



Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.

October 4, 2018

In lieu of flowers, family would prefer donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Lancaster.

Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr. passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, October 4 after a valiant battle with metastatic melanoma.

Charlie was born on September 15, 1933 in the college town of Murray, Kentucky to Melda and Wesley Waldrop. His family home is now part of Murray State University (where Charlie went to school and met his wife, Margie, of 61 years). Growing up, Dr. Waldrop's father had an unfulfilled dream to be a doctor which inspired a young Charlie to become one, not only for himself, but also for his father.

After graduating from Murray State University with a BA degree in Biology and Chemistry, he briefly worked as a chemist at Dupont before entering University of Louisville Medical School. Upon graduation, he continued his education with a residency at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida.

Feeling a call to serve his country, Dr. Waldrop proudly joined the U.S. Air Force where he was a Flight Surgeon for the 55th Tactical Fighter Squadron serving in England in the early 1960's. Following his discharge in 1962, he

came to Lancaster, Texas to begin his career as a Family Physician. His experience in the Air Force afforded him opportunities to work with area pilots. Among his other physician duties, he also was a Senior Aviation Medical Examiner with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and performed FAA medical exams at his office.

Throughout Dr. Waldrop's 50-year career as a beloved doctor, he was known to his colleagues, nurses, staff and patients for his unfailing commitment and valued as a deeply thoughtful mentor and advisor to many colleagues and friends. As many will attest, patients often willingly experienced long waits to see 'the doc' because once they were in the examining room they knew they would have his undivided attention and compassionate care. In a last selfless act, he donated his body to cancer research in hopes of saving more lives through his death.

One of the reasons Dr. Waldrop was an excellent doctor was his intense desire to continue training himself on the many changes within the medical field. As a result, Dr. Waldrop was involved in numerous medical organizations including Past President of the Dallas Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), active in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP), serving on the Health Care Services Committee and the TAFP PAC Committee in Austin. He was a member of the Texas Medical Association, the Dallas County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. For many years, he was on the staff for Methodist Hospital and Charlton Hospital. In 1985 and 1994, Dr. Waldrop served as chief of staff of the Medical Center of Lancaster. He was also Vice President of the Family Practice department at Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas for a number of years.

As a long-time resident of Lancaster, Dr. Waldrop was strongly involved in various community and area activities helping this town he loved in so many ways. He served as Chairman of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, two

years as Lancaster City Councilman, 12 years on the Lancaster School Board (including four as President) and served on the Lancaster Airport Board for many years. In 1982, Dr. Waldrop received the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Golden Gaither Award for outstanding service to the City of Lancaster over many years. In Dr. Waldrop's years on the City Council, he spear-headed an effort to get I-20 construction moved closer to Lancaster. Although he failed to move the location, he did get a guarantee from the Highway Department to four-lane Pleasant Run and six-lane Lancaster Road (both main thoroughfares into the city). He was also instrumental in bringing a hospital to the City of Lancaster.

Although he worked hard all his life, he so enjoyed time with his family and friends. Whether snow skilling in Colorado, riding a wave in Florida or sailing, he was always up for a fun family vacation. Over the last year, he fondly recalled the last trip he took with his family along with a group of friends. He was a man who loved his family deeply and cherished his friends.

Dr. Waldrop is preceded in death by his parents; sister Isabell Hunt and her husband Bill; and in laws Hearld and Marguerite Whitmer. He is survived and forever remembered by his wife Margie; son Chuck and his wife Cindy; daughter Heather Wetzig and her husband Keith; nephew Tripp Hunt and his wife Nikki; grandnephew Will and his wife Brittini; great grandniece Bella and great grandnephew Liam.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ He cared for my folks for more than half their life, aided me in their deaths and treated me when I was young. I loved and trusted him. Find comfort knowing he now walks in heaven's garden with the one and only Master. Oh, tell him to say hello to my aunt Bea Taylor. God bless.

Debbie Lowe Binnall - June 19, 2024 at 11:45 AM

MM

“ Dr. Waldrop was my physician for 20 years because of his knowledge and patience with me. He always made sure that you understood your diagnosis and treatment recommended. Through him I met Dr. Abdurrihem, his assistant at the time. After he left the Lancaster Medical Office, I then became a patient of Dr. Abdurrihem of which I remain today, approximately 25 years. Dr. Waldrop was a great physician and trainer of medical professionals.

Mable Meador - November 10, 2018 at 05:21 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr..



November 08, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr..*



November 08, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sending prayers of comfort to you and the family BD Chuck Waldrop.*

Keysha Bradley - November 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ *The Dallas County Medical Society, its Board of Directors, members and staff express to you our deepest sympathy in the recent loss of your loved one, Dr. Charles W. Waldrop, Jr.*

He was a valued member of DCMS and the Texas Medical Association for 55 years. He will be truly missed by his colleagues. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Michael J Darrouzet
Executive Vice President/CEO*

Michael Darrouzet - November 05, 2018 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ I am saddened and so sorry for Margie, Chuck, and Heather. Dr. Charlie Waldrop was the only doctor our parents knew of from 1963 on. As a family practitioner, he was an answer to our prayers. We are grateful to have had such a caring Christian spirit touch our lives for so many years. He exemplified the spirit of Christian community, friendship and service to others.

