



Leon Gresham

September 1, 1929 - August 16, 2010

Dr. Leon Harold Gresham, age 80 of Calhoun, passed away Monday, August 16, 2010 at his residence. He was born in Floyd County on September 1, 1929, son of the late Sam and Mary Terrell Gresham. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a son, Russell Gresham; two sisters, Margaret Howell and Rebecca Fletcher; and three brothers, James Gresham, Murray Gresham, and Linus Gresham.

Dr. Gresham and his family moved to Calhoun in 1963. He opened his optometric practice in Johnson-Hall Clinic in 1963, and moved his practice to the current location at 100 S. Court Street, Calhoun, in 1967.

He was a veteran, having served his country in the US Marine Corp, and was a member of the Calhoun First Baptist Church, where he attended the Sycamore Sunday School Class.

His passions included his family, his optometric practice, golf, and growing his garden, especially his tomatoes. Dr. Gresham was an active participant in many civic organizations. He was past Exalted Ruler of the Calhoun Elks Club, and past president of the following; the Calhoun Rotary Club, the Calhoun Kiwanis Club, the Calhoun Lions Club, the Calhoun Jaycees, and the 7th District Optometric Association.

He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Mildred Moore Gresham; two sons, Tracy Gresham of Kennesaw, and Roger Gresham and his wife Candi of Calhoun; a daughter, Ginger Worde of Calhoun; grandchildren, Heather Worde, Christopher Gresham, Ashley Southerland, Alison Gresham, Hannah

Gresham, Taylor Gresham, and Haggan Gresham; a great-granddaughter, Ashlyn Southerland; and a sister-in-law, Bobbie Gresham. Numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Dr. Leon Harold Gresham will be conducted Thursday, August 19th at 2:00pm from the Calhoun First Baptist Church, with Dr. Bert Vaughn officiating. Interment will follow in the Fidelle Cemetery. Active pallbearers will include Dr. Robin Scoggin, Dr. Larry Davis, Dr. Gilbert James, Dr. Doug Reeves, Dr. Charles Callaway, and Dr. Keith Lowe. These gentlemen are requested to meet at the funeral home Thursday at 1:15pm. Honorary pallbearers are Gene Holbrook, James Moore, Dave Maddox, Sr., Mike Mitchell, Jerry Terrell, and members of the Sycamore Bible Class. These gentlemen may meet at the Calhoun First Baptist Church Thursday at 1:45pm. Music will be arranged by Randy Worde and Carolyn Thompson.

The family will receive friends at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home Wednesday from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guestbook signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com. Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, a legacy of compassion and care, is conducting the funeral services for Dr. Leon Harold Gresham, age 80 of Calhoun.

Tribute Wall

PP

“ *Dr. Gresham was a much liked man and a great business for decades, he will be sorely missed. He was always great to me as my eye doctor for years and a fine man. My Prayers are witht he family. Paul James Patterson (BIG MAN) 806 Fairveiw Road, Sugar Valley*

Paul James Patterson - August 27, 2010 at 03:21 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Gresham was a kind man with a caring heart. My sympathy and prayers go to Tracy, my classmate through high school, and all of your family.*

Dr. Tommy R. McDearis - August 24, 2010 at 11:22 PM

MC

“ *All of us at Mama's will miss Dr. Gresham. He was always smiling, kind and friendly and seemed to love our food and comapny. He was a very nice and thoughtful man who contributed greatly to making Calhoun and Gordon County a great place to live. Our thought and prayers go out to the family.*

Mama's Home Cooking - August 23, 2010 at 06:53 PM

CF

“ *Our condolence to the family*

Carol Childress and Family - August 23, 2010 at 02:50 PM

PN

“ Our sympathies and condolences go out to your family. Dr. Gresham was our family's optometrist for many,many years. Our family just loved him! He will be greatly missed. You will be in our prayers.

Patti Norton - August 23, 2010 at 09:21 AM

CW

“ Dear Mildred, Ginger, Tracy, Roger and family,
I am sorry I was unable to come with Mother and Billy to the funeral.
I will miss Uncle Leon and am sorry for your loss. Cathy

Catherine Whyte - August 21, 2010 at 10:32 PM

LP

“ Leon Gresham

linda parker - August 20, 2010 at 11:56 AM

LD

“ Only last week we talked to Leon in Mama,s Home cooking. We eat there quite often.He was there it seem like every time we went there. Enjoyed the conversation we had with him. We know he is now in Heaven. Love, Lewis & Dorothy DPrima

Lewis & Dorothy DiPrima - August 20, 2010 at 09:22 AM

YS

“ Ginger:
I was so sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in our prayers.
Love and God Bless, Yvette

Yvette Seritt - August 19, 2010 at 06:59 PM

MB

“ *Dr. Gresham had been our families eye doctor for many years. He will be greatly missed. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mike and Tammy Buchanan - August 19, 2010 at 05:29 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Gresham. I have known Leon for my entire life, and he was always fun to talk to, both as my optomestrist and friend.
May God's strength and peace be yours during this difficult time.*

