



## John William O'Donnell

May 30, 1949 - July 16, 2016

Dr. John William O'Donnell, III, age 67, of Springfield, TN, passed away July 16, 2016 at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 6 o'clock pm. in the Chapel of Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Deacon Mike Morris officiating. Visitation will be held from 4pm until the hour of service at 6pm.

Dr. O'Donnell was born May 30, 1949 in Vermont to the late John William and Loretta "Dolly" Lockhart O'Donnell II. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee Knoxville and Vanderbilt University Medical School Class of 1975.

For nearly thirty years he served the residents of Robertson County and surrounding communities. He loved golf, art, film, music, family and delivering babies. His immense generosity, his intellectual curiosity, and his sharp wit will be missed by friends and family.

Dr. O'Donnell is survived by his life partner, Judy Gant; sons, John William (Emily Ahlquist) O'Donnell IV of Chattanooga, TN. and Daniel Byron O'Donnell of Nashville, TN.; daughter, Audrey O'Donnell Patrick of Nashville, TN.; brothers, Tom (Pam) O'Donnell of Huntsville, AL., Jim (Kim) O'Donnell of Houston, TX., Dan (Nell) O'Donnell of Mobile, AL. and Mike O'Donnell of Decatur, AL.; sister, Patty (Jack) McCoy of Titusville, FL.; and 4 grandchildren, Liam, Finn, Molly and Ellie.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Shade Tree Clinic at Vanderbilt and may be sent to Austin and Bell Funeral Home, 509 Walnut Street, Springfield, TN 37142, (615) 384-1000.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of these arrangements.

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Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

LY

“ He was a wonderful doctor. He was mine and delivered my second son and was so sweet and wonderful mannerism. Sorry for the loss.

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**Lisa Yates** - September 18, 2024 at 03:41 PM

AM

“ This man was by far the best Dr. in the world!! He delivered all four of my kids before he retired.

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**Amanda Miranda** - November 19, 2016 at 11:02 AM

AH

“ John William O'Donnell

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**Austin and Bell Funeral Home** - August 14, 2016 at 08:21 AM

DO

“ Thanks to all who spoke kindly of my brother John. Dan O'Donnell

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**Dan O'Donnell** - August 13, 2016 at 07:43 PM

LC

“ Dr. O'Donnell delivered my son on July 16, 1984 and hearing that he passed away on Kyle's 32nd birthday made me even more sad. He was a great doctor, wonderful man and quite a character. Even though I haven't seen him since the 80's I have thought of him many times over the years. I have a picture of him holding Kyle after he came out, but not before having to calm me because my baby came out with the cord wrapped around his neck 3 times and he was dark purple and not crying or breathing He thumped the bottom of his foot and he finally cried and got his normal color. He knew exactly what to do to keep me from panicking too much. I will always remember him fondly. My sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed. RIP Doc.

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**Lisa Covington** - August 01, 2016 at 01:16 PM

SG

“ *Lit a candle in memory of John William O'Donnell*

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**Shelia Gardner-Rice** - July 24, 2016 at 03:00 PM

RE

“ *Love this guy and all that he taught me! Those were the best of times..... And we didn't even know it. Reebstwo\_heartsbroken\_heart*

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**Reba** - July 21, 2016 at 08:27 PM

JL

“ *Deepest sympathy to the O'Donnell family. Dr. ODonnell was a very kind, and gentle. He delivered both my daughters, and always asked about them. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace, for we will meet again.*

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**Jane Larson** - July 20, 2016 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ Dr. O'Donnell delivered both of my daughters. No words can express how wonderful he was. He was kind, gentle, and considerate. He would go that extra mile just to help out. I will miss you dearly. Rest in peace, for we shall meet again. Deepest sympathy to the O'Donnell family.

Janie Huddleston - July 20, 2016 at 08:55 PM

TF

“ He was a kind and dedicated doctor. He delivered three of my children and wanted everyone of them named after him. Lol Sorry for your loss. My name is Tonya Farmer

Tonya Farmer - July 20, 2016 at 05:51 PM

KB

“ Good man, good Doctor, good friend. R I P Dr. O....

Kenny Batts - July 20, 2016 at 04:56 PM

AH

“ 159 files added to the album LifeTributes

Austin & Bell Funeral Home - July 20, 2016 at 01:35 PM

RS

“ He saved my wife's life! I will always be grateful. My prayers to the family.

