



H. Vincent "Vinnie" Ashley, III

August 6, 2012

H. Vincent "Vinnie" Ashley, III, 60, a resident of Galatia, IL, passed away August 6, 2012 at St. Louis University Hospital, Missouri. He was born September 2, 1951 in Cape Girardeau, MO to the late Dr. Hugh V., Jr. and Dora Angelyn (Smith) Ashley. Vinnie was a 1969 graduate of Cape Central and served in the U.S. Navy. He earned a bachelors degree in general studies from Southeast Missouri State University in 1978 and a masters of science in healthcare administration from the University of Missouri in 1983. He also obtained a degree in mortuary science and a paramedic license. Most recently Vinnie was President and CEO of Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg, IL. He previously served as President and CEO of Cibola General Hospital in Grants, New Mexico as well as Vice President of Professional Services at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL. Vinnie served as a Rotarian as well as in Kiwanis International. He was a charter member of AIR EVAC in Tulsa, OK. He loved spending time with his family and friends, riding motorcycles, boating, and had a passion for animals. Vinnie will be lovingly remembered by his wife Melinda L. Ashley of Galatia, IL; son, Vince (Shelley) Ashley of Pana, IL; step-daughters, Jennifer Nichol of Urbana, IL and Karen (Michael) Hill of Franklin, MA; siblings, Robin Fisher of Cape Girardeau, MO, Joseph (Judy) Ashley of Richmond, VA and Linda (Darryl) Howe of Lawrenceburg, IN; grandchildren, including Mike, Coltin, and Carsyn Ashley, and Connor Meade; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Christine Ashley, and grandfather, Dr. Hugh V.

Ashley, Sr. A celebration of life service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon until the service time on Saturday. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park, Cape Girardeau, MO. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Harrisburg Medical Center Foundation in memory of Vince.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ I work as a housekeeper at HMC and Vince was a fantastic CEO. Every morning he came in the cafeteria while we were on break. He always made time for us and told us how proud he was of how clean we kept our hospital. He was funny and shared lots of stories with us. We all cared for him. We miss him so much.

Carolyn Leverett - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ I was looking up old friends and just found this. How sad that the great ones always leave this life too soon. What can I say Vinnie, you were and always will be one of the greats...

Ann Huber - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I will always remember the fun times we all had. You'll always be in our hearts.

Pat Rung - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ VINNIE AND I WERE GRAD SCHOOL CLASSMATES AT MIZZOU IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES.HE WAS A GREAT GUY WITH GREAT COMPASSION AND A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.BEING FROM A BIG CITY BACK EAST,I WAS AMAZED AT LIFE IN THE MIDWEST AND VINNIE WAS QUICK TO 'EDUCATE' ME. HE WOULD SHARE HIS EXPERIENCES AS A RURAL EMT AND AMBULANCE DRIVER ,SUCH AS TIPPING COWS AND SNEAKING UP ON A HERD WITH THE AMBULANCE AND WITHOUT WARNING,BLAST THE SIREN TO SEE HOW HIGH THE COWS WOULD JUMP. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO VINNIE'S FAMILY,FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. I MISS MY FRIEND.

JOHN CHIOUTSIS - October 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Please know my prayers are with you all today and in the future. Vince had a wonderful impact on HMC and had us heading on an exciting course of improvement for this hospital ! He was always gracious and kind! God Bless!

Linda Jeffries CRNA - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I always enjoyed Vince's sense of humor and true focus working with him at SBLHC when I was Dir. of Volunteer Services. His empathy for everyone doing their job made him a good administrator. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jackie Clapp Joines - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and certainly wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Vince will be greatly missed. I know there has never been nor will there ever be a CEO of a hospital like him. I had much respect for this man. He had one of the best personalities and biggest hearts ever!! Harrisburg Medical Center will not be the same without him!! Prayers and thoughts go out to Melinda and the rest of his family. We'll miss you Vince.

Deannine Craddock - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Please accept my condolences. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Larry A. Overbay - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ You are greatly missed by your staff at the Wal-Mart Clinic.

Amy Miller and Staff at HMC Wal-Mart Clinic - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Melinda, we love you and we will keep you and his family in prayer.

David and Teresa Atwood - April 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Vince was one of my grad school classmates and we worked together as administrative residents at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. Same in age, background, and marital status at that time I was blessed to be around his quick wit, intellect, big-bear gentleness, and jovial laugh. Professionally, I know he possessed great leadership, empathy, ethics, and vision. Like so many others, I shall miss my friend and his joy of life.

Dave Mahone - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NQ

“ I still cannot believe that Vince is gone. I miss him as colleague and a good friend. He was a hero at HMC and will always be missed very much.

Naeem A. Qureshi - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ OUR HEARTS WERE SADDENED UPON HEARING OF VINNIE'S DEATH. WE HAVE GREAT MEMORIES OF HIM BOTH SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. HW WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON WHO WAS PASSIONATE FOR LIFE, HE LOVED IT FULLY. OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE WILL BE MISSED.

LOU AND SHIRLEY MEYER - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ So sorry to hear about Vinnie. I have so many wonderful memories of him and your whole family. God bless you all. Love, Nancy

Nancy Knote Evenden - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM