



John David Hardin, M.D.

April 11, 1946 - May 9, 2021

John David Hardin, M.D., 75, of Fayetteville, AR formerly of Pine Bluff, AR, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 9, 2021, in Fayetteville, surrounded by his family. He was born April 11, 1946 in Berea, KY to Dr. Rector R. Hardin and Jeane (Tumblin) Hardin and grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Hardin received his Bachelor of Science in 1968 at the University of Southern Mississippi, where his father was a professor. He met his beautiful wife Sara while in college, and they married on March 2, 1968. They moved to Jackson, MS in 1968, where he attended medical school at the University of Mississippi. He subsequently completed his medical residency in radiation oncology/radiology at the University of Mississippi. In 1976, they moved to Pine Bluff, AR where he joined his medical practice and provided care there for nearly 40 years. Upon his retirement in 2013, they moved to Northwest Arkansas where his children and grandchildren reside.

He was a scholar. He loved history, from ancient Egypt to pre-Columbian art, to vintage Coca-Cola memorabilia. His depth of knowledge spanned any subject, and his memory was incomparable.

He was a doctor. A deeply empathetic and intelligent physician who cared for his patients like family. He healed many suffering of cancer and struck the balance between the science and the art of medicine. He was passionate about providing the best care, continuing to read medical journals and books, even into retirement.

He was a family man. He adored his wife, and they recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary. He was an unforgettable father figure to his children, who all became doctors because of his influence. He loved his extended family, including his sister-in-law Dr. Martha D. Adams and his sons and daughters-in law deeply, and they gave him immense support in his final years. He gave freely of his time and was always there when needed. His grandchildren were everything to him, and they affectionately called him GrandDude and fulfilled his dream.

He was a man of God. He conscientiously studied theology and developed a deep reverence for God and awe of God's creations. He practiced what he preached and was generous with his time and money. He spread the word of God by mouth and in action.

He was happy. He was constantly telling jokes and finding joy in life. He was always smiling and giving thumb ups. He loved and coveted life. We have no doubt that he will make God smile.

He was loved and will be forever missed. He left this world a better place and lived a full, significant, impactful life. His legacy has widespread effect, and we know that his spirit will transcend and brighten the heavens. He departed this world in peace, cherished by his family and friends. God rest his beautiful, precious, loving, kind, humorous soul.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dr. Sara G. Hardin; one son, Dr. John Michael Hardin and wife Allison of Springdale, AR; two daughters, Dr. Sara Maria McCoy and husband Mike of Fayetteville, AR, and Dr. Vanessa Branch and husband Dr. Drake Branch of Fayetteville, AR; and six grandchildren, Matthew and Nicholas McCoy, Ellie and Harrison Branch, and Jenna and Jillian Hardin.

Funeral rosary will be recited at 12:30 pm and Celebration of Life to follow at 1 pm on Friday, May 14th at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville. Burial will follow at Fairview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville.

To view the funeral service online, please use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephfayetteville/live>

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church at <http://www.sjfay.com/>, Reasons to Believe at <https://support.reasons.org/donate>, National Multiple Sclerosis Society at <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/> or directly through his memorial fund at <https://mssociety.donordrive.com/campaign/Dr--John-David-Hardin-Memorial-Fund>.

Cemetery

Fairview Memorial Gardens

1728 East Mission

Fayetteville, AR, 72703

Events

MAY **Rosary** 12:30PM - 01:00PM

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church

1722 N Starr Dr, Fayetteville, AR, US, 72701

MAY **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of John David Hardin, M.D..



May 13, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Dr. Hardin was my grandfather's doctor when he had cancer. My aunt always gave glowing testimonies of how understanding Dr. Hardin was when they had their appt. She would talk about how Dr. Hardin would explain everything so they could understand the treatments and never made them feel rushed!

Dr. Sara and family-my prayers are with you at this time.

Sandy Helton - May 13, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of John David Hardin, M.D..



May 13, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ I am a member of St. Joe's and work with Dr. McCoy. My deepest condolences and prayers are with you all. May God continue to Bless you with the wonderful memories you have of Dr. Hardin.

Maureen Farrell - May 13, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ I always enjoyed working with Dr Hardin when he served as our radiologist in Warren. He was always willing to talk about and find a way to help with my patients. More importantly he was kind and thoughtful. Sending my sympathy and prayers for his family. Dichelle George, MD

Dichelle George - May 13, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ JM, our deepest sympathy to you and your family.
In thought and prayer.
Skip & Cindi

Skip and Cindi Green - May 12, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Hardin for over 20 years and through that time he became a dear friend to me. He was one of the sweetest, kindest and most generous person I have ever met. I love him and will miss him and he will always have a special place in my heart.
Love you all,
Sherry Higginbotham

Sherry Higginbotham - May 12, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Dr. Sara and Family, Gwen and I are very sad to hear about Dr.Hardin. He was a good friend and we always enjoyed our visits with him. We share your grief and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Don and Gwen Lum

Don Lum - May 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ When I was younger, he would take me to breakfast at Shoney's a couple of days out of the week. It always made me late for school, but he always said he didn't care :)

John Hardin - May 12, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Dear Sara,
Condolences, and love to you, and the family at this time, and in the days to come. Our memories of David are of a generous, gracious man, with a great sense of humour.
I still remember when he took the time, to share his expertise, and knowledge, with my sister Jillian, on one of her trips over from Australia.
Prayers for comfort, and God’s peace.
Much love
Tom and Barbara Mitchell. Little Rock, AR.

Barbara Mitchell - May 12, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ Donna Dougherty lit a candle in memory of John David Hardin, M.D.



Donna Dougherty - May 11, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ We met David when we moved to Pine Bluff in 1990. David and Sarah became instant, dear friends. David was always a gracious host and enjoyed a good conversation, of which we had many over the years. He was very proud of his kids. Our hearts are breaking for Sarita and the family. We are keeping David and all of you in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Mildred Franco & James Pascale

Mildred Franco - May 11, 2021 at 07:56 PM