



# Dr. George Alan Morris III

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**G**eorge Alan Morris III M.D., 84, passed away at home on December 31, 2019 after a short battle with leukemia. He was born September 3, 1935 in Memphis, Tennessee to Caroline Hogue Morris and George Alan Morris Jr. A graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Dr. Morris went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Tennessee in 1960. After completing his surgical internship at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in 1961, Dr. Morris served as a Lt. Comdr. Flight Surgeon for the United States Navy from 1962 to 1965. He had learned to fly while in college and flew his own private plane, seaplanes, gliders and his own hot air balloon for many years. Upon completion of service he entered the orthopaedic surgery residency program at Bowman Gray North Carolina Baptist Hospital Medical School in Winston Salem, North Carolina. His love of the water brought him to Clearwater where he started his private orthopaedic surgical practice in 1968, growing the practice into what is now today Orthopaedic Specialties of Tampa Bay. Dr. Morris joined the staff of Morton Plant Hospital in 1965, serving in many different capacities and on numerous committees until his retirement in 2016. Perhaps his greatest achievement, and certainly the nearest and dearest to his heart, is the program established in his name, the Dr. George Morris Earn as You Learn Nursing Education Program. This program was established to attract and retain the highest quality nursing team and provides participants the opportunity and support to attend nursing school, while gaining clinical experience by working part time at a Morton Plant Mease Hospital. A lover of all things outdoors, his life motto was "if you're not living on the edge, you're not living!" Dr. Morris truly loved the practice of medicine and devoted his life to taking care of his patients. A true and loyal friend, he will be sorely missed. Dr. Morris is survived by his wife DeeDee Noel Morris, Belleair Bluffs, daughter Cody Morris Haydon, grandson John "Hogue" Haydon, and twin granddaughters, Caroline Bennett Haydon and Charlotte Brooks Haydon,



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Belleair. One brother, Wilson Morris of Savannah, Georgia, niece Caroline Wei (John Wei, Elias Wei) of Austin, Texas, and nephew Giles Morris (Bethany Butler, Lyle Morris, Seneca Morris) of Charlottesville, VA. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hogue Haydon Scholarship Fund of the Dr. George Morris Earn as You Learn Program through the Morton Plant Mease Foundation, 1200 Druid Road South, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 462-7036.




# Events


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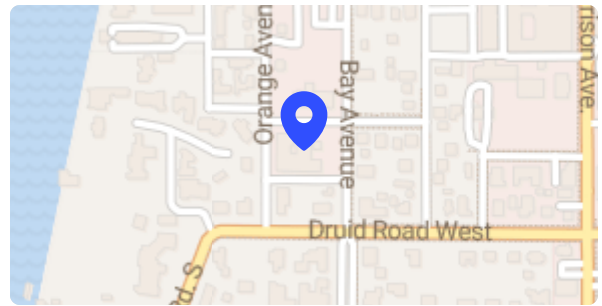
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 11, 2020

 3:00 PM ET

 **Episcopal Church of the Ascension**  
701 Orange Avenue, Clearwater FL 33756





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**Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Video**.

January 10 at 6:26 AM



**Laurie Goodrich** posted:

Dee Dee, I'm so sorry to hear this news. I pray that the Lord, your family and friends will bring you comfort in your time of grief. Laurie Goodrich

January 13 at 1:45 PM



**Jerry Smektala** posted:

May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences. Jerry Smektala and Family

January 10 at 12:27 PM



**Ruth Ann** posted:

With deepest sympathy

January 7 at 6:58 PM



**Harry Jett** lit a candle in honor of George.

January 7 at 5:56 PM





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**William Croom** posted:

Our most heartfelt condolences go out to Dee Dee, Cody, and George's extended family. He will be missed by many. George was a friend and mentor when I started practice in 1978. Riding the bus to the Bucs games in the early 80's was a local adventure. He introduced us to Steamboat, and we spent many great trips to "Tree Haus." The funniest afternoon I've ever spent was inside a tent in the pouring rain in Bhutan. George and his friends did non-stop jokes for hours while we sipped tea spiked with rum that had been bootlegged from the Indian Army. We experienced George's living on the edge later in Kashmir, when he dragged us up to a 17,000 foot pass after being stranded in a blizzard. India to the right, Pakistan to the left, prayer flags down the middle, a horse eating my lunch, and George laughing at us for being such a bunch of (you fill in the blank). A man of few, but profound, words. An adventurer born in the wrong century. An inspiration. Sally and Bill Croom

January 6 at 7:41 AM



**Diane Santos Rn** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Morris at Largo Medical Center when I started there as a nurse in the late 80's on the Orthopedic wing up until some years ago when he would come in for an occasional consult. He was always so nice to me and great with his patients. I will never forget his great, dry sense of humor. My condolences to the family.

January 5 at 11:12 AM



**Hal Ziecheck** posted:

Dr Morris always worked for what he believed was best for the patient, the hospital and the community. He was a great patient advocate. Our condolences to the family. Hal Ziecheck

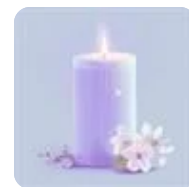
January 5 at 10:28 AM



**Donna Kessinger** lit a candle in honor of George.

I was his front desk girl & he always had a kind word never a cross one my heart goes out to the family

January 4 at 2:29 PM





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**Deborah Olsen-Thomas** lit a candle in honor of George.

I had the honor and pleasure of working for Dr Morris in his orthopaedic office for twelve years . My love and sympathy to DeeDee and family .

January 4 at 12:23 PM



**Sue Berry** January 7 at 10:51 PM

I meet Dr. Morris after 3 failed surgeries to my ankle in 1988 he not only fixed my ankle but restored my life and still to this day I'm able to walk. God bless Dr Morris



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