



Dr. T. H. Holmes, Jr

August 6, 1921 - March 18, 2021

T.H. Holmes, Jr. M.D. died on March 18, 2021 at the age of 99 years old. Following a private burial, memorial services will be held in the Chapel at First United Methodist Church, Lubbock on March 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., under the direction of Rev. Jim Powell. A reception will follow in the church parlor. His family will receive friends on Sunday, March 21, 2021 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home.

Dr. Holmes was born on a farm near Ralls, Texas on August 6th, 1921, to Theo and Betty (Reed) Holmes. He graduated from Ralls High School 1939 and Texas Tech 1943. He and Doris Olga Carter were married on December 26th, 1943. Doris died on September 6th, 2007. He received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, in Memphis, in June 1946. While in medical school, he was enlisted in the U.S. Army Specialized Training Program. He was commissioned as a First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, upon graduation from medical school. Following a year of internship at Harris Memorial Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, he was recalled to active duty. Sent to Japan, Dr. Holmes served two years as a Public Health Officer with the Guam Military Government Team. He was separated from military service as a Captain in June 1949. After a one-year residency in general practice, Dr. Holmes returned to his hometown of Ralls, Texas where he was a general practitioner of medicine until June 1956. He then went to Houston, Texas where he trained in Pediatrics for two- and one-

half years at Baylor Affiliated Hospitals.

Dr. Holmes opened his Pediatric practice in Lubbock in February 1959. He held memberships in Lubbock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, Lubbock Pediatric Society and American Academy of Pediatrics. He was on the medical staff of several Lubbock hospitals. He served as Chief-of-Staff at Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, as president of the Lubbock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society and as founding president of the Lubbock Pediatric Society.

After leaving private practice in October in 1987, he worked part-time as a Pediatric consultant to Division 2 Texas Department of Health, Medical Consultant to LISD and as a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Holmes is predeceased by his wife Doris, and his brother, J. Wiley Holmes.

Survivors include his sister Elizabeth Morrison, his son Dr. Steve Holmes, and wife Connie, his daughter Barbara Holmes Fish and husband Curtis Fish, grandchildren Jennifer Leson and husband Ian, Stephanie Holmes, C. Mitchell Fish, Jessica Fish Andrusick and great grandchildren Jillian Leson, Oliver Leson, and Tenley Andrusick.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association-West Texas Chapter at https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2021/TX-WestTexas?team_id=673514&pg=team&fr_id=14824

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401
(806) 763-6433
director@sandersfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sandersfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bowman Chapel-First United Methodist Church
1411 Broadway
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. T. H. Holmes, Jr



Sanders Funeral Home - March 22, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ What a wonderful man and great doctor! He was my son's pediatrician, and we all wanted him to be OUR doctor, too. My cat had five kittens a month before my son was born. When he was at the crawling stage, I was in the kitchen preparing dinner. One of the kittens had missed the litter box and my son found the results and put a handful in his mouth! I cleaned him up and washed out his mouth as best I could, picked up as much of the mess as I could, and sprayed Glory rug cleaner on the rest for later. Next thing I knew, my son had put the rug cleaner in his mouth. I panicked and called Dr. Holmes, who actually would take phone calls from parents (unheard of now). He let out a big laugh and said my son would be fine but might be foaming at the mouth for a while! So not only was he a wonderful doctor, he had a sense of humor. I am glad to know he had a long and active life after retiring from medical practice.

Lynnda Jenkins - March 26, 2021 at 11:51 AM

CM

“ *Not only was Dr. Holmes a caring doctor but he was a great boss. I worked for he and Dr. Rankin for about eight years and enjoyed the time and have fond memories of those days. So sorry for your loss.*

Carol Mathis

Carol Mathis - March 23, 2021 at 06:39 PM

DS

“ Probably--a story not generally known. My daughter, Dee Anne was born February 27, 1959 at West Texas Hospital. Prior to her birth Dr. Jim Morris, the first cousin of my wife, Joyce, suggested a pediatrician named T. H. Holmes, Jr. From that day forward Dr. Holmes was known to us as T. H. My understanding, confirmed by to me by T. H. approximately ten years ago, was that Dee Anne (Dede) was his first patient upon beginning his practice as a pediatrician. It became a family joke that Dede continued to rely on T. H. far beyond her early childhood days, believe it or not, until she was twenty years of age and left Lubbock to attend the University of Texas. This is not the end of the story.

