



Dr. F. Donald Bass

July 26, 1933 - March 26, 2017

Dr. F. Donald Bass passed away Sunday morning, March 26, 2017, at Piedmont Hospital after suffering a fall on Wednesday. He was born in Newnan, Georgia on July 26, 1933 to the late Henry Gordon Bass and Tommie Lou Bass.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Bell Bass; children, Katherine Bass, Carolyn and John Herbert Cranford, Julie and Bruce Berthon, Jane Morgan Bass; and grandchildren, John Herbert Cranford, Jr., Andrew Cranford, Catherine Cranford, Lindsey Berthon, Anna Berthon, and Paul Berthon.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

Dr. Bass graduated from Newnan High School in 1954 after having previously dropped out of school before his junior year. He graduated from The University of Georgia in 1957, having completed his final two years of high school and his undergraduate degree in four years. He then graduated from The Medical College of Georgia in 1961. He interned at University Hospital and completed his residency in surgery at The Medical College of Georgia in 1966.

He was a Board Certified General Surgeon who began his practice in Newnan in July 1966. He joined PAPP Clinic as a General Surgeon in 1967. He moved his practice to Coweta Medical Center in 1985 and retired from practice in 2014. He was a member of the First Methodist Church, Coweta County Medical Society, GA Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, American Medical Association, GA Surgical Society, American College of

Surgery, and the American Society of Bariatric Physicians. He founded The Moretz Society in 1971 in honor Dr. William H. Moretz, the Head of the Department of Surgery at The Medical College of Georgia.

Dr. Bass loved The Masters Golf Tournament. He first attended in 1959, and he and his family have used the tickets every year since. He also hosted the Forksville Invitational Golf Tournament for 34 consecutive years at the Newnan Country Club. He had fond memories of playing guitar in his youth on the radio and at the Newnan Auditorium, where he was introduced by country music star Pop Eckler.

The funeral service is Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 2pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, with Dr. Joel Richardson and Dr. Harry Barrow officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday evening from 5 pm to 7pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Newnan First United Methodist Church 33 Greenville Street Newnan, GA 30263 www.newnanfumc.org.
McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Richard / Tammy Shook lit a candle in memory of Dr. F. Donald Bass*



Richard / Tammy Shook - April 03, 2017 at 09:46 AM

AP

“ *Anne And Chris Proudfit lit a candle in memory of Dr. F. Donald Bass*



Anne and Chris Proudfit - March 30, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SE

“ *Fond memories of working at Newnan Hospital and knowing Dr. Bass. May his family find comfort.*

Sharon Gilbert Ely

Sharon Gilbert Ely - March 30, 2017 at 08:39 AM

LC

“ My condolences are extended to the Family in this time of Bereavement. Dr. Bass, his wife, and family were Loyal and Good Friends to My Family. I will forever cherish and remember the Prominent role you played in my Families, especially my Dad (Walter Carter's) Life. Thank You for your Service to us and to this Community!!



Latoya Carter-Garcia - March 30, 2017 at 02:09 AM

MW

“ Morgan Wood, I would like to send Condolences to Dr Donald Bass and Family.
I considered him a family member. From family functions to weddings of our mutual friends. He and I were always very close in good times and bad. He was always a mentor to me . I do not know how many people know that he was a child guitar prodigy when he was young and did several Live radio broadcast when he was very young. This is a connection that he and I had that not very many people knew about. I broke my arm 4 times before I was the age of 12. He set every one of them and I was still able to play guitar with no problems. I always loved his character and charisma that surrounded him. He will be truly missed By all of us that had the rare opportunity to know the man.
Godspeed ,
Morgan Wood

Morgan A Wood - March 29, 2017 at 09:43 PM

MF

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with your family.

Marci Wicker Fiske - March 28, 2017 at 08:17 PM

MG

I was so sorry to hear about Dr Bass .My prayers are with the family. I was one of his patient.

Marcella Gaston - March 28, 2017 at 11:20 PM

KM

I'm so sorry to hear about Dr Bass I loved him as a dr and a friend. He was a truly good person!! Prayers for all of the family in this time of sorrow!

karen mcdowell - March 29, 2017 at 11:15 AM

IL

Dear Jane, Lee and I were so sorry to hear about Don; we remember all those times in med school and other occasions. Please accept our condolences and know you and your family are in our thoughts. Lee and Yvonne Lindsey

I. L. Lindsey - March 29, 2017 at 07:12 PM

CS

“ *Chris and Steve Seaman purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.*



Chris and Steve Seaman - March 28, 2017 at 07:28 PM

UJ

“ *Many years ago on Hospital Road a hospital sat (Coweta General Hospital) two young girls (twins in fact) had the privilege of having Dr. Bass take them under his wing as he did for so many young people. Dr.Bass was kind, thoughtful, patient and kind with the instructions and requests he made.Dr. Bass was one of the good ones he will be missed greatly.
(Patti and Susan Jones)
Patti Dewberry and Susan Waller*

use to be Patti and Susan Jones - March 28, 2017 at 05:59 PM

CS

“ Jane : We are so shocked and sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Donald. I know you will miss him greatly. Would love to get together for lunch one day soon. I miss working out with you.



Christine Seaman - March 28, 2017 at 05:43 PM

GP

“ Jane so sorry for your loss. I pray you will find comfort and peace during this time of grief.

Gerrie Petty

gerrie petty - March 28, 2017 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Jean Shiver lit a candle in memory of Dr. F. Donald Bass



Jean Shiver - March 28, 2017 at 02:31 PM

DD

“ Dianne Y. Dutton lit a candle in memory of Dr. F. Donald Bass



Dianne Y. Dutton - March 28, 2017 at 10:37 AM

FF

“ We are praying for all of you during this time of loss. Dr. Bass was a special person and was loved by all that knew him.
Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - March 28, 2017 at 08:39 AM

LM

“ *Jane and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories from the Buchanan St days!
I will be praying for you.
Love to you.
Linda Mealor*

Linda Mealor - March 28, 2017 at 07:26 AM

WC

“ *Walter And Brenda Carter lit a candle in memory of Dr. F. Donald Bass*



Walter and Brenda Carter - March 27, 2017 at 08:59 PM

MT

“ I shared many a supper with Donald and Daddy (Crip Hammond). Donald told me so many wonderful stories. He frequently pointed out his old homestead on Sprayberry Road as we drove by. He told me how his father bought him a "grill" where the Cellar is currently, and how his father wanted him to run that grill....and he did...all the way into the ground! He told of how working as a grocery delivery boy helped him reconsider a higher education. We also knew how he missed practicing medicine.

Yet his favorite story was how Jane "saved" him. He loved his wife and children and the rest of the clan; plus the people that worked for him so faithfully.

He will surely be missed. A great person, surgeon, and friend to so many.

We will be praying for your family.

Love,
In Christ,
Merry Todd

Merry Todd - March 27, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



March 27, 2017 at 08:21 PM

JE

“ Loved working with dr Bass...he was a wonderful person and wonderful surgeon....he taught me so much...prayers and love to you all 🙏



johnsie estes - March 27, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



March 27, 2017 at 06:55 PM

BF

“ Baerbel F. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



Baerbel F. - March 27, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. He was a great doctor and friend to my Daddy. Forever grateful for his service. God Bless you all in the coming days.

Susan Camp Beckom

Susan Beckom - March 27, 2017 at 03:15 PM

BO

“ I will miss my dear good buddy Dr. Bass. God Bless and be with his family. RIP Dr. B.

Bob - March 27, 2017 at 02:42 PM

ZF

“ Zoe & Randy Beavers & Family purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



Zoe & Randy Beavers & Family - March 27, 2017 at 01:50 PM

BB

“ Dear Jane Morgan and family....I am so sorry to hear the sad and shocking news. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. Love, Barbara Berwald

Barbara Berwald - March 27, 2017 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



March 27, 2017 at 12:33 PM



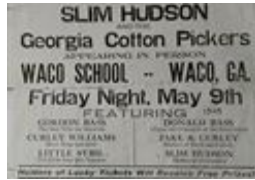
“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



March 27, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - March 27, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ *SunTrust Healthcare PM team* purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Dr. F. Donald Bass.



SunTrust Healthcare PM team - March 27, 2017 at 10:33 AM

DJ

“ Dear Jane and Family,
God only, knowes how, when and where He will call his Children home. We were looking forward to seeing you and Donald at the reunion next week. We just have to take life, ONE DAY AT A TIME, God knows the rest.
Dr. Bass was a good person and Doctor, he touched many lives and had many friends.
We will miss him very much, just knowing he was here was a comfort.
May the Good Lord give you peace love and contentment during this very difficult time.
God loves you and we do too,
Mildred and Don Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - March 27, 2017 at 10:11 AM

MC

My brothers and I owe our lives to Donald Bass. He introduced my parents to each other when they were all at UGA. He loved to remind me.

Dr. Bass was a giant in Newnan's medical community for a very long time. He will be missed greatly.

matt collins - March 27, 2017 at 11:28 AM

BC

Dr. Bass will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family.

Betty Cain - March 27, 2017 at 11:35 AM

CW

Uncle Donald was one of a kind. He and Aunt Jane were always so good to me as a kid, and later to my wife and kids. I am a better person for having crossed paths with him. I was always proud to claim Uncle Donald and Aunt Jane as my own, though there was no direct blood line. How fortunate for me.

Chip Walker

chip walker - March 27, 2017 at 12:34 PM

BT

Jane, you and your family have my sympathy in your loss.

Barbara Thompson - March 27, 2017 at 01:11 PM

CB

Dear Jane Morgan and family, This is such sad and unexpected news. Take good care of one another during this most difficult of times. You are in our thoughts.

Love, Jack and Chris McBride

chris mc bride - March 27, 2017 at 02:57 PM

DD

Dear Jane and THE GIRLS, I was so sorry to hear about Don passing away. You know how much I love you all and for how long we have all been friends. I am truly going to miss him not being around for the Masters, even though it has been a while. He will always be in my heart. Love you one and all. Dale

Dale Damico - March 27, 2017 at 06:44 PM