



Dr. Ted Westmoreland

February 12, 1934 - November 5, 2017

Dr. Theodore (Ted) G. Westmoreland

Theodore Garmon Westmoreland, 83, of Shelby, NC, went home to be with the Lord on November 5, 2017. Born in Clover, SC, Ted was the youngest of the late Douglas Alvastroth and Edna Eaker Westmoreland's eight children and was a beloved family man, veterinarian and philanthropist who cared for his community. His courage, compassion, and commitment to others will be forever cherished.

From Ted's early days, his love for animals was apparent. As a teenager, he enjoyed raising two calves as a 4-H project and working for veterinarians during summer vacations.

Ted graduated from Clover (SC) High School and served as Senior Class President. He represented South Carolina in the 1951 Shrine Bowl as a center and linebacker.

He enrolled in Clemson College as a pre-veterinary science major in 1952, earning a small scholarship, working in the dining hall, and selling cattle he had raised to cover his tuition. Despite the demands of cadet life, he was accepted into veterinary school after only two years.

Ted continued to the University of Georgia, earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1958. Upon graduation, the United States Air Force commissioned him as Captain, Base Veterinarian, and Preventive Medicine Officer at Charleston Air Force Base.

After serving his country, Ted established Boulevard Animal Hospital, P.A. in Shelby and cared for tens of thousands of dogs, cats, cattle, horses and even an occasional lion, monkey, snake, or turtle over the next 52 years. He was easily accessible to his clients and frequently returned to the office after hours and during the night to provide emergency care.

Beyond providing high quality, practical, and affordable care for pets until his retirement at age 78, Ted offered caring counsel to their human owners. His compassion, not only for the animals—but also for their owners—made him a favorite for all who knew him. His contagious love for animals and willingness to teach others led many of his student workers to become veterinarians or veterinary technicians.

Ted's avocation was breeding registered Angus cattle. Both of his sons enjoyed countless hours with him at his River Hill Angus Farm. Ted's farming successes were notable. In 1987, a River Hill heifer was selected Grand Champion Bred & Owned Female at the prestigious North American International Livestock Exposition Junior Show in Louisville, KY. Several of Ted's bulls were nationally syndicated, the most prolific of which was PS High Pockets who produced more than 3,000 calves in 44 states and Argentina.

Ted twice served as President of the NC Angus Association. He relished motivating children and youth to learn about the cattle industry and develop good work ethics. He was inducted into the Cleveland County Cattleman's Association Hall of Fame in 2003.

Ted generously donated cattle to three preeminent land grant universities—Clemson, Penn State, and Virginia Tech—to be used to teach the next generation of cattle farmers and veterinarians. The World Angus Headquarters proclaimed his herd to be a “coalition of the strongest Angus genetic seed stock on the North American continent.”

Ted's love for people and animals was rooted in his deep love and faith in the Creator. He served the Lord in many ways, including lay leadership positions at Elizabeth Baptist Church. A humble servant, Ted enthusiastically fulfilled a variety of roles, whether greeting visitors, ushering, or serving as Chair of the Deacon Fellowship, Finance or Strategic Planning Committee. He was a strong advocate for missions and promoted annual offerings to fund missionaries and Christian causes in the United States and abroad. His calm, conservative viewpoints and steady hand of leadership provided guidance to fulfill the church's mission.

Ted's belief in the benefits of education was evident in his support of Clemson University. Ted gave sacrificially to provide scholarships and funding for an Academic Success Center for all students. Because of his vision, thousands of students' lives have been positively impacted. In his honor, Clemson University named the University's Academic Success Program for him in 2012 and annually awards the Dr. Ted G. Westmoreland Faculty Award for Excellence to an instructor who fosters the skills and attitudes that enable students to reach their educational goals.

Ted was an avid fan of the Clemson football team and enjoyed watching the Tigers regain national prominence in recent seasons, excelling with class on and off the field. The Clemson University Alumni Association bestowed its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, to Ted for his outstanding professionalism, public service, and dedication.

Upon learning that Ted was one of eight children raised in the Great Depression era by hardworking parents with little formal education, many observers might call him a “self-made” man. In contrast, he attributed his achievements to God and the loving family, friends, and community who assisted in his life’s journey.

