



Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D.

March 17, 1942 - December 30, 2019

Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller, M.D., 77, of Cape Girardeau, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019 in Colorado.

He was born March 17, 1942 in Beloit, Kansas to the late Rev. George and Luella Eller.

Gordon fell in love with his 8th grade sweetheart after he learned she was his lucky charm at his end of the season baseball party. He then married, Dorothy "Ann" Hauck on June 7, 1965. They happily celebrated 50 years of marriage with family and friends in 2015.

Gordon was a 1960 graduate of Beloit High School, he attended Midland College Fremont and graduated from Bethany College Lindsborg, Kansas in 1964. He graduated with his medical degree from the University of Kansas, School of Medicine, interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO and fulfilled his Orthopedic residency requirements at Dixon Dively Orthopedic Group in Kansas City, MO. Gordon shared a partnership at Orthopedics Associates in Cape Girardeau October of 1975 until May of 2002.

He served in the Missouri Air National Guard as a Captain from 1974-1978. His interests and hobbies included fishing, telling jokes, helping people, teasing, tennis and enjoyed spending time in the dirt planting flowers and other plants.

Gordon had a passion for healing and growing. His love of growing things prompted his side business, Garden Hill Nursery. He was able to combine his love of plants and helping people, into this adventure.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Ann" of Cape Girardeau; children, Vicki Marie (Lance) Callaway of St. Louis, MO, Marci Diane (Art) Pancoast of Colorado Springs, CO, Julie Anne Eller of Cape Girardeau and Carrie Lynn Wunderlich of St. Louis, MO; grandchildren, Victoria Pancoast, Emily Pancoast, Gordon Pancoast, Landon Callaway, Jesse Becker, Keagan Wunderlich and Coen Wunderlich; sisters, Ruth Bell and Janet Specht, both of Beloit, Kansas 10 nieces and nephews and 12 grandnieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Shari Lynne; sister, Joann Norris and nephew, Mike Norris.

Visitation will be Friday, January 10, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel.

The Celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. John Dehne officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Teen Challenge Mid-America, Southeast Hospital's Nurses Scholarship, or Zion Lutheran Church in Beloit, Kansas.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Service

JAN **11**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ When I was 10 Dr. Eller did surgery on my ankle and got me out of a brace that I had been in my whole life, he did it again when I was 13, thanks to him I was able to live a normal childhood, he will forever be my hero and will be missed greatly.
Teresa Harrington Livesay

Teresa Livesay - January 10, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



January 10, 2020 at 12:53 AM

YC

“ Your Charter Family - Denver, CO purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



Your Charter Family - Denver, CO - January 09, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



January 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JR

“ *Mr. Eller was a great person and will definitely be missed. I enjoyed spending time with him, when he would visit Art and Marci. He was very wise and always had a joke. I'd like to send my condolences to his family and friends. I'm sad to hear of his passing.*

Jeremiah Rakes - January 08, 2020 at 04:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..*



January 07, 2020 at 03:58 PM

WO

“ *I always enjoyed my many visits over the past 12 years with Dr. Eller and memories and stories about our college, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. I will miss my friend but great memories. God bless to Ann and family.*
Warren "Ole" Olson

Warren W. Olson - January 07, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..*



January 07, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DM

“ Dave, Joyce & the Staff of Joyce Meyer Ministries purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



Dave, Joyce & the Staff of Joyce Meyer Ministries - January 06, 2020 at 12:20 PM

TC

“ The Doctors & Staff at Family EyeCare Center purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



The Doctors & Staff at Family EyeCare Center - January 06, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..



January 06, 2020 at 08:23 AM

SD

“ *Dr. Eller was a joy to work with, many years ago. I am CRNA (anesthetist) and worked at St. Francis 1984-1988 and then at Southeast from 1988 all the rest of his years. He was a cheerful man, found some thing light to say to lighten the somber mood at times, and was so kind to his patients. They loved him. He was respectful to all the members of the OR crew....
I send my condolences to his family. He will be sorely missed, I'm sure. May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Suzanne Dufek, CRNA

Suzanne Dufek - January 05, 2020 at 12:15 PM

SW

“ *Sid - Pete Wright purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..*



Sid - Pete Wright - January 04, 2020 at 09:40 PM

PW

“ *As a good friend of The Pancoast family, I have always enjoyed the charisma of Mr. Eller. All I can do is smile while writing this as I see his smile, hear his sound advice, and extremely intelligent witty humor. I've had great conversations and adventures with Mr. and Mrs. Eller and The Pancoast family, on multiple continents. Mr. Eller is an extremely caring entity that will also tell you like it is when required. To the Eller and Pancoast family, my utmost condolences. Most importantly, we cherish the wonderful memories of his out of this world love for others and personality. - Sid (Pete Wright)*

Pete Wright - January 04, 2020 at 09:26 PM

PG

“ I can remember Dr, Eller from my time working in the ER from 1977-2001. In the early days the PBX would page overhead "Dr. Eller DNY". What the heck was DW? We asked and it was Dottie Worley the director of Surgical Services "telling Dr. Eller" he had a patient on the operating table waiting on him and to get to the OR. If he was around we would just laugh with him and send him on his way. He was a great guy.

Pamela G. - January 04, 2020 at 06:11 PM

AP

“ My text on Thanksgiving says it all for me.

“Happy Thanksgiving Eller Clan.

I just wanted to say that we're thankful for mom & dad (Ann & Gordon). Your support throughout the years has been very helpful at times. Mom's unconditional support and even dad's conditional support (when reasonable). For me personally (Art), no one has helped and impacted our lives more. Marci and I are very grateful for the two of you. Not denying the rocky times at all, just expressing that even with the rocky times, we're still very grateful. We miss you all and hope you have a pleasant and joyful Thanksgiving.”

For any of my military friends who had the privilege to meet my Father In-Law (he and my mother in-law are big parts of our lives), he enjoyed taking care of us (my military brothers & sisters) and showing us his gratitude. I always appreciated that whenever he could, he picked up our tab, he provided the food and drinks, and told and retold as many jokes as he can remember.

*I will miss that. Salute, Dad.
Rest in Peace.*

Art Pancoast - January 04, 2020 at 04:14 PM

JH

“ *When I moved to Cape in 1984 the Monday afternoon surgeons at St. Francis were Gordon Ellen, Bob Hunt, Bill Thorpe, and me. It was never dull with Gordon around!!*

john hall - January 04, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..*



January 04, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne "Doc" Eller M.D..*



January 03, 2020 at 11:19 PM