



Middleton T. (M. T.) Mustian

March 27, 1921 - May 3, 2017

Middleton ("M.T.") Mustian passed away May 3, 2017. He was 96. He's survived by his wife of 61 years, Jackie Mustian, his children Mark (Greta Sliger), Tallahassee, Perry (Mary), Thomasville, Georgia, and Janet Torrey (Scott), Memphis, Tennessee, and his grandchildren Javonne Taylor, Austin Torrey, Patrick Torrey, Bern Mustian, Eva Mustian and Jackie Mustian.

M.T. was born in Texarkana, Texas to Tom and Hattie Mustian and was the middle child of five children. His family lived in East and West Texas, he graduated high school in Atlanta, Texas, and in 1940 he joined the U.S. Army. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant and served in the medical corps in General Patton's 3rd Army in World War II. He was wounded in the war in the battle for Koblenz, Germany, and was awarded a Purple Heart.

After the war he attended Baylor University, received his Bachelor's degree in 1949, and served as assistant administrator of hospitals in Alexandria, Louisiana and Jackson, Mississippi. He served as CEO of hospitals in Panama City, Florida, Gainesville, Florida, Houston, Texas and finally in Tallahassee, where he served as President and CEO of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for 25 years, from 1964-1989. While at TMH he presided over the expansion of the hospital to its current number of beds, was one of the founders of the Voluntary Hospital of America, Inc. and Voluntary Hospitals of America-Florida, served on the board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, MMI Companies, Inc., Big Bend Hospice Foundation, Santa Fe Healthcare, Inc. Barnett Bank, Tallahassee, and numerous other organizations. The new

“Mustian Tower” at TMH is named in his honor.

In his retirement, M.T. could be found hunting and fishing, traveling, riding his tractor and growing crops in his garden. A celebration of his life will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee (32303) on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3PM.

The family wishes to thank Visiting Angels, particularly his caregivers Seymour Guy, Canton Enzor, and Jimmy McCallister, Mindy Towler, and the employees of Big Bend Hospice. Donations in his name may be made to the TMH Foundation, 1331 East 6th Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32303; and to Hospice House (Big Bend Hospice), 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850/385-2193 or bevisfh.com) is assisting the Mustian family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 North Meridian Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

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“ How can anyone sum up the many wonderful and meaningful things they learned from a single person? If I could I would pay the full tribute to Mr. Mustian with such words, but fear my heartfelt comments will fall short.

I was an administrative intern in 1986 with Mr. Mustian, and was grateful for the opportunities he extended to me with experiences at TMH and Gadsden Memorial, as well as the many other tough world things he taught me. Let me start by saying we were at a meeting and he told the joke about two chickens laying eggs on the roadside, which the punchline was "Do it fast and lay it on the line". That was a great gem of management advice! His soft-spoken, kind and firm ways were a model to follow. I never saw him waiver on providing direction or advice. Neither did I see him shy away from telling people he couldn't provide an answer immediately and would need to study something further, and following through by doing just as he said.

Some of the best negotiating tactics I observed were from him, where logic, position and power had to be recognized so that everyone felt their position had been considered.

I can't talk about his early days, or the significant role he had in the development in so many organizations. But I do know I am one of so many people he helped over the years to start a career in healthcare management.

Count me among the many who were truly made better by their experiences with him. For me, he will always be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Barbara Landy

Barbara Landy - May 08, 2017 at 04:22 PM

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“ Truly yours, Tracy and Jane Gray purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Middleton T. (M. T.) Mustian.



Truly yours, Tracy and Jane Gray - May 05, 2017 at 10:17 PM

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“ M.T was a remarkable person who had a profound impact on Tallahassee. He was responsible for the growth of what was once a small hospital to the large medical facility it is today. Our family lived across the street from the Mustian family for many years and the children played in our yards. They have many memories of M.T.'s carpooling and other kindnesses to them and I have much gratitude for his support for me.

Deepest sympathy from the Atkins family to Jackie, Mark, Perry, Janet and their families.

Carol Atkins Goughnour - May 05, 2017 at 04:01 PM

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“ To the Mustian family, My daddy Henry Butler worked at TMH in the Maintenance Dept for a long time. I am the daughter of Romie Dean and Henry Butler. My sincere condolences on Mr. Mustian's passing.



*God Bless
Edna Butler
Sopchoppy, Florida*

Edna Butler - May 04, 2017 at 08:23 PM

EB

Mr. Mustian made TMH wonderful and my daddy cared about him very much and so did our family. My daddy was a great Maintenance man and he was very proud to work at TMH. God Bless.

edna butler - May 05, 2017 at 11:10 PM