



Coffield Elmond LeMoyne

February 10, 2011

Elmond LeMoyne Coffield, M.D., 87, died on February 10, 2011, surrounded by his loving family and in the caring hands of the staff and professionals at Wetzel County Hospital, where he cared for his patients for 48 years.

Dr. Coffield was born on November 19, 1923, on Coffield Ridge in Wetzel County, West Virginia. He was the son of Susan Austie (Yoho) Coffield and Albert Lee Coffield, M.D. and the brother of Olan Terrell Coffield, M.D. He married Colleen Frost (Harris) Coffield of Bannock, Ohio on October 22, 1950. Dr. Coffield graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia University in 1943, a Bachelor of Science from West Virginia University Medical School in 1945, and a Medical Doctorate from the Medical College of Virginia in 1947. He did his medical and anesthesia residency at Ohio Valley General Hospital from 1947-1950.

Dr. Coffield joined his brother, Dr. Terrell Coffield, and began practicing family medicine in New Martinsville on July 1, 1950. Dr. Coffield, his brother, and their father Dr. Albert Lee Coffield provided health care to generations of Wetzel County families. It is estimated that Dr. Coffield and his brother delivered over 4,000 babies during the 30 years they offered obstetrical services as a part of their family practice. Dr. Coffield and his brother were health care innovators by adding a medical office pharmacy and the first drive through pharmacy service in conjunction with Harman's Drug Store. He provided occupational medicine and served as the first plant physician at the New Martinsville Bayer facility (Mobay Chemical) from 1955-1998.

Dr. Coffield was inducted into the United States Army on December 18, 1943, and reported to duty at West Virginia University in the Army Specialized Training Program which trained physicians for military service. He was transferred to the Medical College of Virginia and was discharged on March 23, 1946. During the Korean War, Dr. Coffield served in the United States Army Medical Corp as a First Lieutenant and was stationed at Fort Bragg Army Hospital and Fort Knox Army Hospital from 1951-1953 where he served as an anesthesiologist.

Dr. Coffield is survived by his five children, Jennifer Coffield Tobin (Thomas J. Tobin), Rebecca Coffield Moore (Charles Thomas Moore, Jr.), Melinda Coffield Herrick, Colette Coffield Goddard (Aaron Goddard), and Robert LeMoyne Coffield (Susanne M. Coffield). He loved his twelve grandchildren: Chad Tobin, Dylan Tobin, Spencer Tobin, Thomas Moore, Evan Moore, Whitney Herrick Bacalman, Paul Herrick, Maggie Herrick, Taylor Goddard, Sean Goddard, Daniel Coffield, and Rachel Coffield. He also loved Goldie, his loyal yellow lab. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other Coffield and Harris relatives, neighbors, and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life, Colleen Frost (Harris) Coffield, who died on July 14, 1978.

Dr. Coffield was a member of the First Christian Church and one of the founding members of the Wetzel County Historical Society Museum. As a member of the Court Restaurant "lunch bunch," Dr. Coffield was a wonderful storyteller and Wetzel County historian.

Visitation will be held at Grisell Funeral Home in New Martinsville on Saturday, February 12, 2011, from 6pm to 8pm and Sunday, February 13, 2011, from 12noon to 3pm and 6pm to 9pm. His funeral service will be held Monday, February 14, 2011, at 11am at First Christian Church in New Martinsville, followed by internment at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

A special thanks to his caregivers and the staff at Journey Hospice. Memorial donations may be made to Wetzel County Hospital, First Christian Church, Journey Hospice, or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ Dear Jan, Becky, Mindy, Collette & Bob (and your families), Terribly sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was truly one of New Martinsville's finest, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Jae, Colette & Brittany Eakin - February 25, 2011 at 02:39 PM

JT

“ Dear friends, The Coffield Family would like to thank you for your kind words about our father. He loved our community and the people who made it home. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and are comforted by your kindness. Love, Jan, Becky, Mindy, Colette and Bob

Jennifer Coffield Tobin - February 21, 2011 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ We express our sorrow for the loss of your father. He was a sweet gentleman and New Martinsville will miss him. He was a friend and our physician on many occasions. God be with you until you meet again.

