



Hollis A. Stafford, Jr.

March 4, 1925 - October 6, 2011

HOLLIS ANCIL STAFFORD, JR. AGE 86

And a resident of Franklinton died at 6:00 pm Thursday October 6, 2011 at Riverside Medical Center. He was a former deacon and longtime member of First Baptist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Dr. Stafford graduated from Enon High School, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the Naval Department in 1945 and later LSU Medical School in 1951. He returned to Franklinton, alongside his brother John, to join their father at Stafford Clinic and he remained in practice for 47 years. He specialized in family medicine and was a caring, compassionate doctor who epitomized a "small-town Dr.", making house calls and visiting former patients. Dr. Stafford was the practicing physician for the Washington Parish Health Unit for many years and provided physical exams to the athletics teams for Washington Parish Schools even after his retirement.

Dr. Stafford was on the Board of Directors of Good Samaritan Nursing Home and a former Board member of Riverside Medical Center. He was instrumental in the formation of Riverside Medical Center and also helped to start First Finance Company. Dr. Stafford was a lifelong outdoorsman, who enjoyed playing golf, and loved to hunt and fish. He was always a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survived by: Wife of 27 years: Billie C. Stafford of Franklinton

Son and Daughter in law: Randy and Debbie Stafford of Franklinton

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Cindy and W.E. Knight of Franklinton Barbara

Lynn and Cliff Cutchall of Queen City, TX

Daughter in law: Tommie Lou Stafford of Franklinton

Step daughter and son in law: Beth and Wayne Stafford of Franklinton

7 Grandchildren and Spouses: Valarie and John Comeaux of Franklinton Julie and Jason Maddox of Indianapolis, IN Randall and Emily Stafford Jason and Stacey Stafford David Stafford all of Franklinton Shanna and Matt Bennett of Waskom, TX Derrick Knight of Franklinton

8 Step-grandchildren and Spouses: Ernie and Teresa Cutchall of Queen City, TX Scott and Wendy Cutchall of Little Rock Lee and Helen Cutchall of Waskom, TX Bill and Annette Knight Jonathan and Linda Knight Tia and Matt Seal Crystal Taylor Cole and Kortney Taylor all of Franklinton

Sister in law: Audry Stafford of Franklinton

10 Great-grandchildren and 3 Step-Great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a son Hollis A. "Pete" Stafford, III, his parents Hollis A. Stafford, Sr. and Lela Jones Stafford and an infant sister.

Visitation will be at First Baptist Church of Franklinton on Saturday October 8th from 10 am until 2 pm. A memorial service will be held in the church at 2 pm Saturday with Rev. Paul Watts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to First Baptist Church of Franklinton, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

LD

“ He will always be remembered for his easy going, mild manner even in times of stress. As my husband Mike has stated many times in the past: "a great diagnostician who could make a diagnosis without relying costly tests and procedures." He had a "gift" and he shared it with the community he loved. I will miss that first Christmas card this year, but will never forget the man who sent it.

Louise Dill - October 25, 2011 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ To Dr. Hollis's Family, We are so sorry that we were out of town when your went through your loss of your dear "Dr. Hollis." We left Thursday at noon to go camping and were not able to return and be with all of you. We want you to know that we have you in our prayers. Donald & Carolyn

Donald & Carolyn Daniel - October 14, 2011 at 11:00 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Billie, We are so sorry to here of your loss..Praying that God will comfort your heart, uplift your spirit,and carry you through this time of sadness to a place of peace... WITH Deepest Sympathy.
Leon and Vanessa Roberts

Mr. & Mrs Leon Roberts Sr. - October 14, 2011 at 08:55 PM

JF

“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DR. HOLLIS..MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND HIS FAMILY.. JOY FITZMORRIS...

JOY FITZMORRIS - October 12, 2011 at 08:43 PM

CM

“ *Such a great man God called home. He will be missed by so many in our community. He was such a blessing to so many. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family with the difficult days ahead. God Bless each of you.*

Connie McDaniel - October 12, 2011 at 12:21 PM

GP

“ *We want to express our sympathy over the loss of your loved one. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Gary & Eria Jean Parker*

Gary & Eria Jean Parker - October 11, 2011 at 01:04 PM

RB

“ *Mrs. Billie and Cindy,
So sorry to read of the passing of Dr. Hollis. He was a Doctor for such a long time that most of us remember going to his office during our childhood in Franklinton. Thoughts and prayers to you and your extended family.*

Rhonda Kinlaw Byrd - October 10, 2011 at 11:18 PM

TW

“ *Our Condolences are with you at this time.*

Troy & Brenda Wilson - October 10, 2011 at 05:18 PM

BK

“ *Randy, Barbara Lynn, Cindy and the Stafford family -- Robert and I are so sorry to hear about Dr. Hollis. One can never be prepared to lose a parent. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.
Robert and Barbara Kuhn*

Barbara Kuhn - October 10, 2011 at 04:02 PM

SP

“ TO ALL THE STAFFORD FAMILY:: We all would like to send our deepest sympathy. Dr. Hollis was a great person and Dr. Not sure if I could have rise my boys without him. The boys always enjoyed dove hunting with him, We will keep you all in our prayer. Shannon, Lewis and Boys

Shannon Powell - October 10, 2011 at 03:36 PM

CS

“ To Doc's family: our prayers are with ya'll. We pray God give each of you the strength and grace to make it through the difficult days ahead. Praying God's blessing on each of you.

connie and damon smith - October 10, 2011 at 02:57 PM

JR

“ Dr. Stafford was well thought of by everyone who has ever been associated with Franklinton and Washington Parish. Our prayer are with the entire family in this time.