Robert Sandlin - July 20, 2016 at 10:07 AM

GU

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr John William O'Donnell, III.

Guest - July 19, 2016 at 10:04 PM

RF

“ *Very sorry for your loss , he will be dearly missed by all. From the 4 generations of the Rodriguez generations*Rosary

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**rodriguez family** - July 19, 2016 at 06:52 PM

GU

“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dr John William O'Donnell, III.*

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**Guest** - July 19, 2016 at 02:27 PM

VE

“ *This man will be truely missed. He delivered all 3 of my kids and 3 of my sisters kids and both of my cousins kids. Best memory was after giving birth (all 3 x's) he would come in my room b4 rounds @ the hospital and have coffee and read his paper and talk.*

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**Victoria Eden** - July 19, 2016 at 01:31 PM

LH

“ *Dr.O'Donnell was the best ever, he delivered both of my boys ,he said I name both of my children after him middle name Donnell of one and the other first name Jonathan. He will truly be missed. R.I.P. A man with smiles and kind we words.*

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**Linda Hilliard** - July 19, 2016 at 12:14 AM

JB

“ *Dr O was one of the best Drs and OBGYN around. He delivered my boys, 1 of which he helped us name. His name is, of course Jon. He could always seem to make you smile every time he was around. Fly High Dr O...*

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**Julie Beyor** - July 18, 2016 at 11:42 PM

TF

“ *The Breaux Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dr John William O'Donnell, III.*

**The Breaux Family** - July 18, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JS

“ *Delivered my two sons and two grand children. THE BEST EVER IN MY EYES. S.I.P YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED*

**Joanne smith** - July 18, 2016 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of John William O'Donnell III one of the baby Doctor i know fly high*

**Melissa Black** - July 18, 2016 at 07:01 PM

MB

“ *The best obgyn Doctor in know he will be missed fly high John William O'Donnell III always wanted me to name one of the kids John he will be missed*

**Melissa Black** - July 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM

SL

“ *One of the greatest Doctor that I have known, and delivered all three of my kids, my condolences to the family.*

**Sadelya Lucas** - July 18, 2016 at 06:26 PM

WM

“ *This man had such a dedicated heart for being a caring and Loving doctor. He delivered my daughter. So much kindness. Thank u Dr. O and may you rest in peace.*

**Wanda Mason** - July 18, 2016 at 04:23 PM

NM

“ He was my dr when i was pregnant with all 3 of my daughters and he delivered my 2nd daughter my children are 18, 17, and 15 now he is loved by all and will be greatly missed

Nancy Maynard - July 18, 2016 at 02:35 PM

SM

“ He was the best doctor he delivered all 5 of my kids ur going be truly missed R.I.P

shasta Mcurry - July 18, 2016 at 12:39 PM

TK

“ He was my dr.from 1990 to 1995 with my 4 kids.he will be missed dearly.he was so funny maid me laugh evertime i seen him.he was a good person.

tina krantz - July 18, 2016 at 11:35 AM

MB

“ Doctor O'Donnell delivered all of my kids oh and how funny he was and I will miss him deeply #TeamO'Donnell Ill always in my heart

Melissa Black - July 18, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CO

“ Dr. John O'Donnell delivered all three of my kids. He was a kind and funny man, he will be greatly missed. Rip Dr. O'Donnell

Cora Olive - July 18, 2016 at 08:30 AM

VE

“ He was such a good man he delivered all my nieces kids she named her daughter after him she loves him so much her name was Jocelyn destiny because the Joslin was as close as she could get to John. Prayers for the Family

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**Venita** - July 18, 2016 at 08:18 AM

TB

“ He delivered all five of my children he will be missed dearly I loved him to pieces!!

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**Tanya Blankenship** - July 18, 2016 at 08:16 AM

SG

“ Dr O'Donnell delivered my son,my daughter,and grandson..I will miss him so..So many memories. ..He was the BEST IB GYN IN SPRINGFUELD.

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**Shelia Gardner-Rice** - July 18, 2016 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ R.I.P.. You will be missed, he was my doctor for my oldest

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**Marceida Bowens** - July 17, 2016 at 11:17 PM

AA

“ Our condolences to Dr O'Donnell's family. He was truly an amazing Dr and man. He will be missed. He gave me the two greatest gifts of my life, my sons, and I will forever remember him. God bless

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**Amy Armstrong** - July 17, 2016 at 10:12 PM

MR

“ Dr. O'Donnell was definitely one of a kind. He was the best of the best in my opinion! I loved him dearly and he will most definitely be missed!