James and Mona Shepard - February 16, 2011 at 06:40 PM

DO

“ I was sorry to learn of Dr. Coffield's passing and want to express my sincere condolences to his family and the citizens of New Martinsville for losing a true legend. During my 10 years as Bayer plant manager he was also our family doctor and was by far the best and most caring doctor I have ever known. A first class man and a true friend.

David Owens - February 16, 2011 at 12:27 PM

VT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He seemed like a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family and all the people whose lives he has touched.

Village Theater / Canton Township - February 15, 2011 at 07:50 PM

WS

“ i am very sorry to hear of The Familys loss. Dr. Coffield was always a smiling, happy Gentleman,... as I remember him being a pillar in community for many yrs with his Brother Dr Terrill. ...R.I.P Doctors. I pay my Respects to all of The Coffield family, again, I am very Sorry to hear of this Loss.Willa Sargent w/ 2 children

Willa Sargent - February 15, 2011 at 03:43 PM

BW

“ I regret that I was unable to stop and pay my last respects to a man I knew very little, but seemed like I knew him very well when I would see him. He was a wonderful addition to our town. We miss him already. May you find comfort in your memories and each other as a family.

Betsy Westfall - February 14, 2011 at 09:57 PM

TF

“ A tribute to Dr. Coffield for the very special family he raised from those of us who are lucky enough to bask in their glow. What a truly remarkable man.

Tobin, White, Kropka families - February 14, 2011 at 06:51 PM

DH

“ Jan, Becky, Mindy, Collette, and Bob, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was truly a great man, who served God well by helping nearly every family in this area in one way or another. He will be missed by many! You are all in our prayers! Dave and Liz Harshberger

Dave Harshberger - February 14, 2011 at 06:29 PM

JH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Our thoughts and prayers our with you. A wonderful man who will be missed by many but especially his family. Jim and Judy Helsel

Judy Helsel - February 14, 2011 at 06:14 PM

RR

“ To: The Coffield Family, I am sadden to hear of your loss of LeMoyne. He was such a Great man not only to his family, patients but to the community as well. Over the years your father would till me stories of my family that I didn't know, they are everlasting in my memory now. My thoughts and paryers are with all of you at this time.

Ron Ruth - February 14, 2011 at 05:03 PM

MW

“ Becky, Tom, and boys So sorry to learn of your loss. A Mr. Coffield from Moundsville, WV told me about his death at the WV Club meeting in S. Daytona, FL this afternoon. We winter in FL. Stanley's health isn't good, but he keeps trying. God be with you in your time of loss. Margie & Stan

M. Whiteman - February 14, 2011 at 02:24 PM

TI

“ Dear Becky and family,I was very saddened to hear that your father has passed away. He will be sorely missed by many.Sincerely, Tish Davis Ice

Tish Davis Ice - February 13, 2011 at 07:53 PM

LE

“ Dearest Jan and Family,Paul, Rob and I send our deepest sympathies for your loss. Lemoyne was a great physician and wonderful person who never met a stranger. Take care and love to all.Linda Evans

Linda Evans - February 13, 2011 at 05:31 PM

PC

“ So, so sorry to miss the celebration of Uncle Lee's life, one of the most gentle, kind and loving men I have ever known. He was truly a man who touched many lives in a very positive way. He will live in the memories of all who knew him, but especially in the hearts and minds of his loving family. We were so blessed to have known, loved and be loved by him him.All my love.

Pam Coffield - February 13, 2011 at 05:23 PM

MB

“ Mr and Mrs. Moore, Thomas, and Evan, What an amazing man your Dad and Grandfather was. Dad says that Mom was the "love of his life" like your Dad and Grandpa said. I am sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family. Mary Oliverio Brown

Mary Oliverio Brown - February 13, 2011 at 04:24 PM

CD

“ It is hard to think of LeMoyne without thinking of my dad, Noel Yoho. Lemoyne was such a rock for our family during my father's illness. He visited Dad frequently during the toughest times; I know my mother called on him several times and he never failed to be right there. My parents always spoke of LeMoyne and his wife, Colleen, with admiration for the people they were. Dad was always proud to call the Coffield boys his cousins. And so, I was too. Please accept my sympathies for your loss. You can be sure that my dad and his sister Ruth are standing right behind your mother to welcome Lemoyne home.

