



Elmer Motte M.D.

April 4, 1924 - November 11, 2022

Elmer Motte, age 98, of Gardendale, Alabama, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Melba Jean, brother Douglas (Barbara) Motte, Sister, Vizella Barnett. Daughters, Dajwanna Bethune (Rick), Trina Chambers (Ock) and Deetra Graben,(Rusty). Grandchildren, Lauren Matson (John), Whitney Lehmann (Will), Lana Thomas (Shawn) and Dena Graben. Great grandchildren, Clara and Anders Matson; Tobias, Titus, Amos and Arden Lehmann and Makenna Thomas.

Elmer graduated valedictorian from Warrior High School in 1943. After graduation he volunteered for the U.S. Air Force during WWII. He was schooled to be a morse code radio operator aboard a B-29 Bomber stationed in Guam. He flew 17 bombing missions over Japan, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki. After being discharged, Elmer attended the University of Alabama in pre-med studies. He entered medical school in 1949 and graduated from UAB with a degree in family medicine in 1953. Elmer began his Gardendale practice in 1956 as their first full-time physician. He retired 30 years later in 1986.

The family would like to thank Hope Hospice for their care, kindness and support during the last few weeks of Elmer's life. We would also like to thank

Elmer's sitter, Amanda, for all the hours she compassionately cared for him, especially in the final days.

A memorial service will be held at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 11:45. If you would like to make a donation in his memory, some of his favorite charities are Samaritan's Purse, Big Oak Ranch and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A donation could also be made to East Gardendale Baptist Church where he was a member.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 15. 11:45 AM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Hwy 119
Montevallo, AL 35115-8632
(205) 665-9039

Tribute Wall



“ I remember Dr. Motte well, His black curly hair and His Bow Ties. He was our family doctor until He retired. I remember Him making House Calls. I also had some High School classes with His daughter, Dajwanna. I had no idea that He lived so long. I have good memories of Him taking care of Me & making House Calls.
Bill McCormick

William K McCormick Jr - August 13, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Dr. Motte was blessed with a long life of 98 years but was so ready to start his new life without sickness in Heaven. Such a sweet family he leaves behind. It was my privilege to serve for a time as his Minister of Music along side of his precious wife. My condolences. Love yall very much. *Dr. Phillip Jones (d.d.hon)*

Phillip Jones - November 20, 2022 at 06:57 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you the comfort that only He can give. Yours in Christ; *Doyle and Cyndi Creel*

Cyndi Creel - November 15, 2022 at 11:02 AM