Creighton Bruton - November 03, 2018 at 10:36 PM

CH

“ To Margie ,Chuck and all of your family, I am saddened by Charlie’s passing. Saw him recently because of his hoarseness . Realized he was suffering from metastatic melanoma. Charlie was a family doctor loved by his patients and respected by his colleagues. I am honored to have the experience to work with him. And appreciated the trust and confidence he had in me for sharing the care of his patients. He will be missed.
My thoughts and prayers are with your family.....Chung-En Huang

Chung-En Huang - November 03, 2018 at 07:33 AM

AJ

“ To Margie and all of your family, I was so saddened and shocked to hear of Charlie's passing. I last saw Charlie at a medical conference about 18 months ago and never realized that would be our last conversations together. Charlie was my friend, my mentor, my advisor. When I first walked into the Lancaster Clinic back in 1978 looking for a place to practice, Charlie was the first one I talked to. He took me under his wing and our lives and practice of medicine were intertwined for over 35 years. He showed me what it meant to be a caring and compassionate family physician. I owe him so much and will miss him terribly. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers!.....Tony Jung

ANTHONY C JUNG - October 24, 2018 at 04:01 PM

SD

“ Dr. Waldrop gave excellent care to my our family over the years, especially my parents, Mary and Davis Lewis. He was their friend as well as a respected and trusted physician. Margie, Heather, and Chuck, I know that Tim, Mark, and Brian Lewis also send their condolences your way. May your memories bring you comfort as well as happy tears. All of you are in my prayers.



Sandra Lewis Dixon - October 18, 2018 at 06:23 PM

MS

“ Mary Saunders lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.



Mary Saunders - October 11, 2018 at 03:37 PM

MM

“ Margie, Chuck & Heather--Charlie was a good doctor, neighbor & friend.
Losing a loved one is always difficult.
Best Regards to All,
Mike McBride

Mike McBride - October 10, 2018 at 07:57 PM

EH

“ *Elaine P. Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.*



Elaine P. Harris - October 10, 2018 at 08:44 AM

AS

“ *Margie. It was a privilege to know Charlie for so many years. Bless you. Allen Schneider*

Allen Schneider - October 09, 2018 at 01:25 PM

PR

“ *My husband, Jack, (Dr. Royder) and I always enjoyed our friendship with Charlie and Margie. I know your feelings Margie and children, I share them with you. Charlie was a great and kind man. He will be missed by all.*

Pat Royder - October 08, 2018 at 03:38 PM

DE

“ *Margie and Chuck, Kathy and I offer our condolences for your husband and father. I did not know Dr. Waldrip as well as as the two of you but, everything I ever heard was he was a good man and physician. Our prayers are with your family. Dan & Kathy Eddy*

Dan Eddy - October 08, 2018 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ *Selinda Swinford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.*



Selinda Swinford - October 08, 2018 at 05:35 AM

SP

“ *Our sincere condolences to Margie, Heather and Chuck in their loss. We were so blessed to have Dr. Waldrop as our family physician for many years. I'm convinced that my dad lived a little longer because this good doctor and friend insisted that he get a physical, thereby getting an earlier pancreatic cancer diagnosis. You touched so many lives and made our world a much better place. May you rest wth the angels.*

Sharon Kapavik Perkins - October 07, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *To Margie and the Waldrop Family our sincerest condolences on the loss of Dr. Waldrop. May your wonderful memories of him bring you joy and comfort. May his soul rest in eternal peace. John and Monica May*

Monica May - October 07, 2018 at 03:55 PM

CW

“ *An amazing man. He will be missed by so many. He helped me through so difficult times in my life. I'll never forget him. I'm praying for comfort for the family.*

Cindy Weaver - October 07, 2018 at 07:54 AM

KH

Worked with Dr Waldrop back when the Lancaster hospital opened...a long time ago! Always appreciated his and Margie's dedication to healthcare and the community; prayers for the family's comfort

Karen Hunter - October 07, 2018 at 12:50 PM

LC

Dr. Waldrop was my physician for more than 40 years, from puberty to menopause, and would have been longer if he hadn't retired. Even after leaving Lancaster, my hubby and I were willing to drive extra distances to see him. One visit, when I was in the stirrups, I said, "Just once I wish you were on the table and I were down there." He replied, "I wish I'd known you felt that way. I just had my physical last week. You could have come." The nurse got a chuckle at our exchange. But that was him. Always as pleasant and humorous as he was knowledgeable and concerned. He was the epitome of what a family doctor should be and the world is less because of his absence.

L C Chandler - November 09, 2018 at 07:26 PM

JD

“ Thanks Dr Waldrop and Margie for choosing our small town to begin your practice. You have served our community so well and sacrificilly for so many years. My dad often talked so highly of you as you guys and others worked tirelessly to make Lancaster a great town. The void you left can't be filled. We are so blessed to have been able to call you and Margie friend. Gods speed dear friend.

joe davis - October 06, 2018 at 08:55 PM

NV

“ Prayers to his family. Such a wonderful and giving person. Not just in his professional field as a doctor but his many hours of giving to his community in countless ways. Thanks for all you did and the difference you made to so many.

