



James M. Eaton

February 5, 1935 - March 28, 2015

Dr. James Millard Eaton, Jr. passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Dr. Eaton was born February 5, 1935 in Hawkinsville, Georgia to James M. Eaton, Sr. and Maude Wimberly Eaton. He was preceded in death by his son James Millard Eaton, III and is survived by his beloved wife, Anita Anderson Eaton, his daughter Wimberly Eaton Jessup, son-in-law Mark Jeffrey Jessup, as well as five grandchildren, Sarah Carter Jessup, Caroline Eaton Jessup, Eva Marie Eaton, James Millard Eaton IV and Russell Davis Eaton.

Dr. Eaton graduated from Hawkinsville High School where he was known for his academic accomplishments, was proud to be Georgia state debate champion and an outstanding football player. Heavily recruited at the college level, Dr. Eaton ultimately selected and graduated from the University of Florida where he enjoyed a long and rewarding football career. Though recruited to play professional football, Dr. Eaton left the sport to attend Emory University School of Medicine where he practiced as a General Surgeon and ultimately served as Chief Resident / General Surgeon at Emory Hospital System from 1961-1966. Dr. Eaton also had the privilege of serving in the United States Air Force where he worked as the Chief of Surgery at the USAF hospital in London, England from 1966-1969. An avid historian and antique collector, Dr. and Mrs. Eaton enjoyed not only the living abroad with their young family but learning about the history of 18th century England and antiques.

Upon returning, Dr. Eaton pursued a second and more specific specialty as a

resident of Urological Surgery at Duke University from 1969-1970. As a Urological surgeon, Dr. Eaton both discovered his passion and found a home at Duke where worked as a professor of Urological Surgery until 1972 when he went into private practice in Columbus, Georgia. In 1980, Dr. and Mrs. Eaton moved to Newnan, Georgia where he happily joined the PAPP Clinic and practiced Urology until he retired in 2000.

Dr. Eaton was known for his commitment to his family, his patients and his community. He was lifelong teacher, a compassionate healer and an avid perennial gardener who delighted in sharing both his knowledge and the fruits of his labors.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

A memorial service will be held at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia on Monday April 6th at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends both prior to the service beginning at 1:00 pm as well as after at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dr. Eaton's memory to the First United Methodist Church of Newnan, 33 Greenville Street, Newnan, GA 30263 the First Presbyterian Church of Newnan, P.O. Box 1107, Newnan, GA 302634 or the charity of your choice.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
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Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EB

“ It greatly saddens me to realize that I never adequately Thanked Dr Eaton for literally Saving My Life. He diagnosed and treated my early age prostate issues. Many doctors had misdiagnosed it for years. He didn't just treat me, he educated me. Additionally, when my wife and I were trying to conceive, it was Dr Eaton that performed a surgical procedure that enabled us to. This was after we had even gone through the extreme of going to the doctors in Atlanta that had actually developed InVetro Fertilization. It was Dr Eaton's procedure of shortening the Vas deferens that actually enabled us to conceive a wonderful son. He literally enabled the life of our son, who is now approaching 34. WE THANK GOD AND PRAISE WITH HEAVEN FOR DR EATON.
-- Edward & Debra and Jonathan Boswell

Edward Boswell - September 02, 2025 at 03:03 PM

RM

“ Dear Mrs. Anita I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Jim's passing he was my grandfather's Dr. and always a gentleman. It was a pleasure to get to know him as a regular guy getting have lunches with the Romeo's. I lived for the stories. May God Bless you and your family at this most difficult time. Ray McKnight

Ray McKnight - April 03, 2015 at 03:29 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Eaton and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Many years have passed since I last saw Dr. Eaton. My brother was Avery Bentley. Jim III was a pallbearer at my brother's funeral in 1984. They were very close. In fact, Jim III was with me when Avery passed away. Another Good Man has been called to Heaven. I, like many others, are so thankful our paths crossed.

Angela Bentley - April 03, 2015 at 02:02 PM

FF

“ We are sorry to hear the news about Dr. Eaton. He was a great Doctor and a fine person. Our prayers are with you.

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - April 01, 2015 at 10:32 AM

SF

“ Miss Anita and Wimberly, I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Jim's passing. He was such a kind, gentle man and I've thought of him often through the years. I know how much he was loved in the community and his passing marks the loss of a true gentleman in every sense. My prayers are being sent for your entire family.

Sherri Jeffries Fielding - March 31, 2015 at 04:21 PM

DJ

“ Dear Anita and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Eaton' death. He was a good man and Doctor. We know he will be missed. Anita, we met you is Dr. Assikis's office, you and Mildred took chemo at the same time. We hope and pray you are in remission and are doing well, Mildred is in remission. May the Good Lord give you and the family peace, love and understanding during this difficult time. God loves you and we do too, Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - March 31, 2015 at 03:30 PM

MC

“ Miss Anita and Wimberly - We are thinking about you. Very sorry to hear about Big Jim.

Matt Collins - March 31, 2015 at 07:54 AM

SK

“ *My heart breaks at the loss of " Dr. Jim". He was my mother and father's best friend and like a second father to me. I had the opportunity to see him more frequently these past few years and cherish his quiet humor and friendship to me as an adult. Miss Anita and Wimberly, I share his passing with great sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. We have lost a genuine Southern Gentleman and overall amazing man. Thank you Dr. Jim for being in my life. I miss you terribly. Salley*

Salley Tyler Kellos - March 30, 2015 at 09:01 PM