



Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe

September 23, 1934 - May 3, 2017

Dr. Robert "Bob" E. Howe passed away on Wednesday after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He was a member of the Decatur Highway Church of Christ. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. Charles and Iva Howe and his niece, Dana Howe.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years Sheila Bartlett Howe and his brother Dr. Michael (Patty) Howe of South Pittsburg, Tennessee. He is also survived by his children: Carol (Bill) Ingram and Charlie Howe of Birmingham; Margaret (Don) Upton of Auburn; Tom (Hope) Howe of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Beth (Joe) Clark of Huntsville; and his stepchildren: Tina (Wes) Brown, Keith Musgrove, and Christie (Kyle) Sloan of Birmingham. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Katherine Clark, Joseph Clark Jr., Brantley Ingram, Grayson Ingram, Stone Ingram, Samuel Brown, Olivia Brown, Brody Musgrove, Brock Musgrove, Hunter Harper, Hannah Harper, and Wyatt Sloan. Dr. Howe was lovingly cared for by his wife Sheila, Dr. Allen Yielding, Dr. Jeff Hawkins, Dr. Doug Alford, Dr. Hank Hudson and Dr. Al Stanley, as well as many other doctors and their staffs over the years.

Dr. Howe was a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon in Birmingham for 38 years. He attended Marion Military Institute and graduated the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in 1957. He interned at the City Hospital of Memphis from 1957 – 58, and was a surgical resident at Carraway Methodist

Hospital from 1958 – 60. From 1960 – 62, he served in an Army MASH camp in Korea. He returned to Carraway for his last year of his Surgical Residency and then completed a Fellowship in Plastic Surgery with Dr. Neal Owens in New Orleans. Dr. Howe left New Orleans in 1966, but returned many times for the history, the architecture, and Domilise's oyster po-boy.

In 1966, he moved back to Birmingham and opened his practice at Norwood Clinic and Carraway Methodist Medical Center, where he stayed until his retirement in 2004. He was the kind of doctor everyone wishes they had. He was a warm, caring man who took time with each patient; a precise surgeon, and an all-around good guy. He loved sharing his knowledge and skills with many residents over the years.

In Birmingham, he raised his five children and their house was a place of chaotic fun, thanks to Dr. Howe's contagious enthusiasm for life. Later he and Sheila started Stronzata Farms where they loved to work on projects together and entertain. Dr. Howe collected classic Corvettes, thrift store antiques, and stray dogs. He loved researching the Civil War and would share his boundless knowledge to anyone interested. He strived to give more than he got and was slow to judge others. As a grandfather, Dr. Howe was a constant source of good advice, jokes, and late-night ice cream. He leaves his friends and family with hearts full of gratitude for the years of love and adventures.

Visitation will be at The New Gardendale Funeral Home 2214 Decatur Highway on Friday May 5th from 4 to 7 with a Memorial Service to follow at 7 p.m. A private graveside service is planned. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. UT Foundation College of Medicine UTHSC 62 South Dunlap Street Office #513 Memphis, Tennessee 38163 Attention: Zach Pretzer.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

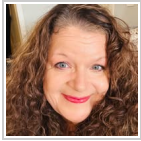
Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Renea Reed Jackson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe



Renea Reed Jackson - May 04, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Linda Phillips lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe



Linda Phillips - May 06, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss! Dr. Howe was the ONLY doctor my dad would go to after he saved Dad's thumb! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family!

Lamona Collier - May 05, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for Dr. Howe's family and friends. Thought and prayers with you all during this most difficult time. Love, Missy Cox-Unterseher



Michelle Cox-Unterseher - May 05, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe.*



May 05, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ *It was rare I got called into his OR room to x-ray a surgery site for a wrong count but I did one time and after the x-ray I watched him do his best, great guy!*

Hazel Taylor Johnson - May 04, 2017 at 09:56 PM



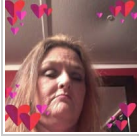
“ *I was an ICU nurse at Carraway for many years and worked with Dr. Howe over the years. He was always nice to work with. My condolences for your loss. Denise Dowdey,R.N.*

Denise Dowdey - May 04, 2017 at 07:49 PM



“ *Loved Dr.Howe for his smile and the way he treated my husband.He threatened to cut Genes beard off when he operated,will always think of him as a friend.So sorry and will lift the family i prayer.*

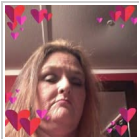
Shirley Taylor - May 04, 2017 at 07:28 PM



“ Sherry Brock sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe



Sherry Brock - May 04, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ Sherry Brock lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe



Sherry Brock - May 04, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ My name is Pam Hogland and Dr. Howe was my husband's plastic surgeon. He performed close to 40 surgeries in 12 yrs. My husband was in a horrible accident. I will never forget the first thing he said to me. I will put him back together so he will not scare small children or animals. I didn't know how to respond, so I just hugged him and told him thank you. He had an amazing ability to always see the bright side and was an amazing doctor, friend and always was there for us. I only had to call him a couple of times at home and he always made me feel like that was what I should have done even though I was interfering on his family time. He was a great man. My husband passed away over 12 years ago and I know they are reamissing . I wish you my deepest symhpany. May God bless you.

Pam Hogland - May 04, 2017 at 05:33 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe.*



May 04, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert Edgar "Bob" Howe.*



May 04, 2017 at 04:09 PM