Jim Richardson - October 10, 2011 at 01:08 PM

BL

“ Cindy, Randy, Barbara and all the families, I'm sorry I could not be with you for the memorial but I was out of town. Your father was much loved and respected by all who knew him. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brenda K. Lindig - October 09, 2011 at 03:53 PM

DB

“ I'm sorry for your lose, my prayers are with the whole family.

Deanna Bateman - October 09, 2011 at 10:47 AM

KG

“ Thanks for being the good Doctor when I was a kid.

Kenneth Galloway - October 09, 2011 at 08:40 AM

DC

“ God Bless all of the family. There will never be another Dr. Hollis. He was the best Dr. I ever had.

Dorothy (Sharp) Corkern - October 08, 2011 at 10:47 PM

JV

“ Oh my goodness, what a great man Dr. Hollis was! He was MY doctor, how many of us can say that? He was a true, good ol' country doctor and the memories I have of going to his office, I will never forget. He was kind and compassionate and genuine. They don't make doctors like him anymore. He was welcomed into heaven by many patients and friends who have gone on before him. What a great loss for Franklinton.

JoBeth Gatewood Valentino - October 08, 2011 at 02:04 PM

MR

“ Cindy, I am sorry to hear of the death of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mittie Rohner - October 08, 2011 at 12:46 PM

SL

“ Please accept my condolences for the passing of Dr. Stafford. He was our family doctor when I was growing up in Franklinton. He was always available when needed, compassionate, and a very nice man. God Bless.

Sylvia Moak LaPointe - October 08, 2011 at 11:08 AM

FC

“ Another icon of Washington Parish has passed. The ultimate small town doctor who was respected, admired and loved. He delivered my kids, gave me a bird dog and married a favorite classmate of mine. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Billie and the family Finley Corkern

Finley Corkern - October 08, 2011 at 09:49 AM

SM

“ It truly saddens me to hear of the loss of Dr. Hollis. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Sybil Miller McQueen - October 07, 2011 at 09:57 PM

JM

“ No matter when, where, or how, our loved ones leave us, we are never prepared. God tries His best with us, but it is so difficult to let go. Dr. Hollis has left a beautiful legacy for his family and for the entire town of Franklinton; he touched so many lives with his goodness. May all the wonderful memories you have of him surround you and lessen the pain of his loss. Many, many people will be offering prayers for the family and loved ones. I will add mine.

Judy McCasland Micelle - October 07, 2011 at 08:46 PM

SK

“ We have lost a dear friend, a kind and compassionate doctor and a valuable asset to Franklinton. He always had smile for us. Wayne and he shared emails every day. Being in the drug store for many years, I go back a long way with the Staffords and I go back long way with Billie Frances. You all have our deepest sympathy and love. We are praying for you.

Sallie & Wayne Knight - October 07, 2011 at 04:53 PM

RS

“ I plan to attend the memorial service, but I want to take this opportunity to perpetuate my sincerest feelings for Dr. Hollis. I am glad I told him a month or so ago at a board meeting of Good Samaritans Nursing Home how much I had appreciated his kind, effective medical care through the years. I genuinely respected the man and the doctor, but I sincerely loved this person who did more than simply treat his patients, though he also did that very well. But he went beyond the physical treatment to offer a few succinct words of encouragement and advice when he felt they were needed. He truly epitomized the hypocratic oath by which he lived. He will is already missed, and will not be replaced by anyone! I regret his abrupt departure, but do not begrudge his decision, for whatever reason it was made. I respect him nonetheless, and wish him Godspeed as he enters eternity with his Master. I will join him one day and reminisce the good ole days we have fondly enjoyed. May God bless Billie, the children, grandchildren and all those he loved so dearly.

Reggie Simmons` - October 07, 2011 at 04:03 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Sandra Penton Mohon - October 07, 2011 at 04:02 PM

TM

“ Dr. Hollis was a well loved member of our town. He was our family doctor and friend for many years. We will truly miss him.

Ted & Kathy McElveen - October 07, 2011 at 03:55 PM

TT

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family of a wonderful man. He was my doctor for a long time before he retired. He will be missed by many. The family will be in my prayers.

Teri Tanner - October 07, 2011 at 03:30 PM

GF

“ Dr. Stafford was a great man and will be missed by everyone in our community. What a great man and family!! God bless each one of you!
George

George Rene' Forrest - October 07, 2011 at 02:36 PM