Mecia Ryan - July 17, 2016 at 10:10 PM

CC

“ I will never forget him he delivered my 3 children he was always a joy to go see. Always greeted you with a smile. R.I.P dear friend.

calista clemons - July 17, 2016 at 09:57 PM

MA

“ HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY

MARGIE - July 17, 2016 at 09:55 PM

MF

“ Dr. ODonnell was my doctor for all of my children (28 to 12 yrs old) and he ended up delivering most every niece and nephew also. He was going to deliver two of my grandchildren when he retired. He was such a compassionate and judgement free doctor and friend. He was always so patient and kind and always had a way of trying to get a name choice in. I was his white leather jacket girl, funny back story. He will truly be missed. My prayers to his family and friends.

Michelle Flynn - July 17, 2016 at 09:44 PM

AP

“ Thank you all for your memories of our dad. I had the pleasure of working for him for four summers and seeing some of the people he helped. He was one of a kind.

Audrey O'Donnell Patrick - July 17, 2016 at 09:36 PM

JY

“ He was a good doctor I thought a lot of him ;he delivered my two babbies He will be missed

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**Joyce Yates** - July 17, 2016 at 09:09 PM

RB

“ It is with a heavy heart that I come to leave a found memory of Dr. John O'Donnell III. Let me first say that, Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 305). Dr. O'Donnell was an amazing physician, he would go above and beyond being your Ob Gyn. He was a friend as well. He delivered my youngest child and the whole pregnancy he kept telling me to work John into her name. Lol! He asked me what it was I wanted to eat after giving birth; he said no matter what I wanted he would purchase it for me, and he DID! He was such a loving and caring person. Dr. John O'Donnell III, take your rest, you will truly be missed. I offer my condolence to his family during your time of bereavement! Rita Bowens

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**RITA BOWENS** - July 17, 2016 at 08:49 PM

CB

“ Who didn't love Dr O,Donnell . He was a great man as well as a doctor. Prayers going out to family. God bless.

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**Carol Bagwell** - July 17, 2016 at 08:43 PM

SJ

“ Hello my name is Shelley K Johnson I was a patient of Dr O'D he was the best I had him Wen he was overly the old hospital n came with to the new one North Crest he delivered 3 of my children plus my step daughter, n then my sister got pregnant I told her he delivered my niece n then my other sister got pregnant he delivered my other niece Soooo Wat more can I say I loved him sooo much I brought the family lol we all loved him so he was a great guy and the BEST OBGYN EVER he will b greatly missed but he is n a better place ik... Hey when you get to the gates tell my dad n mama hi n I love n miss them..... Truly missed!!!!

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**Shelley Cwg Johnson** - July 17, 2016 at 08:36 PM

DG

“ Dr.O'Donnell was a great man and doctor .Prayers and thoughtsnto the family

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**Donna Grant** - July 17, 2016 at 08:35 PM

BW

“ He was the best there will never be a better Dr. Rip Dr O'Donnell

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**Bertha Williams** - July 17, 2016 at 08:33 PM

SB

“ He delivered all three of my babies. Loved him so much the BEST no doubt.

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**Sharese Bowens-Payne** - July 17, 2016 at 08:26 PM

NW

“ Dr. O' Donnell was an amazing Dr. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. crypray

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**Natalie Walden** - July 17, 2016 at 08:17 PM

KM

“ *Dr.Odonnell was an amazing Doctor.. His family is in my thoughts and prayers!!*

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**Kelly McCartan** - July 17, 2016 at 08:14 PM

SM

“ *He delivered my daughter 28 year ago I really like him a lot God bless him and his family*

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**sandra markham** - July 17, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TA

“ *He was such an awesome person.*

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**Tammy Allen** - July 17, 2016 at 08:06 PM

DB

“ *John was a friend of mine during our many years of practice in Springfield, We played golf, drove to medical society meetings at Vanderbilt in his old Jeep, and celebrated Obama's election with a good bottle of Scotch. I remember how excited he was at the birth of his grand-daughter.He was a fine man and an excellent obstetrician.He will be missed and fondly remembered by his former patients and colleagues in the medical community. Dr. John Bassel*

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**Dr. John Bassel** - July 17, 2016 at 07:56 PM

VR

“ Dr. O'Donnell was the best Dr. Ever! I remember how young and scared I was with my first child. Even though I was young and unmarried, he never made me feel like I was anything less than the most important patient he ever had. He would even sit down in my hospital room and have a conversation.... not many doctors have ever done that. Rest in Peace Dr. O'Donnell. Our thoughts and prayers to your family.....

