



## George Thomas Abernathy, MD

February 17, 2022

George Thomas Abernathy, M.D. passed away Thursday February 17, 2022. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, he was the son of the late Ira R. Abernathy and the late Stella E. Moore Abernathy.

Dr. Abernathy attended Emory College from 1960 to 1964 where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He then attended Emory Medical School from 1964 to 1968 where he earned his Doctorate of Medicine. Dr. Abernathy served his internship in Straight Medicine at both Emory and Grady Hospitals in Atlanta in 1968. He served his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals from 1971 to 1973 and Fellowship Cardiology at Emory University from 1973 to 1975 where he was selected for Chief Residency of Medicine and entered private practice instead.

He began his private practice in Noninvasive Diagnostic Cardiology in Florida in 1975 where he practiced for 30 years on the West Coast of Florida.

Dr. Abernathy served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Thailand from 1969 to 1971; the United States Air Force Major Chief of Cardiology from 1978 to 1982; the U.S. Air Force Chief of Cardiology and Hospital Services in West Germany from 1982 to 1985; U.S. Air Force Chief of Cardiology, Internal Medicine, Hospital Services in San Antonio, Texas from 1985 to 1986.

He was a born-again evangelical Christian and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and patients.

A graveside service will be held at 9:30 AM Wednesday March 9, 2022, at Sarasota National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I am so sad to hear of George's passing. I always thought so kindly of him. We worked together in Tampa, Fl and he truly was a blessing in my life. He is loved and remembered fondly by my family and me. Rest in Peace my friend. Marion Bennett

Marion Bennett - October 17, 2022 at 02:28 PM

MB

“ Marion Bennett lit a candle in memory of George Thomas Abernathy, MD



Marion Bennett - October 17, 2022 at 02:25 PM

KW

“ Omg, I think Im reading this right. Dr Abernathy passing away?! Im so sorry to hear this upon calling the office and it was a disconnected number. I just happened upon an obituary listing and wondered if it was him. Im so saddened by this, such a caring Dr. and Pam such a wonderful patient lady to all of the patients. Pam if you read this, please call.



Kathy Williams - September 19, 2022 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ Dr. Abernathy was a top doctor, always compassionate and interested in my mom and our family in every way. Making you feel like you were the most important person he has met. Loved his unique glasses and warm heart. Dr. Abernathy entered heaven along with my brother, Jeff on February 17th. We are in shock.

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**Mary Beth and Marilyn Williams** - April 18, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CC

“ Doctor Abernathy was a wonderful and compassionate man, who showed a great deal of caring for my sister and I. He was a very Christian man and I had the greatest respect for him. I felt comfortable with his explanations of my diagnoses. He loved Halloween and his office was decorated beautifully when I arrived for my very first appointment. I always told him to bring the donuts and I would bring the coffee for my next Halloween appointment. I was shocked to learn of his passing and my deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to his family and Pam.  
Constance Caldwell

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**Constance Caldwell** - March 29, 2022 at 10:49 PM

DH

“ Dave and I just found out about the passing of our special doctor and friend. We are so sorry, saddened and shocked. We will all miss so much this wonderful man. Our prayers and love are sent to Pam and all his family! Rest peacefully in heaven, Dr. Abernathy. Love, Dale and Dave Hatch

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**Dale and David Hatch** - March 28, 2022 at 01:34 PM

AR

“ I am sooo sad to learn of your passing. Thank you for being a great Doctor. I'm sure your kindness touched many lives. You were the coolest doctor. I'll never forget you coming in to my hospital room in June of 2020 with your Trump hat. ☐ God bless your family Sir! See you later in Heaven. Andrea Rottenberk

Andrea Rottenberk - March 09, 2022 at 01:35 PM

DH

OMG, just found out of the passing of our special doctor and friend when trying to call the office. We are so sorry, sad and shocked! So suddenly we have all lost a wonderful person! Our prayers and love go out to Pam and all his family! Dale and David Hatch

Dale and David Hatch - March 28, 2022 at 01:21 PM

CB

“ It seems like Uncle George always had a smile or was laughing. Rest in Peace my Brother in Christ. Clark

Clark Burge - March 09, 2022 at 06:20 AM

DO

“ I will miss the conversations with George. Everytime I was with my brother in law, he was joking and laughing. One moment he would be serious and the next sentence would be something to make you laugh.

Don - March 08, 2022 at 09:58 PM

DG

“ Uncle George was always the guy that saw the positive side of everything. He was the one that always lit up the room when he walked in. Although we didn't see each other often, when I spoke with him about four weeks before he passed, it was like we never missed a beat. He brought so much to the world and helped so many. You will be missed Uncle George.