Ted did not view success in life to be the accumulation of assets. Instead, he realized investing in the lives of his beloved family and others was far more important than earthly riches. Ted’s life was one of significance because he faithfully served God, family, and his fellow man. He will be deeply missed.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Margaret; sons T.G. (Wes) Westmoreland, II, of Shelby, NC, and James “Jay” Douglas Westmoreland (Scarlett) of Fort Mill, SC; stepchildren Suzanne Beam (Jeff), Michelle Sanford, and Jacqueline Connell; sister-in-laws Elsie Westmoreland, Mary Westmoreland, and Betty Westmoreland; grandchildren Trey, Kati, Ashley, Jason, Nicole, Jennifer, Jonathan, Georgianna, Kayah, Cooper; and other beloved extended family members. He was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Pratt Hambright Westmoreland; his brother and sister-in-law D.A. and Geri Westmoreland; sister and brother-in-law Esther and Avery Adkins; brother and sister-in-law, James (Jim) and Willie S. Westmoreland; sister and brother-in-law Charlotte and James C. Barnett; and brothers William (Bill), Robert and Jack Westmoreland.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Ted’s fine caregivers Carolyn Fletcher, Rosa Morrow, Sheila Parnell, and Betty Ussery of the Helping Hands Nursing Service and to the dedicated staff of Peak Resources.

A celebration of Ted’s life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Elizabeth Baptist Church with the Reverend Dr. Rit Varriale officiating. Family and friends are invited to attend an informal reception in the Christian Life Center immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Baptist Children’s Homes of NC, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC, 27360, Elizabeth Baptist Church Handyman Ministry, 301 N. Post Road, Shelby, NC 28152, Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights

Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, or The Ted G. Westmoreland Scholarship Endowment, Clemson University, P.O. Box 1889, Clemson, South Carolina 29633

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is serving the family of Dr. Westmoreland.

Online condolences can be made at www.claybarnette.com

Events

NOV	Service	01:30PM
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	ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH	
	301 N. POST ROAD, SHELBY, NC, US, 28150	

Comments



“ Such a man of integrity! I completely trusted him with all of my pets. He spoke their language. Anytime I bought or adopted a new pet, I took it by and let him check it out. I brought patients to Him beginning in the 60's. I was devastated when he retired. My sympathy is extended to his family.

margaret Hicks - November 08, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ Bea Sowers lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ted Westmoreland



Bea Sowers - November 08, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ Dr. Westmoreland was an awesome angel for all our precious pets and will always be remembered. Condolences for your family. I was blessed to have known you and the care you gave to my babies.

Bea - November 08, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ Toni Price-Humphries sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Ted Westmoreland



Toni Price-Humphries - November 08, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ Thinking and praying for you all...Canine Creations by Toni

Toni Price-Humphries - November 08, 2017 at 08:30 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I'm grateful to Dr. Westmoreland for the many years of wonderful care he provided to my pets. He was patient in emergencies, comforted us in loss, and was infinitely kind. He will never be forgotten. I hope that brings comfort to all who are grieving.

Patty Neal Dorian - November 07, 2017 at 10:29 PM



“ Michelle and Family: We were sorry to hear about the passing of your stepdad. Know that we are thinking of you and have you in our hearts.

Sharon & Rufus Murray
Swansboro, N.C.



Sharon Murray - November 07, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. The obituary was a great tribute for a really deserving man. Prayers for your family,
Ken and Carole Gantt

Carole Gantt - November 07, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ To the family of my old friend Ted. I am Dr. Edward Smith now living in Evans, Georgia. Ted and I were friends and classmates from first grade through 12th grade. We worked together on numerous projects in high school , and always got along extremely well.

We were fine pals. I am so sorry that he has died.

I did not know of his many accomplishments until I read the obituary. I am proud to have known him, and you family members have a gold star mentor to look back on.

Dr.Edward Smith
Evans ,Ga 30809
egbss@comcast.net

Edward Smith - November 07, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ Michelle and Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Pattie and Amanda Bessey

Pattie Bessey - November 07, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Ted's passing. He was truly my hero on many occasions. Beginning in 1959 he took care of the animals in my family. I always had complete confidence in his treatment and advice. Over the years, Ted not only treated my dogs during office hours, but also at other times that I needed him. His love of animals was evident as he worked with each one. He was such a kind and compassionate man. I worked in the school system and was aware of how often Ted helped and encouraged students who showed an interest in working with animals. He did so much to help people, yet was never boastful. He will be missed by many. To Margaret, Ted's sons, and the remainder of the family I offer my sincere sympathy. I will remember each of you in my prayers.



