



Dr. Mike J. Brown

February 15, 2012

Dr. Mike J. Brown, 72, of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Cape Girardeau, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, at his home. He was born Jan. 13, 1940, in Memphis, Tenn., son of Mike Jones and Lucy Byrd Brown. In 1975, he and Dianne Caldwell were married; she survives him, along with their daughter, Samantha (Scott) Rhodes of Cape Girardeau. He is also survived by three sons, Mike III, Ramon and Timothy (Sheila), all of the Memphis area. Loving survivors also include a sister, Olivia Colston of Holly Springs, Miss., and three brothers, Eugene (Joyce) and Bobby, both of Caddo Gap, Ark., and Tommy (Janet) of Oakland, Tenn. He is also survived by two treasured grandchildren, Annabelle and Addison Rhodes. Mike graduated from Treadwell High School in Memphis, Tenn. He spent his professional career in health care, having earned a bachelor's degree from Memphis State University in 1962 and a doctorate of medicine from the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1966. He completed his internship at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Hospital in San Antonio, a residency in urology at the University of Tennessee Hospital and a residency in diagnostic radiology at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. He fulfilled fellowships at Temple University in Philadelphia and Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Mike began his medical career in general practice before finding his true calling as a radiologist. He joined Cape Radiology Group in 1982, eventually serving as president from July 1995 through June 2003. During his tenure as president, he led the practice through the transition of tele-radiology while expanding the group,

including the design and construction of its current facility at 70 Doctors' Park. He worked for Cape Radiology Group until his retirement in November 2011. He was a member of the American College of Radiology, the American Medical Association, Cape Girardeau County Area Medical Society, Missouri Radiological Society and Radiological Society of North America. Mike was very proud of his military service to our country. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1970, earning the rank of captain. He served in Vietnam, receiving the Bronze Star for his tour of duty. He served as a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1986 to 1991, serving in Desert Storm. He was awarded the Kuwait Liberation Medal for his service. Mike had many passions in his life besides medicine. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and fine wine. But his true love was spending time with his friends and family. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with Rev. Paul Short officiating. Interment will be at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund Inc.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Rest in peace, sweet prince. My condolences to all who loved him.*
Sally

Sally - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *We enjoyed getting to know Mike while we lived in Cape Girardeau from 1995 to 2003. He was a mentor to me as a radiologist when I worked for Cape Radiology Group and will be missed. Mike always treated people fairly and had an even temperment. He taught me about enjoying red wine and life Family was always of utmost importance to Mike.*

David and Eileen Anderson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *We were neighbors as kids. Im very sorry. Mr Brown was a nice man.*

Chip Dunnivant - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *I just opened the SE Missourian paper today and saw that Dr. Brown had passed away.... I worked at St. Francis with him in the radiology dept. in the late 1980's . What a fantastic physician, friend , and co-worker with, funny and easy to work with... Also had the pleasure of meeting his wife Dianne and daughter Samantha. (Dianne remember when you used to pick up Samantha from school at I'd be out in my yard?) It was great seeing all then. Loved coming to your home for parties too. Please accept my deepest sympathythinking of your and yuor family at this time. Bobbie*

Bobbie (Mitchell) Kohlfeld - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Family: I knew Dr. Brown professionally and admired him. He always was willing to give me advice about what to order on diagnostic radiology testing or to review films and discuss issues. Please accept my condolences for your loss.

Deborah Price, DO - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ Graduated frm Treadwell - Class of '58 with Mike. He certainly makes us all proud w/the quality he led in his life.

Polly (Pauline Wrenn) York - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dianne, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marsha Carmack Owen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I remember Mike fondly as one of the intellectuals at Treadwell and one of three MD's to come out of our 1958 class. He is also one of 3 to graduate from our beloved UT Med School in Memphis. Our prayers are with the family for the loss of such a wonderful man.

Douglas Wilson, MD - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Please accept my condolences. I still tell the story of being stationed together in Vietnam with my highschool classmate, Mike; and of the times he flew with me on forward air controller missions. God bless you all.

John Grosman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dianne & family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you. Dianne, may God bless & keep you & your family.

Jo Ann Sellers Nelson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jack and I have known Mike since childhood, and are terribly saddened to learn of his passing. We are praying for God's comfort to surround each of you who loved Mike so much, and to help you adjust to a world that seems more empty due to his absence. Knowing him was a blessing, and we look forward to seeing him again in a better, even more beautiful world.

Joy Patterson Blair - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ You have our deepest sympathy.

Bill and Debbie Trautman - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are traveling and were saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike and I worked together for many years. Probably about 1983 or so, we went to Minneapolis to learn a new technique for removing kidney stones. At the time there were only a two or three centers in the country doing kidney stone removal without making an incision. Outside of the University of Minnesota, we were the only ones doing the procedure in the Midwest, well before Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. This was during the cold war and Mike and I used to remark how we were doing this procedure in Cape, but there was no place in the entire Soviet Union that it could be done. This was the first "minimally invasive surgery" done in Cape and it spared many patients both recovery time and risk, while still dealing with their disease. Although years have passed and new discoveries have remade medicine, this procedure, when indicated is still done. Mike was a skilled and intelligent physician whose efforts changed for the better the lives of countless patients and it was a privilege and a pleasure to work with him. I will always remember him.

Russ and Susie Felker - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Samantha, Scott and Family: I was sorry to hear about your loss. I know this is a difficult time for your family. Please accept my condolences and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda Campbell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ First met Mike in the '60s when we were in a group of struggling college students working nights, weekends and holidays as Lab Technicians at Baptist Hospital in Memphis. I kept up with him in Med school and his practice in Southhaven, MS. He was always cheerful, polite, optimistic and available for friendly advice. I will miss his great smile.

John Pharr - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM