



Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr

July 3, 1942 - January 1, 2023

Ross Bob "Dr. Bob" Mullins, Jr. (80) passed away peacefully at the Compassus Bethany House in Auburn, AL, on New Year's Day, 2023. He is predeceased by his parents: Ross & Murrel (Houlditch) Mullins, of Columbiana, AL. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 57 years: Jeannene Hurt Mullins of Opelika, AL; his daughter: Christy (Bret) Coleman of Auburn, AL; his sons: Andy (Susan) Mullins of Tallahassee, FL and David (Kerinsa) Mullins of Denver, CO; his 11 grandchildren: Taylor (Madison) Coleman, Rachel (Ash) Curtiss, Benjamin (Mary Claire) Coleman, Catherine Coleman, Claire Coleman, Katie Mullins, Andrew Mullins, Jacob Mullins, Sean Mullins, Olivia Mullins, and Elizabeth Mullins; his 2 great-grandchildren: Everly Coleman and TJ Coleman; his brother, Jim Mullins (Melbourne, FL); his favorite Uncle Homer Joiner (Columbiana, AL); and many, many cousins, nephews and nieces.

A lifelong Alabamian, Dr. Bob was born in Selma, raised in Columbiana, received his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Alabama, and completed Medical School at UAB. After a short stint in the Army and completing his residency, he promptly moved to West Point, GA, to open a Family Medical Practice in Valley, AL. Along with Dr. Dan Guin, and later joined by Dr. Eric Hemberg and Dr. David Fagan, he served the medical needs of the greater Valley area for 37 years. A fervent advocate for his patients, he

joined the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) and served as its President from 2004-2005. He represented MASA as a delegate or alternate delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA) for 11 years. In 2010, he was appointed the Director of Medicaid for the State of Alabama, and then finally settled in as the Chief Medical Officer for the US Army MEPS Program at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL.

Dr. Bob loved his family, Alabama football, reading (particularly biographies, history, bioethics, theology, Sunday morning comics, classical literature, Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones' Commentary on the book of Romans, and pretty much anything else), supporting missionaries, going to church, practicing medicine, classical music, sardines, Dad jokes, and gardening. He hated Mexican food, his teenage son's music preferences, green beans, relativism, pepper, idle time, indoor dogs, board games, and (oddly) grits.

Dr. Bob may have had sophisticated taste, but he always considered himself a simple country doctor. He made frequent house calls to his elderly patients, he was known to stitch up a child's busted eyelid in his utility room, and he accepted more than one bag of pecans or peaches as payment in full for his services. An excellent doctor, he made for a lousy patient. Whenever sick, he was reluctant to take any medication for his symptoms, preferring to allow nature, and his immune system, to take their course. After his diagnosis of lung cancer in May, he opted for palliative care, and frequently tried to correct the recommendations and treatments of his attending doctors and the wonderful Hospice nurses who remained by his side until the end.

He left this world confident about his eternal life in Heaven, not by any of his own merits, but by his

abiding faith in the merciful sacrifice of Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior. To honor Dr. Bob's love for Christ and heart for missions, the family asks for donations to be made in lieu of flowers to any of these ministries: Reformation Baptist Church (PO Box 1364, Wetumpka, AL, 36092), Maranatha Faith Ministries, Inc. (PO Box 2414, Brunswick, GA, 31521), or MAI-Soccer (ATTN: Christian Union Sports Club, 8510 McAlpine Park Dr, Ste. 109, Charlotte, NC, 28211).

A funeral will be held at Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana, AL, on Thursday, Jan. 5, with a visitation beginning at 2pm CST and service beginning at 3pm. Burial to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home
207 Hwy 47 South
PO Box 4
Columbiana, AL 35051
(205) 669-3179

Service

JAN 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

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PO Box 4
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Tribute Wall



“ *I just read this. He was my children’s doctor. If they had a problem in school he would take out his Bible give my son a scripture and talk with him.
All of us loved him ,*

kathy Hattaway. - October 25, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *He delivered me almost 48 years ago and was my doctor most of my life. So saddened he has passed. He was a great man.*

Tami Harris - February 07, 2023 at 08:04 PM

DF

“ Dr. Bob Mullins was a mentor, partner and friend to me for almost 30 years. He was an outstanding family physician, epitomizing the concept of a “family” physician, dedicating himself to his patients, his community and his colleagues for over four decades. He not only loved the practice of medicine but also the politics of medicine. His enthusiasm and leadership in local, state and national medical associations, realized through his service to MASA, AMA and rural medicine, was much admired and appreciated by the medical community of Chambers County and the State of Alabama.

(His partners loved that he went to all the meetings so we didn't have to.)

His former patients frequently ask about him and remember him with respect and gratitude. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by the people of the Valley area and the medical community he served, mentored and inspired.

*David Fagan
Lanett, AL*

David Fagan - January 05, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr.



January 05, 2023 at 08:41 AM

DG

“ To the Mullins family,
The family of Dr. and Mrs. Rutilio Garcia sends our condolences on the passing of Bob. May you be comforted by faith, memories, and the support of family and friends.

Dr. Rutilio Garcia - January 05, 2023 at 08:16 AM

BC

“ Belinda Crowder sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ross Mullins



Belinda Crowder - January 04, 2023 at 08:47 PM

BR

“ Dear Jeannene, Christy, David, and Andy,
We were so saddened to hear of Bob's death. He was a great doctor and friend to so many. He will be greatly missed. We are sending prayers for comfort and peace.
Howard and Barbara Ruddick

Barbara and Howard Ruddick - January 04, 2023 at 08:43 PM

BC

“ I worked for Dr. Mullins many years ago when I was fresh out of high school. I enjoyed my time there and knew him to be a man of God. My sympathies to his family.
Beth Tolbert Cork

Beth Tolbert Cork - January 04, 2023 at 08:20 PM

DM

“ *There will never be anyone like him in medicine again. Heaven is sweeter, earth is darker. Prayers and love to his family that he loved so.*

Dana Key McHargue - January 04, 2023 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ *Dr. Mullins was my doctor for many years , and I still miss that. He knew me well and cared. Blessings to his family.*

Jimmy Sands - January 04, 2023 at 12:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr.*



January 04, 2023 at 11:20 AM

LG

“ *We were very fortunate to have this kind loving man as a doctor when we needed compassion. Never a better person! We loved him. He wil be greatly missed.*

Libby Guy - January 04, 2023 at 09:24 AM

PH

“ *My love and prayers are with all of you now and always. What a true blessing he was to all who knew him. RIP dear friend.*

Paula Harlin - January 04, 2023 at 07:06 AM

JA

“ My heart is saddened in the passing of Bob. We attended SCHC together and though we only saw each other a few times over the years, I always knew he was a friend. I was so proud of the full life he lived and his faith in Christ.

Joyce Edwards Harwell Adderholt - January 03, 2023 at 09:10 PM

SY

“ Dr mullins took care of me since i was a little girl. And i am 57. He was the most caring doctor. I was at the doctors office a lot due to health issues growing up. And Dr Mullins always went put of his way to found out what was causing my issues and how to help me.. he was my doctor when pregnant with my twins. They were born nearly 2 hours a part due to complications and the operating room being full. I remember him sitting by my side holding my 17 year old hand while i cried begging him not to let me die and he promised me that he wasnt going to let that happen.. and throughout the years at my doctor's visits he always would talk to me about God and he would give me scripture written on prescription pad. I have one still packed up with special things to save. He ALWAYS made you feel like he cared about what happened to you. I was sad when he left his Valley office. I am saddened to hear of his passing!!! And i will be praying for his wife and family 🙏🙏

Staci M Yawn - January 03, 2023 at 08:56 PM

AM

“ To the family of Dr. R Bob Mullins Jr, there's no words to express my deepest sympathy. I had the pleasure of working with Dr Mullins in surgery in the early 80's. And years later in his office filing insurance. He will and is missed. 🙏🙏🙏



Angela H McCray - January 03, 2023 at 07:39 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He had been our family physician for many years. I also worked with him at the hospital. He was a great and caring physician. I know you will miss him!



Reba Sanders - January 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM

KN

“ Kerry Nivens lit a candle in memory of Ross Mullins



Kerry Nivens - January 03, 2023 at 06:13 PM

EM

“ I began seeing Dr Mullins when I was pregnant with my first child. That child is now 46 years old. He was my Dad's doctor when my Dad had cancer. And there were several times that he came to the house to check on him. I loved that man. And he made no secret of his love for Christ and what he believed. I am grateful that I knew him. For the family and friends, I'm sorry for your loss, but is Heaven's gain!.

Ellie Hamil Mckeehan - January 03, 2023 at 05:38 PM

AM

“ Dr. Mullins was such a good man and will be missed by many. It was an honor and a pleasure to have worked with him.



Angie McLendon - January 03, 2023 at 03:59 PM

GP

I had an opportunity to work with Dr. Mullins when he was appointed as the Alabama Medicaid Commissioner. He would always mention being lead by Christ in any decision that he made. He would say let God lead you and you would never fail

Georgette Harvest Parham - January 03, 2023 at 08:01 PM

MM

Dear Jeannene and family, I am grieved to learn the sad news of Bob's passing. Of all my medical school classmates, Bob was one of my favorite. Bob was thoughtful and pleasant to everyone around him throughout our difficult years of medical school. He truly made the world a better place and made the lives of all those around him both happier and healthier. I pray God will give you the comfort and strength you need for this sad time. God bless. Madison W. Gay, MD

Madison Gay, MD - January 05, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr.*



January 03, 2023 at 12:42 PM

FL

“ *Frenchell Lansford lit a candle in memory of Ross Mullins*



Frenchell Lansford - January 03, 2023 at 08:43 AM

PH

“ *Pat and Daphene Hamner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr.*



Pat and Daphene Hamner - January 02, 2023 at 02:50 PM

RH

“ *Ron and Becky Hamner purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dr. Ross "Bob" Mullins Jr.*



Ron and Becky Hamner - January 01, 2023 at 04:34 PM