



Rudolph Charles Garber, Jr., M.D

December 7, 1927 - January 26, 2017

Born in Richmond, Virginia and an Eagle Scout by age 14, Rudy graduated from the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in 1954 and interned at the Bayfront Medical Center of St Petersburg, Florida. He moved to Lido Key in 1955 with his wife and first child as the first full time physician to serve St Armands and Longboat Keys. He returned to MCV each summer for 6 years to complete his medical residency in Internal Medicine.

A steward of Sarasota waters and wetlands, Rudy was a founding member of Save Our Bays Association, a Charter member of the Rotary Club of Sarasota Keys, a three term elected member of the Sarasota Board of Public Instruction, Plymouth Harbor Trustee, Barnet Bank Trustee, and an awarded conservationist in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. He was a 62 year member of the First United Methodist Church serving on major committees, teaching Sunday School, and was instrumental in creating the Columbaria now housed at First United Methodist Church.

As an active and highly respected physician, Rudy managed a cattle ranch and tree farm while practicing medicine for over 30 years. His energetic presence will be remembered by the many friends he made through his medical arts, his ranching, swimming, windsurfing, fishing, and hunting. Rudy's last words were "Didn't we have fun!"

Rudy is survived by his wife, Jocelyn "Dot" Garber, his 3 children, Janet Garber Taffet, Rudolph Charles Garber III "Chip", Michael Fraher Garber and 5 grandchildren, Julia Fae Taffet, Max Franklin Taffet, Sarah Russell Garber, Michael Fraher Garber Jr., and Abigail Cook Garber.

A service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 104 Pineapple Ave, Sarasota, FL at 2pm, Saturday, February 4th, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Tidewell Hospice, Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238 or the First United Methodist Church, 104 Pineapple Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

AV

“ Thank you, Dr. Garber, for the kindness and care you provided to me and my family, as a physician, neighbor and role model, many years ago. I am sending my sincerest condolences, warmest regards and prayers to Mrs. Garber, Janet, Chip, Mike and their families.

Amy Valentine - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My family lived across the street from the Garber family back in the late 1950's ... I have wonderful memories of Dr. Garber and I remember playing with his kids ... Chip, Mike and Janet ... good memories !!

Jodi Louis Rolls - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dr. Garber was a lovely man. I met him and his daughter in the 60's when she had a horse in a pasture on Bahia Vista St. where I kept my horse. I haven't seen him in years, but have good memories of those days. My sympathies to his family.

Kathryn Baker - February 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Uncle Rudy*

You will be missed. My thoughts are with you Aunt Dot, Janet, Chip and Mike.

John Garber

John Garber - February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We had the pleasure of having Rudy and Dot as neighbors the first few years of our move to Sarasota. People that good and loving you only meet once in a lifetime. Rest in peace Doc. Our prayers are with you Dot. Ron and Kathie Hermann

February 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ While in High School, I had the opportunity to "shadow" Dr. Garber one day as part of a class activity. His rapport with patients at the hospital was amazing. I learned a great deal that day and never forgot him. I stumbled onto his passing quite by chance. My condolences to the family. Chip and I were classmates...

Keith Taylor - February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a honor to grow up next door to " the garbers " I feel like I lost my uncle!

Tony, Jennifer, Taylor & Paige Garrabrant ! IWe will miss him !

Tony Garrabrant - February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences to his family. Martha Gowdy RN

February 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Yes Dr. Garber, we certainly did! Thinking of you all at this time.

The Liberman Family

Jill Liberman - February 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Mrs. Garber, Janet, Chip and Michael,*

I have wonderful memories of your father and your family. I really appreciate you sharing your dad's last words. Love to him and all of you.

- Robert Bergs

Robert Bergs - January 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *We are so truly sad to have lost such a kind wonderful member of our community and our Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Dot and family.*
Pat and Gay

Patrick and Gay Miller - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM