



Dr. David "Doc" Shafer

April 30, 2021

PINEY FLATS, Tennessee David "Doc" Shafer, age 66, formerly of Tallahassee, passed away on Friday, April 30, 2021 after a hard-fought battle with an aggressive cancer.

As the only son of Luther and Catherine Shafer, David was raised in South Miami along with his two sisters. He attended Sunset Elementary School, South Miami Junior High, and South Miami High School. Always an intellectual child; David was Valedictorian of his graduating class, President of the National Honor Society and a member of the Mu Alpha Theta. Growing up as a tomato farmer's son, David enjoyed most outdoor sports and activities including fishing, basketball, landscaping, gardening and personal fitness.

Shafer went on to the University of Miami, graduating Magna Cum Laude and remained a dedicated Hurricane fan the remainder of his life. He continued his education at the University of Florida where he obtained his Medical Degree. David later graduated from the Family Practice Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he obtained the Chief Resident position.

David continued to serve the Tallahassee area as a Primary Care Physician where he felt all men, women, and children deserve equal care and attentiveness in health and wellness.

Family was always very important to “Doc”. He had three children: Kenneth, Scott and Caroline. As well as April and Charity, daughters of his beloved wife Karyn. Together, they strived to foster a safe and loving environment.

During his later years, David remained physically and socially active in civic groups such as Springtime Tallahassee where he served in varying capacities and met people he would call friends all the way to the very end of his life. Always an animal lover, He and Karyn raised their fair share of Pomeranians.

Sharing his love and legacy are his wife, Karyn; children, Kenneth (Kaitlyn) Shafer, Scott (Tiffany) Shafer, Caroline Shafer, April (Lyell) Walker and Charity (Jake) Amenta; along with his 7 grandchildren; Sister, Barbara Johnson; Niece, Lucinda Hokanson; and Cousin, Idykate Codington; and many friends.

The Shafer family would like to publicly thank Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL; Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee; and the wonderful and loving staff of Amedisys Hospice Care of Kingsport, Tennessee including Joanna Mobley, Courtney Tucker and Chaplain Daniel Wininger. In lieu of flowers, the family would be honored to have donations made to The University of Florida Foundation, Inc. in an effort to further the study, education, and treatment of Spindle Cell Sarcoma. Please write in the memo line of your check: David L. Shafer M.D. Fund for Spindle Cell Research.

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A Celebration of Life Service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral Home. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions

or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. David "Doc" Shafer*



Bevis Funeral Home - May 22, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Dr. Shaffer was our family Dr. for over 30 years. He was mine, my husbands and both my sons Dr. He was the kindest and best Dr. I've ever had. He always gave you options on how to treat what you had going on medically instead of saying, you have to do this or that. I always appreciated that, having a say in my health care. He gave you all the time in the world when you had an appt and he never rushed you. He made such an impact on my family, when he decided to retire, I told him I wanted to do a painting of him and his wife and he gave me a picture and about a year later I gave it to him. He was just absolutely the best! They do not make Doctors like that anymore. My husband and I sure miss him!*
Suzanna and Sam Winton

Suzanna Winton - March 23, 2023 at 09:58 PM

MP

“ Our family was blessed by being patients of Dr. Shafer for over thirty years. He was a caring, dedicated physician that we loved and cherished. We are heartsick to hear of his passing. The world has lost a treasure, our hearts and prayers go out to his family.
Jerry and Marcia Pearson

Marcia Pearson - May 21, 2021 at 06:30 AM

AD

“ I worked for Dave at CHP. He cared so deeply about all of his patients. He cared for his staff as well. He was just a good person. In later years our boys played baseball together and we got to know each other on a different level. When I was working at TMH, after our kids were grown, I kept up with him through Karyn. It doesn't seem right that he is gone. Our family extends great sadness for his family's loss. There are awesome memories to carry you all through! May God bless all of you!

Audrey Dougherty - May 10, 2021 at 05:09 PM

LW

*Thank you for your kind words.
The Shafer Family*

Lyell & April Walker - May 17, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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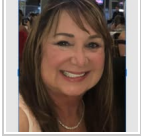
*Dr. Shafer was our family doctor for many years. He was the most caring and patient doctor we have ever known. Never rushed our visits and listened to all we had to say. My mother was in a wheelchair and came in to see Dr. Shafer because of an infected toe. He sat on the floor to work on her toe since that was easier than having my mother try and get onto the examination table. We were so happy that he could retire to enjoy life and his family although we were sad to lose him as our trusted doctor. We are deeply saddened by his loss. He will never be forgotten.
*Jerry and Penny Scruggs**

Penny Scruggs - May 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

CB

Dr Shafer was the best doctor I have ever had. He always gave me plenty of time I missed him so much when he retired. May God bless his family in their loss.

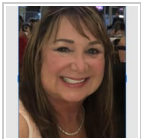
carolyn Brown - May 21, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Debra Martin Placilla purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. David "Doc" Shafer.*



Debra Martin Placilla - May 07, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *When I first started my job in 1990, Dr. Shafer was so nice to call on. He was always so friendly. Fast forward to the last few years and he was the same friendly person. My heart goes out to all of you during this time. I only have fond memories.*

Debra Martin Placilla - May 07, 2021 at 02:28 PM

AW

*Thank you for your kind words.
- The Shafer Family*

April Walker - May 17, 2021 at 10:09 AM

BJ

There could not have been a more wonderful brother than my beloved brother David, so loving, so kind, so compassionate, so supportive, always there.

Barbara Johndon - May 21, 2021 at 11:05 PM

PL

I am just seeing this! My heart is broken. Dr. Shafer was our primary care physician for a long time. He was very kind, calm and accommodating. He would come in and usually sit on the counter with his feet on the stool. Lol... We were with him until he retired. We have truly missed him and are deeply saddened that he passed away!

Penny Lane - November 23, 2023 at 10:55 AM

DP

Just saw this, I couldn't believe it. My mother Doris Pride, husband that owner of Pride's Upholstery call to inform her after he was during work for the family on today. Deeply condolences to the family best doctor that around, from the 1980 until he mentioned that he was retired. Doris Pride and family.

Doris Pride - January 17, 2024 at 03:34 PM