Jason Hawkins - August 19, 2010 at 04:50 PM

DS

“ *Dear Mildred and family: "Been there,done that". Michele will have been gone five years on September 15th. Sure left a void in my life. Leon was a good friend and a good eye doctor , and will be missed by many , certainly inc;uding his many loyal patients and his optometric peers like myself.
My prayers are with you and for you in your time of grieving as well as your recovery.
Bill Sharpton Lake Rabun Lakemont, Ga.*

DR. BILL SHARPTON - August 19, 2010 at 04:39 PM

KP

“ *My Condolences to the family. You are in our prayers at this time.*

Kim Fortner Pott - August 19, 2010 at 12:36 PM

DW

“ Roger, I am so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. We are on vacation and I just saw it on the website. You and your entire family will be in our prayers. I always loved your dad...he's been my eye doctor since I first got glasses way back in our sophomore year of high school. He will be missed greatly.

Dena Autry Wofford - August 19, 2010 at 12:45 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear about dr.Gresham He was my eye Dr. and he will be missed

Mary Burgess - August 18, 2010 at 11:08 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr Gresham will be greatly missed.

paul and patricia barton - August 18, 2010 at 09:39 PM

RA

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DR GRESHAM.HE WAS A GOOD AND KIND MAN.MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME.

REGENIA SLOAN ALLEN - August 18, 2010 at 07:21 PM

CJ

“ My prayers are with you all.

Charisse Jano - August 18, 2010 at 03:35 PM

JR

“ *Mildred,
I am so very, VERY sorry!! My thoughts and prayers are with you. I regret that back problems preclude me from getting to the funeral.*
Jack

Jack Runniger - August 18, 2010 at 12:37 PM

TC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. I know he will be missed, My husband Mitch has used him for 40 years & daughter Danielle for 15 years. There will never be another Optometrist like him!! The COLQUITT's*

Tina Colquitt - August 18, 2010 at 12:05 PM

FH

“ *Ginger, I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. May God comfort all of you and give you peace.*

Faye Harwell - August 18, 2010 at 11:42 AM

EC

“ *My thoughts and prayers will be with all the family during this painful time. I have so many fond memories of Leon, especially when Mom worked with him. I hope that your many memories and the good Lord's blessings will bring you comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*

Ellen Ray Chappuis - August 18, 2010 at 11:33 AM

OP

“ *my condolence to the family*

ovell pratt - August 18, 2010 at 10:46 AM

GL

“ *Ginger,
I am so sadden to hear about the loss of your dad. I know how much you loved him and will miss him deeply. My thought and prayers are with you, always.
Love,
Gwen*

Gwen Lyall - August 18, 2010 at 09:15 AM

CT

“ *I am so sad to hear the news of Dr. Gresham's death. He was such a wonderful man. I have known him since first grade when he became my eye doctor. I am so honored I was his patient and had the opportunity to see him just a couple of months ago. His fight, spirit, and determination to beat cancer was so remarkable and such an inspiration. He will be missed. Rest in peace Dr. Gresham.....*

Cindy Talley - August 18, 2010 at 08:14 AM

SC

“ *My condolences & prayers go out to the family. Dr. Gresham was a great man. He always made me laugh & i will miss that so very much.*

Stephanie Cochran - August 18, 2010 at 12:36 AM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathy. Leon was not only my family's optometrist and my "egg sandwich customer" at Troy's, I consider him my friend as well. Lots of love from my family to your family. Our prayers are with you in this time of grief. Doris Burns*

Doris Burns - August 17, 2010 at 10:31 PM

CB

“ I got my first pair of glasses from Dr. Gresham when i was a little girl 42 years ago. He was a good man, he will be missed. My thoughts & Prayers are with the family.

Charlotte Buttrum Broadrick - August 17, 2010 at 10:07 PM

KL

“ So sorry to hear about Leon. He was a sweet man and will be missed. My prayers go out to the family.

Kim Edwards Logan - August 17, 2010 at 08:22 PM

BP

“ I'm so sorry for your lose and I will be praying for your family in the weeks to come and for Roger & Candi also for we are close friends and I knew he was close to his father but I know he is in the presence of the LORD now and no more pain will be felt.
Love Brent & Cassandra Parker

Brent "BIG" Parker - August 17, 2010 at 07:36 PM

DW

“ My dear friend Mildred, My heart breaks for you at the home-going of your wonderful love, Leon. He had the sweetest smile and was such a blessing to see the two of you together. We need to celebrate his life and now he is with our Father. I'm sure God said "Well done my child. Welcome home". Even though we can't be there with you at this time know that our prayers are lifting you up to the Father. Continue in His path He has for you and some day in the future you will hear the same words Leon has already heard. We will see you soon and you know of our love for you. Blessings and peace to you, Ruth and Alvin Wilson

Dr. and Mrs Alvin Wilson - August 17, 2010 at 07:32 PM

TO

“ I AM SO SORRY FROM COULTER FAMLY

todd - August 17, 2010 at 05:33 PM