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**Vanessa Reeder** - July 17, 2016 at 07:55 PM

TD

“ I'm so sad to hear this, Audrey. I am thinking of you and your sweet boys. Tricia

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**Tricia Tric Drake** - July 17, 2016 at 07:47 PM

CL

“ Audrey- when I worked at the jewelry store downtown, your dad would come in and pick out just the right jewels for your Christmas gift. He was so happy in particular to get you the first pair of diamond earrings.... he knew we were friends and I had to promise to keep it a secret, but it was always a sweet moment I remember while working there. Prayers for peace and understanding. Love you.

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**Cindy Sellers Lemon** - July 17, 2016 at 07:13 PM

NS

“ Audrey, we are thinking of you and your family at this time. Praying for your comfort and peace. Nancye and Newell Sellers

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**nancye sellers** - July 17, 2016 at 07:07 PM

TH

“ OD was more than any ordinary Ob doc. He has bought diapers, formula, clothes and any other items that his patient would mentioned that they needed. He would always treat every patient the same wither they were rich or poor! Always willing to help out everyone. Always treated the nurses with respect and kindness. He would buy us lunch and always stand up for us! He will be missed.

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**tammy higgins** - July 17, 2016 at 06:50 PM

MM

“ Dr. O'DONNELL and I meet when I was 15 and pregnant with my 1st of 3 before I was 19 he had patience, and was a great person. Delivery was his specialty R.I.P.MY FRIEND....

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**Melissa Mcmurtry** - July 17, 2016 at 06:28 PM

JB

“ We loved dr. O'donnell and all of his staff!! He was the best ever and wanted him to deliver my grands too but he quit and that was a sad day for all!!

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**Jennifer Bellamy** - July 17, 2016 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear this, he was the Best Doctor Ever, Prayers to his Family.

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**Rosalind Baynard** - July 17, 2016 at 06:16 PM

SS

“ Best Doctor ever! R.I.P my friend

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**Sandra Suter** - July 17, 2016 at 06:11 PM

CS

“ He was my favorite Dr. Loved him delivered both my boys. May he rest in peace .

Cresha Stewart - July 17, 2016 at 06:02 PM

CD

“ So sad to hear a great man n dr has passed he delivered my first n second child I thank him so much fo delivering them r.i.p Dr O'Donnell

Candis Dickerson - July 17, 2016 at 06:01 PM

J(

“ I loved that man, he delivered me my sister and my son, he had a great bedside manner, days I would spend in the hospital he would come and sit with me and talk, he was one of the best and will truly be missed.

Jackie lecture (norrod) - July 17, 2016 at 05:55 PM

DJ

“ Dr. O'Donnell was such a loving and caring Doctor, he was loved by me and my whole family he,had such a great bedside manner, he was like family, He deliver all my kids but one he deliver 6 of my kids he will be missed I love you dr dr odonald you are family to me I'm so sorry for his family this world lost a really good man I remember when I was pregnant with my twin girls and June 16 96 was the date that I had had the Elm I went into labor and leave his Father's Day dinner to come to the hospital and deliver my babies but he wasn't mad he tell me he will be there for me when I have my girls and he was he was really really a good doctor he will be missed

Debbie Jolicoeur - July 17, 2016 at 05:54 PM

KO

“ He delivered all my 3,i love me some him,he will be truly missed.

karen ogburn - July 17, 2016 at 05:52 PM

AM

“ I loved him so much! He delivered all 4 of my kids and was just a great doctor all around! He will be greatly missed (

Amanda Velasquez Miranda - July 17, 2016 at 05:50 PM

SD

“ He was a great man he delivered both my girls he didn't charge me a penny for my first cause I didn't have any insurance all he ever said if u have a boy name him after me I will always cherish u in my heart he will b truly missec

Sabrina Dickerson - July 17, 2016 at 05:49 PM

SS

“ He was a great doctor. I loved him so much. He delivered all 3 of my boys, literally all the children in my family including me. There will never be another one like him.

