



# Walter Verner

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**W**alter Eugene “Buck” Verner, age 87, long time family medicine physician in Memphis, died peacefully on August 17 after a long illness. He was born April 22, 1929, the son of Anna May Loller and Thomas Eugene Verner. He graduated from Christian Brothers College (now CBHS) in 1947, attended the University of Tennessee Knoxville and Memphis State University before graduating from the UT College of Medicine in 1954. He completed his internship and was long affiliated with Methodist Healthcare. After serving in the reserve corps of the Public Health Service from 1955 to 1958, Dr. Verner opened a private practice in family medicine, whose office in Raleigh was in operation until 1999. His practice was that of the family doctor, of treating patients to the second and third generation, and of house calls, sometimes in the wee hours. After forty-plus years of practicing full time, Dr. Verner continued working as a physician in an outpatient clinic until November 2015, at age 86. He served as president of the Memphis Shelby County chapter of the Tennessee Academy of Family Practice in 1981, and from 1981 to 1983 as Deputy Chief of Staff at Methodist North Hospital. He is survived by his wife Mildred Broome Verner, by her mother Margaret Broome, by his sister Juanita Verner Hopper, two daughters, Carol Verner Craig and husband Dennis, Susan Verner Wells and husband Larry, his sons, Paul Verner, Tim Verner and wife Cathy Hammer Verner, by his grandchildren Taylor and Nicholas Verner, Jamie Wells, Camp Craig and wife Virginia, and his great-granddaughter Caroline Craig. He is predeceased by his sister Walterene Redding and brother Frank Verner, and by his granddaughter Mary Stevens Craig. In honor of the grandchild he lost, the family asks that any memorials should be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 25 from 1:30-2:30 with the service to immediately follow. All services will be held at Memorial Park.



## Tribute Wall

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KL

**Ken Lyles** posted:

Walter Verner was my family's doctor as a child up through reaching my 20's. He was so great! He use to tell me he was gonna retire and wanted me to go to Canada to do some fishing with him. Great people are those you never forget and I've thought of him many times and wondered if he was in Canada fishing since I couldn't find him on the physicians list. Looking forward to seeing him again in heaven with Jesus' list of greats!!!! Miss his humor and physician care!

February 20 at 11:06 AM

JJ

**John H Oakes (Johnny)** posted:

I am one of those second generation patients. Doctor Verner was our family physician my entire life growing up. He and Dr. Jerry Deaton were responsible for my care when it was discovered I had kidney disease and they took care of me over many years until I was completely healed. My family so appreciated and are so grateful for Doctor Verner. We thank God for him. I am confident that my family is one of thousands of families that have a similar story. God bless you all and your family.

October 8 at 2:37 PM

NC

**Nadine Case** posted:

I was Dr Verners Patient for many years, a wonderful man my condolences for the family

September 2 at 12:42 PM

MP

**Memorial Park** posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Walter Verner.

August 24 at 3:10 AM

MT

**Mark Tanenbaum** posted:

Dear Millie-God has called a good man home. Buck taught me how to fish many years ago. I always enjoyed his company, his intelligence and his dry wit. I know how much he treasured his family-and his medical practice, May God heal your wound gently. Mark and Sandy Tanenbaum

August 22 at 1:35 PM



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DO

**Doris** posted:

I want Dr. Verner's family to know how well loved he was by his patients. He treated my great grandmother, my grandmother, my mom, myself and my son. He even came to my grandmother's house to treat my great grandmother. Dr. Verner was the only doctor that I and my son saw until his retirement in 1999! I was 42 when he retired and I missed him so much. I never have found a doctor that I like, like I did Dr. Verner. With all my love and deepest sympathy I send to his family. Rest in peace Dr. Verner. Doris Reagh Faust

August 22 at 12:16 PM

MR

**Martha West Roper** posted:

Buck Verner was not only our family doctor but a neighbor when we moved into Scenic Hills in 1953. He was always there when we needed him no matter time of day. One time my son, Danny West, broke his arm while i was a work. Danny got to Buck who set his arm, called me, and got him home. Rest in peace, Buck. Martha West Roper

August 22 at 4:15 AM

DT

**Danny Thompson** posted:

Dr. Verner was my doctor when I was growing up and then he became our family doctor after I was married. He was there for every family crisis and as a doctor our entire family has never forgotten his commitment to us and all the many other families that he served. After reading his obituary it is no surprise that he continued to serve the medical community toward the end of his life. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends because both his family and our community have lost a great friend! Danny Thompson

August 21 at 6:34 AM

DN

**Diane Gunter Noel** posted:

Dr. Verner was our family's doctor for about 35 years. Though our family haven't seen him in years, I will always remember his kind demeanor and how much we all loved him. The Gunter Family

August 21 at 6:10 AM



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CG

**Condolences From Belinda Killough-Gordon** posted:

Condolences from Belinda Killough-Gordon and famil purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Walter Verner.

August 19 at 9:49 AM

BG

**Belinda Gordon** posted:

My sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to all the Verner family. Rest in peace, Dr. Verner!With love,Belinda Killough Gordon

August 19 at 8:44 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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