



# **Dr. Gordon L. McGhee**

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**D**ecatur ' Dr. Gordon McGhee, 84, of Decatur passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2012 in his home.

Dr. McGhee was born on August 1, 1927 in Mt. Vernon, IN to Lee and Nellie McGhee. He graduated from the U of I in Urbana with an engineering degree in 1948, served in the US Army during the Korean War-research laboratory (SCREL), and later graduated from the U of I School of Medicine Chicago in 1961. Dr. McGhee practiced family medication for 27 years and after closing his practice, was employed by DMH medical clinics for 8 years.

Dr. McGhee was an active member of Riverside Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Trustee for over 25 years, taught Sunday School, was a choir member and participated in drama productions. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing, boating, and Cardinal baseball games.

Dr. McGhee is survived by his wife, Charlotte, of 53 years, children: Bryan McGhee (Mary) of Phoenix, AZ; John (Peggy) McGhee of Rockford, IL; Faith McGhee of Taylorville, IL; Thad McGhee of Decatur, IL; 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service to celebrate Dr. McGhee's life will be 10:00 am Friday July 6, 2012 in Riverside Baptist Church. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Thursday in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Graceland Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard and conclude with the 'Flight Home' ceremony. Memorials are suggested to the Riverside Baptist Church Missionary Fund.

The family of Dr. Gordon McGhee is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue,



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Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at  
[www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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MM

**Marlee McGhee** posted:

I agree. I was 6 years old when he passed and wish I could of attended to honor him.

March 11 at 2:58 PM

MM

**Marlee McGhee** posted:

I am apart of the McGhee and he is my great grandfather. I found him using Ancestry.com and he sounds like he was a great guy. Wish I got to know him.

March 11 at 2:56 PM

DM

**Donald G. McGhee** posted:

Dear Charlotte & family:My name is Judy McGhee and I am Donald's wife. Don is the son of Glen. I believe I only met you once at Glen's funeral, however I did talk to Gordon on the phone a few years ago about the McGhee family genealogy.We are shocked and saddened to hear of Gordon's passing and would have come to pay our respects if we had known. I just now came across the notice while doing research on the family. Don really enjoyed talking to Gordon about their respective "technical" careers. Unfortunately, Don has had several small strokes, a quadruple bypass and now Parkinson's so we don't get out much. Glen and Virginia both had heart trouble and both died of strokes. I know Gordon also had heart problems. From what I've found it runs in the McGhee family.Charlotte, we send you and yours our prayers and ask blessings for you.Judy & Don

September 22 at 12:18 PM

LR

**Linda Pennypacker Roderick** posted:

Not only was Dr. McGhee my doctor from childhood but he also took care of my parents, siblings and children until he retired. I have never had another physcian I felt as comfortable with or trusted as much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

July 19 at 11:32 AM



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JA

**Janice Akins** posted:

Dr. McGhee and Charlotte were two of the first people we met when we moved to Decatur in 1962. He was the only doctor I ever heard of that still made house calls at that time. He helped our family through rough times whenever my dad was sick. Eventually he helped us get a wonderful surgeon who enabled my dad to have twenty more years of quality living. It was wonderful when Dr. McGhee retired and then worked for DMH Express Care. My mom was so happy when she would run into him for her needs. Thank you for sharing your parents McGhee family.

July 8 at 11:36 AM

PS

**Peggy Stolz** posted:

Condolences and best wishes to Dr. McGhee's family.

July 8 at 9:20 AM

JM

**John & Diana Markins** posted:

Very sorry to hear of Dr McGhee. He was "one special doctor." He delivered our 3 children. He always had a special place in his heart for our 1st. "Joy". He was a blessing in our lives when we were young and felt special to have a wonderful Christian Dr along with his adorable wife, Charlotte. Many memories, enjoy!John and Diana

July 5 at 2:50 PM



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**Jimmy Waddell** posted:

THE DR. GORDON MCGHEE FAMILY No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems; The Lord is there to see you through; He will go to all extremes. So if your cross seems hard to bear, and you know not what to do; The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through. We, the members of the Rev. Jimmy Waddell family (Paulette, Amelia, & Andrea) want you to know that our hearts are with you as you gather to say farewell. Dr. McGhee, our physician in our growing up years, was certainly loved and appreciated. We thanked God for him. WHEREAS, not only is this a loss of a devoted doctor, but also a confident physician, counselor and friend. A person who was always available to share an encouraging word and demonstrate strong support. WHEREAS, the passing of Dr. McGhee is the will of God and there is a human tie that has been broken which bleeds the heart in agony and pain. We are encouraged and consoled in the words of Jesus who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we embrace the family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We cannot replace Dr. McGhee, but will attempt to demonstrate his love for you. To the family, we know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's Gain. When it is all over, we would like you to remember: Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. Rev. Jimmy Waddell and Family