Nannette Vick



Nannette Vick - October 06, 2018 at 08:33 PM

DR

“ *Dena Hogan Reneau lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.*



Dena Hogan Reneau - October 06, 2018 at 08:00 PM

DP

“ *Thank you Dr. Waldrup from the Poteet family, Dorothy, Daniel and Lesley. Sleep well.*

Dorothy Poteet - October 06, 2018 at 07:41 PM

GM

“ *Thinking of all the Waldrops. Glenn Montgomery, Belfast, ME*



Glenn Montgomery - October 06, 2018 at 02:53 PM

SP

Such a good man and wonderful physician to our family. He will be greatly missed.

Sharon Kapavik Perkins - October 06, 2018 at 05:13 PM

RW

Dr Waldron was a great Dr and he was a dear friend to my family , so sorry for your loss 🙏💔

Robby wells - October 06, 2018 at 11:23 PM

LH

Margie, so sorry to learn of Charlie's death. We remember you as active participants in the life of our church. We know this is a difficult time, since you had so many years together. Please know that God is present to give you the comfort and direction you need.

Rev Lloyd and Harriett Howard

Lloyd Howard - October 08, 2018 at 05:24 PM

ST

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Waldrops passing. Peace to his family and may their days ahead be filled with great memories

Steve Taff - October 06, 2018 at 02:09 PM

KG

“ Kim Guest lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.



Kim Guest - October 06, 2018 at 01:01 PM

KG

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Waldrop. He took excellent care of my parents and was a good friend to them. The family is certainly in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead.

Kim (Rawlings) Guest

Kim Guest - October 06, 2018 at 12:59 PM

PP

“ *Dr. Waldrop was more than just a family practitioner he was a kind gentleman of God ! We were blessed for his service to both. He was a wonderful father evident in his beautiful family . My heart goes out to them now and pray they know the peace that he is in heaven watching over them with love!*



Pat Perigo - October 06, 2018 at 10:44 AM

TK

“ *The world has lost a great one. My mother used to take my sister and me to the little clinic in Lancaster when we were children. Dr. Waldrop was an amazing doctor. Somehow when he entered the room, I knew everything was going to be alright. Then he gave me a candy lollipop at the end. He was a top notch doctor and truly a wonderful person.*

Sending my condolences to the family.

Teresa Rollins Khouw - October 06, 2018 at 10:05 AM

J(

“ *Dr. Waldrop was such a Lancaster icon, a doctor who truly CARED! This world could sure use a lot more like him! Chuck and family my thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you.*

julie martin (fleeman) - October 06, 2018 at 08:48 AM

TB

“ Just wanted to send my condolences. Dr. Waldrop was not only a Dr, but a friend. He was our family Dr. for as long as I can remember. He always made you feel conformable and better. I am so very sad, he was definitely one of the good ones. RIP you will always be in my heart.

Terri Rubin Browning - October 06, 2018 at 08:35 AM

MD

“ Dr. Waldrop always held a special place in my heart. My Mom was in Chester Clinic and would have died if I hadn't called Dr. Waldrop to replace her doctor. He stayed at the hospital all night and she pulled through. My thoughts and prayers to the family.
Midge Douglas

Midge Douglas - October 06, 2018 at 07:52 AM

DR

“ Debbie Richmond lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Waldrop Jr.



Debbie Richmond - October 05, 2018 at 11:43 PM

DR

“ Dr. Waldrop (Doc W) was my physician for many, many years. He was a great doctor, plus funny and spent as much time as you might need, just talking about whatever, with his patients. When he retired from his practice and went to the V.A., it broke my heart. I was so glad to be able to still see him often at restuarants around the area, and for several years at the Hickory House BBQ on Saturday mornings. He pulled me through some rough periods in my life. I will always hold him in the highest regard. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Debbie Richmond - October 05, 2018 at 11:37 PM

LH

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE WALDROP FAMILY. WHAT A WONDERFUL DOCTOR AND FRIEND WHO WILL BE SO MISSED BY MANY.! MY CHILDREN WERE NOT AFRAID TO GO TO SEE DR. WALDROP WHEN THEY WERE ILL.. HE ALWAYS HAD A CALMING SPIRIT. MAY THE LORD BE VERY NEAR TO THE FAMILY AT THIS SAD TIME.. HE WILL BE SO MISSED! LOIS HITT HOLMES

LOIS HOLMES - October 06, 2018 at 02:31 PM

BC

“ Dr. Waldrop was a humanitarian, a physician who genuinely cared for others, and a man of the highest integrity. I looked forward to sitting across from him on those days we shared breakfast time, while listening to his wit and wisdom. I will miss him greatly, as well as his multitude of friends and acquaintances will, also. Rest now, Doc, you've been of service to our Lord and your fellow man for many years with your medical talents and abilities. May your life story live on...
Your Friend,
Bobby W. Cartlidge

Bobby Cartlidge - October 05, 2018 at 08:11 PM