Wyline Davis - November 07, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ To Margaret and the whole family, our heartfelt condolences on Ted's passing. Will be praying for the Lord's grace and love for you all during this difficult time.

Bob & Judi Mori

Bob Mori - November 07, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ A wonderful man! The community has lost an Angel that watched over our pets. You were always there for me when I needed help with any of my dogs. R.I.P. Dr. Westmoreland.

Jack LaFontaine - November 07, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ Dr. Westmoreland, thank you for always going above and beyond when it came to the care of my dogs. Your compassion was heartfelt when I lost two of them to cancer. I tried my best to prolong their lives, but you knew when it was time for me to let them go. Thank you for always being available, even after hours for the occasional pep talks when their health was declining. You've left some big shoes to fill. Praying for your family.

Nancy Patterson

Nancy Patterson - November 07, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ Once in a long, long while you'll meet someone who truly has a compassionate, sincere heart with no personal motives or agendas ...because this is just who they are. Dr. Westmoreland was that kind of person to me. He knew I was a young mother of 3 and that our family had 1 breadwinner AND that we truly cared for our white german shepherd who developed leukemia. After many treatments Dr. Westmoreland carefully and considerately shared with me that he knew my kids and our situation and that it is costing us a lot of monies to keep our precious doggie alive -- he said he could take care of her but that I'd have to make the decision. I explained to him that I knew this day would come and that I already knew what I must do...and I handed the reins to him. Anyone else would have let me keep paying for who knows how long but Dr. Westmoreland knew my family and carefully and considerately shared the truth with me about our precious doggie girls future. Thank you Dr. Westmoreland for all your kindnesses shown to many,many others.

Nannette Leonhart - November 07, 2017 at 01:50 PM



“ Oh Doc, we are going to miss you so very much. I am 52 now, and remember coming to your office with Daddy (Tommy J. Thompson) when I was 5. You gave the very best care, and comforted us more than once when we lost a pet. Here's to a life well lived, and thank you. Condolences to family and friends left behind. I hope they have puppy breath where you are. xo

Sincerely,

Andrienne Thompson Klee & The Thompson Family

Andrienne Klee - November 07, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ Mary & Gabe Eberle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Ted Westmoreland



Mary & Gabe Eberle - November 07, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ Dr Westmoreland will be missed by many. He took care of many of our animals. Rest In Peace Doctor ♡

Mary & Gabe Eberle - November 07, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ Everyone who knew Dr. Westmoreland is aware that we have all suffered the loss of a wonderful, kind and generous man .
Margaret, Wes and Jay all of you and all of your families will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you comfort and peace.

Jackie Weathers

Jacquelyn Weathers - November 07, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to each family member. He was a honorable and generous man who lovingly cared for our animals. We were blessed to know him. Bill Mitchell Family

Betty Mitchell - November 07, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ I am so sad to hear this news! When we moved to Shelby in 1986 Dr Westmoreland became Dr to my 3 dogs and cat and all the others cats that followed. He was not a sappy fellow but he cared and knew his job well! He has been and will be missed. Rest In Peace sir and thank you!

cathy cummings - November 07, 2017 at 06:59 AM



“ Dr. Westmoreland was always so very nice to me and all my cats. He always put me, and my cats, at ease and was so very kind. He was so thorough and always gave us his utmost attention. He was a great man. My sincerest sympathy for his family, and my prayers for you. May God Bless you.

Patricia C. Sparti - November 06, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ Doc Westmoreland was a fine gentleman and a wonderful vet. He was always so good to me and my pets, and supportive of me throughout my grooming career. I will truly miss you, Doc. I extend my sincere condolences to his entire family.



Patti Bridges - November 06, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ Dearest Dr. Westmoreland,
Thank You so much for the love and caring that you showed our family and all of our pets over the years. Steady as a rock you always were, yet so compassionate to us all. Man nor beast ever had a better friend. Rest now in your beautiful heavenly home, good and faithful servant. Our prayers are with your family, friends & loved ones! May God comfort each of them, as they will sure miss you, just as we will too.