Christa Yoho Davies - February 13, 2011 at 02:42 PM

CC

“ Dear Becky, Mindy, and family, We are very sorry to hear about your dad. I am glad that we saw him at our reunion in October. He was a part of so many of our lives and we know that he was such a big part of your lives, and will be sadly missed. I'm glad that Thomas and Evan got to experience New Martinsville and can share those kind of memories with Edward and Virginia. Cindy and Dennis Chambers

Cindy Boswell Chambers - February 13, 2011 at 08:51 AM

BM

“ Mindy, I am so sorry about your loss. He will really be missed. Betty Ann Mitchell

Betty Ann Mitchell - February 12, 2011 at 10:51 PM

RM

“ We wish to add our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Coffield Family. We are blessed to have had such a gracious, honorable and loving friend as Le Moyne.

Ronald and Bernice McHenry - February 12, 2011 at 07:01 PM

LB

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to all of Dr. Coffield's family. I have many fond memories which include him and know he will be missed by many!*

Lisa Pfohl Bedson - February 12, 2011 at 06:08 PM

CJ

“ *WHAT A CARING AND COMPASSIONATE DOCTOR HE WAS. I OWE HIM MY GRATITUDE FOR HIS CARE AND WISDOM.*

calvin stackpole jr - February 12, 2011 at 03:28 PM

JM

“ *Dr. Coffield was a true inspiration to many generations of New Martinsville residents and an example of how a moral, christian and professional should live their lives. It was always a pleasure to see him at his practice, at the Court Restaurant, driving around town or attending events. He was like a father figure to everyone that he met and the one person you always wanted to take the time to talk to. He loved New Martinsville and made it a better place every day that he was there. While I morn his loss for our community, our community is a better place because of him! He was my doctor and a friend and I thank God for every day that we had him living in our town. His spirit will long be a part of our community. Thanks Doc!*

Jim Herrick, Jr.--former Mayor - February 12, 2011 at 03:19 PM

CS

“ *My prayers go out to all of you. May you cherish all the fond memories. God Bless!Carol Swartling Sevebeck*

Carol Swartling Sevebeck - February 12, 2011 at 02:58 PM

DM

“ Dear Coffield Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you in this very difficult time. Your father's smile and compassion will be missed by all of us. Love, Danny and Mary

Danny and Mary Mahurin - February 12, 2011 at 01:23 PM

IL

“ My dearest Becky, Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What a loss. Saw "the lunch bunch" @ The Court in the summer 2009, don't think any of them had changed, he always had time to chat. Fondly, Irene Lohr

Irene Lohr - February 12, 2011 at 01:19 PM

MB

“ I wish to send our heart felt sympathy to your family. Dr. LeMoyné and Terrell were my family doctors and delivered my two daughters, Janet & June Blake. You so lucky to have a such a wonderful person as your father. Janet, June and myself send our love and blessings to your entire family. His memory will live forever in our hearts.

Margaret Blake, Janet Blake-Perry, June Blake Boyd - February 12, 2011 at 12:47 PM

JB

“ To the Family of Dr Coffield my thoughts and prays are with you all I know that you all must be so proud to have had a father like him always had a kind word for anyone he meet and I will miss him the most because he always had something great to say about Mom and it would always make me smile if i never remember anything else about him it will be that it was very nice to have know him and it wont be the same without him at church on xmas evening that is when i seen him the most because I dont live in town anymore may he rest in peace we all can be sure of one thing he will be looking down at all of us with his freindly smile GOD BLESS YOU ALL Jack

Jack F Bland - February 12, 2011 at 12:30 PM

WW

“ Dr. Coffield was not my family physician but he had such a pleasant smile and gentle demeanor in his everyday life. May your memories live on through your lives and bring you great comfort.

