



Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D.

January 28, 1925 - November 17, 2022

Kenneth Earl Beaton M.D., 97, of Wynne died Thursday, November 17, 2022, at his home. Dr. Beaton was born in Paragould, AR on January 28, 1925. He graduated from Marmaduke High School in 1942. He graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1949. He interned at Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, TX where he met the best surgical nurse, a Cajun girl, the love of his life, Martha Derise. They were married in December 1950 and remained married for 59 1/2 years. In July of 1950, he and his classmate, best friend, and colleague, Dr. Vance Crain opened their medical practice in Wynne.

He continued servicing his community for forty years until he retired in 1990. He enjoyed playing golf, photography, woodworking and traveling. His favorite pastime was relaxing on the porch at the cabin looking over the lake.

Dr. Beaton is preceded in death by his wife, Martha Derise Beaton, his parents, Earl and Jessie Wood Beaton, brothers Leon and Zane, baby sister, Mary Ellen and a great granddaughter, Brooklyn Jean Kliethermes.

He is survived by his children Drs. Neal Beaton (Janet Udouj), Becky Rhodes (Richard), Dr. Trent Beaton (Tammy), Cindy Hathcock (Steve), Dr. Susan Manley (Michael), 12 grandchildren Laura Beaton (Justin Denney), Katie Beaton (Dr. Gaines Fricke), John Beaton, Justin Rhodes (Adrienne), Kristin Kliethermes

(Brandi Washer), Adam Rhodes (Kimberly), Robert Beaton, George Beaton, Jessie Wilson (John Paul), Dr. Ken Hathcock (Andrea), Drew Manley and Blair

Manley (Jack Morgan, fiancé). Also, he leaves 14 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to Mr. Charles Marrs, Mrs Lee Halford, Mrs. Emma Lewis and Mr. Odell McCallum for their continued care, friendship and prayers.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 22, at 1 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Wynne with Rev. Matt Carter officiating. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Cross County Museum, P. O. Box 943, Wynne, AR 72396, Arkansas Children's Hospital, 1 Children's Way, Slot 661, Little Rock, AR 72202, or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Funeral service

NOV 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne
800 Falls Blvd
Wynne, AR 72396

Interment

NOV 22 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery
Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall

DD

“ One of the things I remember about Dr. Beaton was that he made house calls. Some you never see today. He was a kind person and I know he will be missed by his family. Neal-I don't know if you remember me or not but I was good friends with Van Spence.
David Dail

David Dail - November 23, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..



November 21, 2022 at 01:18 PM

JC

“ Josh Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Beaton, M. D.



Josh Chapman - November 20, 2022 at 09:03 PM

JC

“ Josh Chapman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Beaton, M. D.



Josh Chapman - November 20, 2022 at 09:03 PM

JC

“ *Dr Kenneth Beaton was a wonderful man! He was a friend of my Moms for many years. I had the pleasure of meeting him several years ago. To this day, I think the world of him!!!! His son Dr Trent Beaton is my primary care physician. I love him very much and I plan to have him as my primary care physician for many years. Dr Trent Beaton you are still one of the best physicians in the state of Arkansas. I am so sorry you lost your dad and best friend! He was such a kind and generous and gentle man. He had excellent bedside manner. You do as well. You are in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Josh Chapman - November 20, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..*



November 20, 2022 at 03:02 PM

LG

“ *Uncle Kenneth was always so kind to all of us. A very special man.*

Linda Dearing Goudeau - November 20, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..*



November 20, 2022 at 08:13 AM

GF

“ Hugs and prayers for Dr. Beatons family and friends
I worked for the clinic 1970 to 1978 as their lab tech and even
learned xray in the two weeks before i replaced their then tech .
twas a good place to work and Dr. Beaton even delivered my
second child (Karen Carver)
Glenda White Floyd

Glenda (Carver) Floyd - November 19, 2022 at 09:00 PM

GV

“ TO: THE BEATON FAMILY
This is a great loss for our beloved community. Glad to see several
members of his Family followed his leadership into the Medical
Profession. Condolences to the entire Family.
George Vance

George Vance - November 19, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..



November 19, 2022 at 01:30 PM

DT

“ I always loved working with Dr. Beaton at Cross County Hospital,
especially, in the Emergency Room. He was always so caring and
calm. I have a couple of great stories where he came to my rescue
in the ER that I really can't share publicly, but He was fantastic!

Denise Yates. (Larson at that time) - November 19, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..*



November 18, 2022 at 09:05 PM



“ *sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Beaton. Prayers for the family.*

Rickey and Lisa Stutts - November 18, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Earl Beaton, M. D..*



November 18, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss.
My Mother took me to see Dr. Beaton for my 6 weeks check-up in 1954. He remained our family Dr. until he retired. He was so smart and had such a great personality {a wonderful bedside manner}. He took time to really listen to his patients. In my opinion, he was the best Dr. in Wynne.*

Linda James Thomas - November 18, 2022 at 05:38 PM

EL

“ Back in the day when we delivered babies ,Dr Beaton was getting ready for a delivery and we had Philippine nurses, they were in charge of delivery that night,I couldn't understand what they were saying so I knew Dr Beaton didn't ,I just happened to go back and see how they were doing,I was told by Mrs Doss that he said he was never so glad to see another nurse , and that was me ,he will never know how glad that made me feel , my condolences to the Beaton family,he will be missed , God bless you all.

Emma Lewis - November 18, 2022 at 04:41 PM

RS

Prayers to Dr. Udouj and family. God bless you

Rosemary Stevens - November 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM

PG

“ Thank you Dr. Beaton for your years of service to our family & the community as well. You will be missed. Prayers for your family.
Paula (Harrell) Gardner

Paula Gardner - November 18, 2022 at 10:06 AM

MJ

When I was 13 I had appendicitis and my appendix burst. I was very near death when Dr. Beaton performed surgery which saved my life.

Marcella Gaskins Jackson - November 19, 2022 at 05:33 AM

TL

“ Dr. Beaton was a great Dr. He was our family Dr. For years. Prayers for his family and friends 🙏🙏

Thelma Lawson - November 17, 2022 at 06:31 PM