Sonya Gregory - November 06, 2017 at 10:51 PM



“ Dr. Westmoreland was our vet as long as I can remember. He was a great vet, and also a friend to our family over the years. There are a few people that touch our lives and make this world a better place. He was such a person and will be missed.

Carolyn Brooks - November 06, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ Wes I am sorry for the loss of your Dad who we always called him 'Doc we went through school together and myself and Grandpa always brought him sausage when we butcherd a hog. he said it was the best n didn't shrink.He will always be in my heart and memories as you will.The coming days will be hard but you are strong ,you will make it and please keep the cattle farm going.Your Friend for all of life,Jerry D. Turner.

Jerry TURNER - November 06, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Kevin has fond memories of being on the deacon board with Dr. Westmoreland. He said it was a pleasure to serve when he, Tom Curry and Fred Mauney were the chairmans. He and Dr. Dixon cared for our big baby Buster and I got to know him during that time. He was an icon in Cleveland County and as we read so many places. He will be missed but what a legacy he leaves. Praying for each of you.

Kevin and Jacklyn Mull - November 06, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Prayers going up for Wes and all the family.

Terra Weaver Newsom - November 06, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ Dr. Westmoreland was a great vet and a wonderful man. My family used his vet services for as long as I could remember. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

Steve and Tammy Carpenter

Steve and Tammy Carpenter - November 06, 2017 at 08:35 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May you find comfort soon. He was super nice to me when I rented from him in the 80s. You don't forget some things. Thank you Dr. Westmoreland!

Becky Sloan - November 06, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ Dr. Westmoreland was a STRONG, STRONG Clemson man, and I am a North Carolina Tar Heels fan. We had many good years and a lot of fun bragging about our teams. He was our vet for many years, and we will miss him!

Bill Dover, Shelby NC - November 06, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ So sorry of hear the news. He was a wonderful, caring vet. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Robin Tessneer - November 06, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ So, so sorry to hear of Dr. Ted's passing. His house on West Marion Street was just above where we lived. We couldn't have had a better neighbor or a better vet. Our thoughts are with you tonight. --- Becki Macomson Johnson (daughter of Mary and Rhett Macomson)

Mary R. Macomson Johnson - November 06, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ Praying for your family as you say an earthly goodbye to one much loved.

Sandra Page - November 06, 2017 at 05:03 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Ted Westmoreland.



November 06, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Ted was indeed a great man and very Mission Minded. I count it a privilege to have known him and to have worked with him on several committees at EBC throughout the years. He will be greatly missed. Joyce Beam

joyce Beam - November 06, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear the sad news. Dr. Westmoreland not only was a great vet, but also a caring person.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Gay Pruitt - November 06, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I pray our Lord will give you all some peace and understanding during this difficult time.
Gerald Owens

Gerald Owens - November 06, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Dr. Westmoreland. He was a wonderful veterinarian and such a fine man. He was honest, kind, hardworking and always had a common sense approach to treating animals and their families. I will never forget him.

Lover and prayers to the family.

Cynthia Bailey Buckingham
Raleigh, NC

Cynthia Bailey Buckingham - November 06, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Ted. He was my cousin on my Mothers side!! I remember all the Sundays we went to visit their family, always a fun time!! We thought Uncle Doug was Santa Claus!! He was always funny and a lot of fun to all the children!! He will be missed all!! Praying for all to have peace and comfort for the wonderful memories he left for everyone! Penny Kincaid Williams, baby of the 12 children of Ira and Martha Westmoreland.

Penny Kincaid Williams - November 07, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ The members of the NC Angus Association were saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Westmoreland. He was a true Angus supporter giving of his knowledge and time to help shape the association and many of its junior members. Your family is in our prayers.

NC Angus Association - November 09, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Margaret,
I was so sad to read of Dr. Westmoreland's passing in Nov.
I just found out yesterday, Jan. 28th.
He took care of my Bostons since 1990 and brought them into this world and helped them leave this world when the time came.
He was always there to help if my dogs got sick even in the middle of the night if needed.
He never complained.
They'll never be another vet like him.
Rest in Peace Dr. Westmoreland.

Pat Canipe - January 29, 2018 at 03:56 PM