 2018 at 02:46 PM



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ROGER M HOOTEN - September 24, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ Carey, we are so sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember you telling great stories about him and although I didn't know him, I know he surely was a wonderful father, grandfather, husband and friend. He loved the “dawgs” but we won't hold that against him. Our love and deepest sympathy to you and the entire family. Dianne and Charlie

Dianne - September 24, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ DR TUCK DELIVERED MY TWO CHILDREN & WAS A GOOD FRIEND..HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.HE NEVER MET A STRANGER..WAS A FRIEND TO ALL..

R M HOOTEN - September 24, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr Goodwin G Tuck.



September 24, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ Lots of great memories of Dr Tuck, his family and his dad Col. Tuck! Singing in the Choir at First Baptist, Events around town and being my families Doctor growing up as well as being friends with his daughters. He always had a smile for me, I knew he really cared!

Scott Jay - September 24, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr Goodwin G Tuck.



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“ Prayers for the family. He was always so kind. He made the best peanut brittle at the holidays and would bring it to my office to share with my providers. We always looked forward to seeing him come by.

Renee - September 24, 2018 at 09:32 AM



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gaines - September 24, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ Prayers for the family. Dr Tuck delivered all 4 of my mamas children and we all seen him for everything.. Oh how I remember going to his house and getting a shot when I was sick... definitely going to be missed... great man... great physician



Laurie Walker - September 23, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ Our family doctor until he retired ! Great man & great doctor !!

Frank E. Bernat, Sr - September 23, 2018 at 08:51 PM