Wilma Westfall - February 12, 2011 at 12:14 AM

KJ

“ Dr. Coffield will be greatly missed but will forever go on in our cherished memories. He was my family's physician up until he retired. I have such fond memories of him; I was never afraid to go for a check-up. I remember him always pretending to give my stuffed animals a shot before I got my shot so that I wouldn't be scared. He was a true role model and one of the reasons I decided to become a physician myself.

Kristy Johnson-Pich - February 11, 2011 at 05:56 PM

CM

“ What can one say about such a great man? He lived a remarkable life ... touched every corner of his community ... and left the legacy of a wonderful family. May his love live forever in your memory and enfold you with its warmth.

Cutch McAtee - February 11, 2011 at 03:26 PM

LG

“ To all the Coffield Family, Our prayers are with you at this time. Dr. Coffield was such a part of my life even after moving away from New Martinsville. I enjoyed his pictures that he would take of my parents & the lunch bunch He was such a close friend to them. His loss will also be very hard on them also. Keep your memories close and God bless you! Leslie Wilson Gay

Leslie Wilson Gay - February 11, 2011 at 02:11 PM

DC

“ To all the family, He was a great man and a fine example for all of us who had the honor to know him. I know you will miss him and Goldie will too. Please take care of her and trust that she will be happy with you ,all as his family. Diana and Jerry Cecil, Paden City.

Diana Cecil - February 11, 2011 at 01:53 PM

BR

“ Colette, Sending prayers your way on the loss of your father. He was such a special man and will truly be missed. The bond between father and daughter is such a special one. I will always cherish my memories of camping with the Girl Scouts in your Dad's backyard.
Beth Richmond

Beth Richmond - February 11, 2011 at 01:14 PM

PR

“ My sympathies to the Coffield family on the recent loss of your loved one. He was a respected member of the New Martinsville community and will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Patti Roberts

Patti Roberts - February 11, 2011 at 12:26 PM

EH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and Dr. LeMoyne and Dr. Terrell were not only physicians but family to us.

Edw. Scott Howell - February 11, 2011 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ From Diane and Dick Bonyak Prayers to the family. New Martinsville and Wetzel County have lost another icon.

Diane C. Bonyak - February 11, 2011 at 11:42 AM

ES

“ BOTH TERRELL AND LEMOYNE WERE FAMILY DRS TO OUR RUBLE FAMILY WHEN I WAS GROWING. WE LOVED BOTH OF THEM. THEY WERE BOTH SUCH GOOD COMPASSIONATE DRS. I WAS STILL BEING TREATED BY THEM WHEN I GOT MARRIED. IN 1980 WHEN I CAME BACK TO TOWN WITH MY DAUGHTER BEFORE GOING TO GERMANY, MY DAUGHTER GOT SICK, I HAD TO TAKE HER OVER TO THE HOSPITAL. AND DR LEMOYNE WAS THE DOCTOR THAT TREATED HER. HE GAVE HER THE SAME LOVING TREATMENT THAT HE GAVE ME SO MANY YEARS AGO. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. I KNOW THIS IS A BIG LOSS FOR THE FAMILY AND FOR THE COMMUNITY. REMEMBER WE ALL HAVE THE MEMORIES IN OUR HEARTS JUST AS YOU HAVE ALL THE MEMORIES IN YOUR HEARTS TO CARRY WITH YOU.

EDYTHE RUBLE SANDS - February 11, 2011 at 11:37 AM

JT

“ So sorry Love and Lots of Prayers Judy & Frank Toman

Judy TomN - February 11, 2011 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. John & Pamela Burlingame

John & Pamela Burlingame - February 11, 2011 at 10:52 AM

JP

“ Jen, Tom and boys... our prayer go out to you and your family at the loss of your dad/grandfather. Relish the memories! Jan, Craig, Courtney and Chelsey Pickard

Jan Pickard - February 11, 2011 at 09:38 AM