The kind of Doctor that T. H. exemplified was can be understood by relating the following event which occurred approximately six weeks after Dede's birth. She had been suffering a severe case of colic almost continuously since her birth. One night at a time when all adults and children normally would be asleep Dede , without warning, stopped breathing. T. H. had given me his home telephone number (remember this was many years ago). I frantically called the number. Almost immediately after ringing began T. H. answered and seconds later he was on his way to our home. Contrary to expectation and an intolerable wait for his arrival he seemed to arrive very quickly. He immediately took one look at Dede, then picked her up, held her upside down by her ankles and spanked her gently. She began breathing. T. H. saved her life. She today is a beautiful lady living in Dallas, but only because of a man dedicated to his patients. I know of no greater compliment than to express admiration for a man who saved our family.

Dean Shuman - March 22, 2021 at 07:59 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - March 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ During his early practice in Ralls, Dr. Holmes delivered my husband, Steve Verett, when he was born in 1953. Our first two children were born in 1982 and 1984, and Dr. Holmes was pediatrician for them and was so kind and supportive to me as a new mom. Our third was born in 1987, the year Dr. Holmes retired, and, I had to find a new pediatrician. He was, however, the best, and no one else could ever do quite as good a job!

Patricia Verett - March 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM

MB

We were new in Lubbock in 1971. The first week we were here our three toddlers got stomach flu and I had no doctor, so I took them to the emergency room. Dr. Holmes was on call. At the end of his visit he solemnly told me that we needed our own pediatrician. So I called his office the next time our kids needed help. Eventually we had 6 more children in Lubbock, so he came to know me pretty well. Because funds were tight, I would wait until the current ill child was really sick before I called him. Over the years he gave me such good practical advice about how to handle situations on my own as much as possible. He was willing to give advice on children I had not even brought to the office. One day I asked about a child's dry, chapped hands; then laughingly told him how I had seen my mother use shortening as lotion. He told me that there wasn't much difference between the ingredients of Crisco and Eucerin, and either would bring the same result. What a wonderful man! I have thought of him often through the years and shared many of his suggestions with my children to use with their families.

Maryann Bray

Maryann Bray - March 21, 2021 at 04:01 PM

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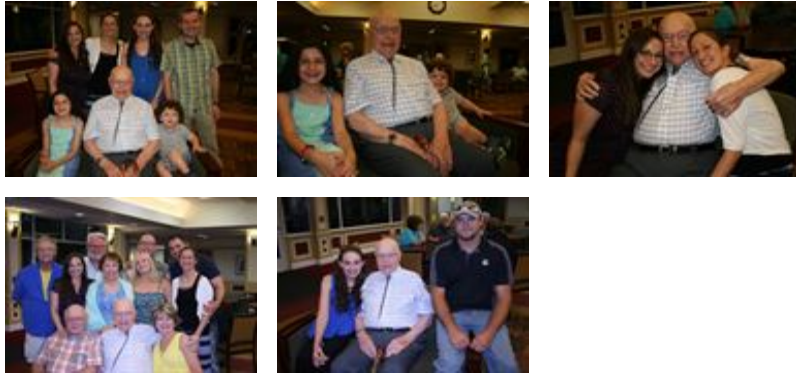
“ *Marisue P Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. T. H. Holmes, Jr*



Marisue P Smith - March 20, 2021 at 11:45 PM



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Sanders Funeral Home - March 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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“ Dr.Holmes was my son's dr. When they were young. We loved him so much



Eva Lee Cates - March 20, 2021 at 10:37 AM