Sumeka Suggs - July 17, 2016 at 05:39 PM

WL

“ Tubes

Wanda Lyons - July 17, 2016 at 03:51 PM

WL

“ He was the sweetest Dr. He delivered my baby girl June 16 1992. He came in every all the time asking if I needed anything. Even to my little girl clothes. I had to have a C -section with her and wanted tunes tied. But was under Ky insurance they wouldn't pay for it. So when he ended up cutting me he said Wanda this is on the house. He tied my tunes and didn't charge me a dime. May he rest in peace Jesus has his son and our blessing home in his arms. My love and prayers for the family and friends..God bless. Wanda

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**Wanda Lyons** - July 17, 2016 at 03:45 PM

TY

“ He was truly a caring person he stayed all night after the birth of my second son when the pediatrician said he was fine when he wasn't even though that wasn't his area he made sure he was stable and did ok

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**Tammy Brewer Yates** - July 17, 2016 at 03:43 PM

DE

“ Dr. O'Donnell was such a loving and caring Doctor, he was loved by me and my whole family he,had such a great bedside manner, he was like family, I have pictures of him with all 3 of my children. Sending out prayers to his familyprayprayprayangelangelangel

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**Dianne Arms Eads** - July 17, 2016 at 03:43 PM

CW

“ I went to him at age 15. I am now knocking at 50 door. He was the sweetie Dr. I was sad when he retired. I had never had another gyno and had to find one. None compares to him. Ive thought of him throughout the years and wished he was back. His smile could brighten a room and his soft voice could soothe anyone. Everytime I go to my now gyno, I tjink of him. I don't know what to say, but I loved him and prayers to the family

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**christine dowlen wix** - July 17, 2016 at 03:37 PM

ST

“ My prayers go out to the family as my heart breaks for you. By far the best OB there ever was, not only did he deliver my sister when my father retired from the military but delivered my children as well as my nieces and nephew. The world lost a great man.

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**stacey** - July 17, 2016 at 03:28 PM

SM

“ He was a great dr. The best bedside manner. He delivered all 3 of my babies. Every one he would come to my room and pick them up, take his comb out of his pocket, comb their hair and then his and take a pic. Absolutely loved him and his staff. He will be missed. So many memories and stories.

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**shantel morris** - July 17, 2016 at 03:25 PM

MA

“ He delivered my 3 children and got me through a miscarriage. If not for this man, my daughter wouldnt be here. May he rest in peace!

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**Michelle Ammons** - July 17, 2016 at 03:24 PM

RS

“ We will miss our Squirrell man! What a geuinely kind, funny, real & lighthearted OB. He was such a blessing to meus. May the peace that surpasses understanding be yours & Joy abound as you remember him. wHis love, reina and family

Reina S. - July 17, 2016 at 03:17 PM

AB

“ He was a very, kind and sweet Doctor, delivered my son and even helped name him. He knew how to make you laugh, and that is something I will always remember about him

amber baker - July 17, 2016 at 03:04 PM

CF

“ Dr. ODonnell delivered all my Grandson's. One of the best around. I also was a patient of his. Was loved by all. The best of the best.

Cheryl Ford - July 17, 2016 at 03:00 PM

MW

“ He delivered both my son's and was the best doctor ever was so caring. R.I.P. Dr. O'Donnell

Melissa Washington - July 17, 2016 at 02:56 PM

BB

“ He delivered my oldest son and couldn't have asked for a better Dr! RIP! You will be missed! Prayers to the family!

Brittney Batey - July 17, 2016 at 02:46 PM

MH

“ Dr. O'Donnell helped save my life 3 times. He did major surgery for my two ectopic pregnancies in the 80's. I saw tears in his eyes just before they took me to surgery. Very compassionate doctor. He also sent me straight over to a surgeon when he examined what turned out to be a breast cancer lump when I was 35 yrs old. I have very high regards for him.

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**Myra Heathman** - July 17, 2016 at 02:33 PM

KW

“ Wonderful doctor (from a dad's viewpoint) and extraordinary man! Prayers for the family.

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**Kyle Wilson** - July 17, 2016 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ Still sad, he was the best doctor. He delivered my 2 daughters and my grandson and my niece and a couple nephews.

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**Melissa Knight** - July 17, 2016 at 09:30 AM