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**Dale Green** - March 08, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CJ

*I will forever miss Dr Abernathy . Sadden that I was not aware of his passing until I called the office and number was no longer in service. Dr Abernathy was truly one of a kind. He loved his work and the patients who were all treated like family. His memory will be forever in my heart. Rest In Peace knowing how much you were loved*  
CJ

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**Claudia Johnson** - April 04, 2022 at 12:43 AM

ME

*I met the Doc when he served in the U S Army in northeast Thailand in 1970.He was our base camp doctor,and a great guy.*

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**michael ellis** - March 27, 2023 at 07:58 PM

JA

“ George was a wonderful brother-in-law and will be missed. We loved him very much and could always depend on him.

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**Jean Abernathy** - March 08, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RA

“ George, my younger brother, was one to never give up. Quitting was not in him.

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**Raus Abernathy** - March 08, 2022 at 07:30 PM

GA

“ Uncle George was always willing to help when I called. I will not forget his Hawaiian shirts, his guidance and help with Toni's surgery. I have the football coins on display that he gave me when I went out for the Auburn team. Thank you uncle George for your support. You will always be remembered.

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**Greg Abernathy** - March 08, 2022 at 07:14 PM

CB

“ George was a wonderful brother. I was younger by 18 months and we favored each other in looks. I used to get him in the movies for free by claiming he was my twin brother until I got too old. We have been close these last few years and when we talked he always said, " don't sweat the small stuff". It always cheered me up when I needed it. Love you dear brother. You will be missed greatly.

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**Carol a Bailey** - March 08, 2022 at 06:47 PM

EL

“ Erin Lesinski lit a candle in memory of George Thomas Abernathy, MD



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**Erin Lesinski** - March 08, 2022 at 05:04 PM

EL

Dr. Abernathy & I became friends through our work together in healthcare insurance. This past month hasn't been as cheerful. I miss him. God Bless his family & friends and rest well, Dr. A -thank you for all your support and friendship.

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**Erin Lesinski** - March 08, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Thomas Abernathy, MD.*



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March 08, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *My sympathy in the loss of Dr, Abernathy.He was a wonderful, kind person and a great Cardiologist. We met him first when my husband and I moved here from Chicago in 1998 and he was my husband's doctor and later mine. He will be missed!*

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**Joanne Caeti** - March 08, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ *Lucie Novakova lit a candle in memory of George Thomas Abernathy, MD*



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**Lucie Novakova** - March 08, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Zuzana Novakova lit a candle in memory of George Thomas Abernathy, MD*



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**Zuzana Novakova** - March 08, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs To the Dr. George Abernathy family.  
”George was a man of faith and God has called his child home.”  
George Abernathy was the most amazing doctor and he become family friend. By his friendly approach and kindly manner he was lifting people spirits and giving them hope for better life. Gordon Shaw loved him dearly and could not speak highly enough about him. Thank you Doctor for every minute dedicating to our family. We love you for ever Zuzana and Lucie  
Loving and merciful God,  
we entrust our brother/sister to your mercy.  
You loved him/her greatly in this life;  
now that he/she is freed from all its cares,  
give him/her happiness and peace for ever.  
The old order has passed away;  
welcome him/her now into paradise  
where there will be no more sorrow,  
No more weeping or pain,  
but only peace and joy  
with Jesus, your Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.  
Amen

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**Zuzana Novakova** - March 07, 2022 at 09:21 AM

JM

*Thank you Dr.Abernathy. Our love and prayers go with you until we meet again. God's special son.*

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**James Maloney** - March 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

MB

*Dr. Abernathy was old school & very cool. My condolences to the family. May he rest in peace.*

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**Marty Bloom** - March 11, 2022 at 04:02 PM

AB

*Sorry to hear of dr. Abernathy death. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family. My sincere condolences to his family. He made going to the doctors pleasant. Rest In Peace dear Dr. A.  
Ann Ballard*

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**ann ballard** - March 21, 2022 at 08:33 AM

PW

*“ Pam, Steve and kids, I’m so sorry for your loss. Dr Abernathy was one of a kind!!  
I enjoyed working with him, I learned a lot, and we had fun. Especially on Halloween, his birthday / Halloween was so fun, just like being a kid again. His patients adored him.  
I remember asking him if he was planning on retiring and his response was “No, my work is my passion, I will never quit.”  
Condolences, Patty Wofford*

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**Patty Wofford** - March 06, 2022 at 01:56 PM

MK

*I was Dr. Abernathy’s medical transcriptionist when he was with Dr. Nuzum, Dr. Corin, and the whole group. I’m so sad to just hear this news. He loved his Harley. Prayers.*

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**Mary Klein** - March 30, 2022 at 12:51 PM

MK

*He always had a smile. We had lots of fun. I’m so sad.*

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**Mary Klein** - March 30, 2022 at 12:52 PM