July 5 at 11:21 AM



**Kathy Taylor** posted:

Doc McGhee was our family doctor since I was very young. He brought my youngest daughter into this world. He used to ask my mom, Delores Schroeder, when she was gonna retire. She always said, "when you do". He closed his office, but my mom kept working until 2007 when her husband, Leslie Schroeder, died. She retired after that. Mom died March 25, 2012. Doc McGhee kept working part time after retiring. He was a great doctor. He actually cared about his patients. If one of us were sick, we got in to see him that day. When he retired, I thought, "what am I gonna do for a doctor?" No one else can fill his shoes! I still miss him as a doctor, and Charlotte taking my vitals when I visited their office. They were a great team!

July 5 at 9:05 AM



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CS

**Capital Trust Securities** posted:

Capital Savings Trust Fund Securities. We Members of Capital Savings Trust Fund Securities would like to offer our heart felt condolences we are deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Gordon L. McGhee who has been one of our esteemed customers in the past years. We hope the family finds peace which comes from the memories of love shared now and in the days to come. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your difficult times and he helps you heal from this loss with the passage of time. Please Family members or beneficiary of the deceased should contact us via email: cps01@live.co.uk For information regarding the deceased's Savings Trust Fund with our Company. Thank You. Mr. George R. Smith

July 5 at 4:04 AM

BS

**Bev Stoll** posted:

To the family of Dr. McGhee, He will be greatly missed by all and our prayers are going out to you at this time. He was a fine man, a great doctor, and a very caring person. The medical community is in need of many more like him. Know that our thoughts are with you all at this time.

July 4 at 6:10 PM

GS

**Glenn Spain Sr.** posted:

Charlotte, so sad to learn of Gordon's passing. He was such a great doctor and friend. I can remember that after taking care of your problem, he'd always ask if there was anything else you needed to talk about. He was a very caring man and a great christian friend. He definitely took great care of me through the years. be strong and rely on Jesus. Glenn Spain

July 4 at 3:14 PM

MB

**Michelle Burcham** posted:

Dr McGhee was my family Dr for many years and i always felt safe in his care, and when i was in nursing school he always asked how i was doing when we met in the halls of DMH, he was such a kind man and a good doctor. My prayers are with his family.

July 3 at 6:29 PM



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JF

**Jerry & Sandy Friesner** posted:

Dear Charlotte and family So sorry for your loss of your husband, the father & grandfather of family and also sorry for loss of our dear friend and former 'boss'! What wonderful, happy, fun memories I have of working for him at 2499 N Monroe for 9 yrs. We were a good team enjoying caring for 'our' patients in the best of ways. He has & will always remain in a special memories part of our hearts. Blessings and healings for you all & may you feel God's protective arm of love around your shoulders as you use Him for your courage and strength these next many months. With sincerity and love/sandy&jerry

July 3 at 6:14 PM

DY

**Dave Yokley** posted:

What a inspiration to everyone. i will miss his wisdom and company. He knew so much about everything. May his spirit live on through the lives he has touched.

July 3 at 2:57 PM

RD

**Ruth Anne Dykes** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Charlotte and family. Dr. McGhee was a most caring and wonderful physician for me and my four children. My children never feared going to the doctor due to his kindness and loving nature. We have thought of him often over the years. He will be truley missed. Ruth Anne Dykes and kids...Jamie Ann, Ann Marie, David Allan and Bobbi Kay

July 3 at 11:02 AM

CI

**Crystal IIsley** posted:

Such a nice, caring man and a great Doctor. I had him from the time I was a small child until I was in my 30's, when he retired. He was also my daughter's first doctor. We have missed him. My condolences to his family

July 3 at 10:29 AM



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**Tom And Ann Rohde** posted:

Charlotte and family, Gordon was such a wonderful example of a fine dad, husband and medical doctor. We have always admired his loving, gentle spirit and know he will be dearly missed. Charlotte, we are praying for comfort and peace for your family at this difficult time. We rest assured that Gordon is with our Heavenly Father, enjoying the excitement and beauty of heaven. May you sense HIS peace in the days ahead. In sympathy, Dr. Tom and Ann Rohde

July 3 at 6:24 AM



**John And Karen Swedberg** posted:

Dr. McGhee was a blessing in our lives. We thank the Lord for him and Charlotte. They practiced hospitality and were true servants. We pray especially for Charlotte during this time, but for comfort to each one in the family. From Brazil, S. A. John and Karen Swedberg

July 2 at 2:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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