

DR. GLENN FERRELL WATTS SR. OBT.

Born January 28, 1928, in Granville, TN – died August 19, 2003, at his Knoxville home, of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.



(Dr. Glenn Ferrell Watts Sr., 1946 senior picture, Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Putnam Co., TN. "I may not look like Sinatra , but I'm strictly on the croony side.")

Dr. Watts graduated from Baxter Seminary in 1946 and joined the US Army where he served in Japan as part of the occupational forces. Following his honorable discharge, he entered Maryville College and graduated cum laude in 1952. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis in 1955 and was a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa Social Fraternity there. Dr. Watts served his internship at Knoxville General Hospital and UT surgical residency at Harlan Memorial in Kentucky. He returned to Knoxville to serve his Obstetric and Gynecological residency under Dr. A. W. Diddle at UT Hospital and in 1962, opened his first office on Old Kingston Pike.

He was a member of the American Medical Association, Central Association of OB/GYN in the Southern Medical Association. A member and deacon of First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Watts was a pianist for the James Park Sunday school class for many years. He was active in the community, serving on the Florence Crittendon Board and volunteering for FISH, and Meals on Wheels.

Preceded in death by his parents, John Louis Watts and Mary Nell Ferrell Watts; sister and brother-in-law, Margaret Watts King and Joseph Robert King. He is survived by his wife, Jane "Holly" Hollingworth Watts; children, Rebekah, Hannah, Glenn Jr. and Rachel.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the James Park Sunday School Class and Dr. A. W. Diddle, Dr. Sandy Young, Dr. James Clifford, Dr. Robert Elder, Dr. Robert Higgs, dr. William Vandergriff and Dr. Bruce Walker.

Memorial may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Music Department, 620 State St., Knoxville, TN.

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