



Dr. George Wallace Letchworth

September 20, 1927 - August 13, 2017

Wallace lived a long and multi-faceted life. Born in Sebastian, Florida, he served his nation in the US Army from 1946-1949. After returning home, Wallace, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, graduated from the University of Florida in 1950. With the assistance of U.S. Senator George Smathers, whom he worked for in Washington D.C., Wallace was admitted to the University of Miami medical school and graduated in 1958. He was one of the first residents at Shand's Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. He received his doctorate in Obstetrics and Gynecology and began practicing after he and wife Jane moved to Sarasota in 1963. During his long tenure at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, he brought more than a thousand babies into this world. Respected by his peers and loved by his patients, Wallace was the consummate physician.

Wallace was devoted to his family. With his wife of 60 years, Jane (Snow), he had daughter Karen Letchworth Dearth and son Lance Letchworth . His grandchildren, Kristin Dearth, Luke Letchworth and Logan Letchworth were the light of his life. And nothing made him happier than when they visited. He loved sharing his wisdom with them and appreciated each of their special gifts.

Gardening was also a big part of his life, which is on full display both at his home and at Selby Gardens, where some of his Bonsai trees still reside. A

founding member of the Sho Fu Bonsai Society, he was also a supporter of the Ringling Museum, especially the Asian Arts division. An active member of the Field Club for many years he also served as its chair of admissions.

Wallace was pre-deceased by his parents Rabun and Viola Letchworth, his sister Jane, and his brothers Forrest and William.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday August 23, 2017 at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to Selby Gardens.

Tribute Wall

VC

“ We remember Dr. Letchworth very well and the Thanksgiving dinner we had at your home many years ago. Sorry for your loss.

Violet and Emmett Calvert - November 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Susan and I send our condolences to the family. Sorry we were out of town during the memorial service. We worked together on Medical Society and Sigma Chi programs, also at Church of the Redeemer. Jim Tollerton

Jim Tollerton - October 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ GEORGIA LETCH lit a candle in memory of Dr. George Wallace Letchworth



GEORGIA LETCH - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I remember Wallace with fond memories. We were first cousins and played together; stayed close till the War separated us. Was a blessing to all. Aileen Skinner

Aileen Skinner - October 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Deepest sympathy to Jane and all of Wallace's family. Thinking of you at this sad time for you all.

Love,

Michael, Ann and all the Blake family

Michael Blake - August 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ On behalf of my parents, myself, and my two sisters we wish to share our condolences to our Sarasota family. With pride we can say that Dr. Letchworth, or Wallace was our friend for many years. We shared many wonderful moments together in the USA and Europe. The many dinners and laughs stand out in our memory. And it was super to have a second home where we were always welcome. We will miss him in our midst, and we all certainly hope that we will meet again somewhere, someday..... Thank you Wallace!

Hans Sr, Petra, Hans Jr, Mariette, Roos Wieringa - August 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I am sorry to learn of the Drs passing. You and the Dr. hosted a pre wedding party for Kathy Stenger's family. Haven't had so much fun. The close friendship between the families' will be renewed in heaven.

Goodie Freeny Lagos - August 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ So many great memories growing up next to you all; it was like having 2 sets of parents!!! He will always and forever be remembered by all of us, a truly great man.

Tony Boothby - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *My condolences to Jane, Karen and Lance.*

Gigi Payne - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Letchworth as he was a friend of my father, Dr. Warren Evans. He & Jane were at my wedding & Jane was the photographer!*

MICHAEL EVANS - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Letchworth's passing. He was a kind and gentle man. He was always welcoming the many times I would visit Karen in Sarasota. A true gentleman.*

Heather Sarokon - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew dr Letchworth for many years at SMH and attended his cases as anesthesiologist. His skill, compassion and humanity were memorable. Best to his family.*
Barry Smiler, MD

August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Sending blessings to all family and friends. I remember Dr. Letchworth with fond memories. Healing to all.*

Pandora Seibert - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Letchworth was a wonderful doctor and always so caring. My sympathies to his family.*

*Joyce Seger
Sarasota, Fl*

August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolances to Jane, Karen and Lance. Remembering riding to school in that awesome blue mustang. I love that our parents were such good friends and neighbors.*

Sue Boothby Garrabrant - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was a patient of Dr.Letchworth's for many years. He took the time to explain things to me. I learned so much from him. I was blessed to have Dr. Letchworth for so many years as my doctor. I trusted him completely and never worried. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.*

Cynthia Ramsey - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cynthia Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Dr. George Wallace Letchworth*



Cynthia Ramsey - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM