

GREENSBORO DR. **DAVID LARRY PARSONS**, 72, a resident of Greensboro, NC, was ushered into eternity on July 26, 2015, with his family by his side.

Dave was born in Charleston, WV, to Ocie and Clarence Parsons. He received a tennis scholarship to Duke University where he attended undergraduate school and then went on to graduate UNC Dental School at the top of his class in 1969. He practiced dentistry in Randleman, NC until he retired in 2007. He will always be grateful to his faithful staff that he considered family.

While in school he met his wife Carolyn, whom he has shared 52 years. They enjoyed traveling together, deep-sea fishing and spending quality time with family and friends. After retiring, Dave took up duplicate bridge and became a Life Master. He not only enjoyed the challenge of the game, but also treasured the many friendships he made.

Dave will forever be remembered for his generous heart. Whether it was sending someone to Bible college, participating in dental mission trips, supporting various missionaries, seeing that a single mom had a home, helping a church get started or caring for the dental needs of the men at Teen Challenge, he always considered it a privilege to bless others as he had been blessed.

He leaves behind, to cherish his memory, his wife Carolyn and their three children, Mary Gutheil; Christy Peeler; Davy Parsons and wife Melanie all of Greensboro and his 6 grandchildren who he dearly loved. In addition, his 99 year-old mother, Ocie Parsons, of Greensboro, and his brother, Steve Parsons, of Charleston, WV. His father, Clarence Parsons, predeceases him.

The family would like to thank all those who reached out to them during this time. A special thanks to Dr. Martin Webb for his exceptional care and love for Dave and the family and to Hospice for their support in the last months.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 1-3 pm at Grace Community Church, 643 Gate City Blvd (formerly Lee St.) where their son is on the pastoral staff. The burial will be a private family service earlier that morning. Forbis and Dick North Elm Street Chapel are serving the family. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com Memorial gifts may be made in Dave's honor to Jubilee Christian Worship Center, 143 Blue Bell Road, Greensboro, NC, 27406.