



Dr. Thomas Leach

May 8, 1962 - May 8, 2012

Dr. Thomas Terrance Leach, Jr., age 50, of Cedar Bluff, AL left this Earth and joined in the Heavenly Celebration with his Lord, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012. Funeral Services will be held Friday at 4 pm at the Pine Grove Baptist Church, with Reverend Ricky Pollard officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm Friday at Pine Grove Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pine Grove Missions Fund. Dr. Tom, as he has been affectionately known through the years, was born in Harlingen, Texas on August 9, 1961 to Barbara and Thomas Terrance Leach, Sr. He grew up traveling the world with his parents, as an Air Force Family, residing in Texas, Indiana, Germany, Arizona, Florida, and Daphne, AL where he lived until leaving for his beloved Auburn University. It was while he was a member of the Auburn Marching Band that he met the love of his life, Barb, where they both competed for the first chair in trumpet. After graduating with High Honors, Tom married Barb in Homestead, Florida on August 9, 1986 and settled in Mobile, Alabama where he attended University of South Alabama Medical School. Upon graduation, he completed his residency in Huntsville where he served as Chief Resident. Dr. Tom opened his practice in Centre, Alabama in July of 1993, taking a two-year sabbatical in 2002 with his family as a medical missionary in Tanzania, East Africa. It was there that the Lord truly blessed this family as they shared their faith with the residents and created life-long friendships. Dr. Leach and his family returned to American and Cherokee County in 2004, resuming his practice and treated his many

beloved patients. Dr. Leach is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Pendergrass Leach, five children; Blake, Audrey, Hannah, Gregory and Brooke Wood and chosen son, Jhavonn Brown; his parents Woody and Barbara Cotton of Daphne, AL, Jan Leach of Navarre Beach, FL (the late Thomas T. Leach, Sr.), sister Viki (Eric) Woerner ("Friend of Aubie") of Vicksburg, MS, Rosie (Mike) Merold of Daphne, AL and brother, Joey Cotton of Houston, TX. Dr. Tom also dearly loved his 12 nieces and nephews and his precious mother-in-law, Audrey Pendergrass, Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Leach was very involved in his community, attending many sporting events, cheering on his children and the Cedar Bluff Tigers. He was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church, where he was a member of the choir and served as a Deacon. His varied interests included reading, running, anything Auburn-related and spending time with his family. Tom was known for his generous spirit and love for everybody, and will be greatly missed by all.

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ *dr. leach i love and miss you alot i miss seeing you at football games i miss coming and talking with you about drummaor i hope i get to see you later on i love you*

taylor walker - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Barb, Brent and I are so sorry for your loss, I know Tommy made. Tremendous difference in so many lives. God must have needed a First Trumpet!!!, Love, Brent and Melissa*

Melissa Burton - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *we want to offer our condolence to your family during this time of great lost. after our lost we find comfort in this scripture Isaiah 33:24 which gives the promise of never losing our loves ones again because it says "no resident will say Im sick" so may the God of comfort bring comfort and peace to your home.*

Robinson Family - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our family send our condolence to your family at this time of great lost. after losing a love one we found comfort in the Bible scripture Rev. 21:3,4 which says that death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain will be no more. so may Jehovah the God of comfort bring comfort to your family.*

Robinson Family - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Barb and kids, We are sorry to hear about Tom through Kirsten. We didn't cry for him but for ya'll knowing how much you love him. Always remember when you are sad and miss him so much that he is with the Lord and you will see him again. We think of you all so often and the time we had together at MLC and TZ. What a wonderful family you have!! What an awesome Dr., Husband and Father he was. We saw it first hand!! I know he will be missed. We love you all. You are in our prayers daily. In Jesus, Dean, Heather, Samuel, JonDaniel, Rachel, Rebekah and Timmy.

Heather White - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Doc Tom is what my girls called him. I remember when Casey, who is now 19, married, and a mother, would say....."Momma, I need to go see it Doc Tom, my fever is going up!" She had such a crush on him and it was just adorable! I fretted and worried when we went to any pediatrician!! But NEVER once after we started seeing Doc Tom. My youngest, Laurie, was sick and he had given her a shot of penicillian. She was 3-4 months old and had a severe reaction, turned blue, couldn't breathe, Thanks to Doc Tom and his quick thinking I have my daughter today! He counteracted that reaction and save her life in just a minute or two!! Our family has moved to Missouri in 2005, and just couldn't believe he had passed. We are all just heartbroken over the loss of such a God fearing, wonderful, man who truly touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with, whether personal, or professional. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Please accept our deepest sympathy in this time of loss. I pray that these posts put a smile on your faces, by reading and knowing how much he was loved, by not only family, friends, and patients, but by every person he ever had contact with. With much, much Love, Nathan, Deborah, Casey, and Laurie Bartlett

Nathan & Deborah Bartlett, Casey & Laurie - May 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Barb and family, I just want you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will continue to comfort you as only He can. The service was so very special. Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

Melba Clark - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ We were so sorry to hear of this. You and the children are in our prayers! May God keep you in peace. Lewis and Ginny Archer

Lewis Archer - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Barb & Family, We are so sad to hear of Tom's death. He was such a wonderful Doctor, Friend & all 'round great guy! We enjoyed working with him on the Alumni projects. He was so down to earth & fun to be with. We pray that God will be with each of you at this time & lift your spirits. May God Bless each of you!n Christian Love, Billy & Elaine C. Brooks

billy & Elaine C. Brooks - May 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dr. Leach was well loved by us all. He was a great man and doctor. My children both loved him and I feel blessed that he was their doctor. I always felt I could trust him to treat my children as he did his own. He always spoke so lovingly of his family. His pride and love for you all was so evident. Please know that our love and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.

Joy, Joel, Logan and Noah Worley - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Dear Barbara and children, We were completely shocked to learn of Tom's untimely departure for glory. We remember Tom and all of you very well. We got to know you right here in Iringa, where we have lived for the past eight years. Please be assured of our prayers during these difficult days. We look forward to seeing and hearing Tom's voice again over yonder. With our love, Bill & Pauline

Bill & Pauline Eardensohn - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dr. Tom will surely be missed. We send our prayers that you may find comfort in God.

Tom, Melissa, Janice and Zach Simpson - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dr leach was the best doc around he saw almost all of my family. He was a great man. I loved when he come in the r

Miranda long - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ May God grant your family comfort in their time of need. You will be missed Dr. Tom.

The Hartmann Family - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dr leach was the best doc around he saw almost all of my family. He was a great man. I loved when he would come in the room and hey there my big boy to my son.He treated each one of us as if we were his family. And he was a part of ours. It was awesome to have known him. Our thought and prayers go out to the family. He will be missed.

Miranda long - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VE

“ Prayers go to the family. Thanks for everything doc. Ginger. Christopher. Miranda Chris Misty and tyler

Virginia Edgeworth - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dr. Leach was a very good man.

Lanny and Tonya Ransum - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Words cannot express how devastated I feel. Tom was a dear precious friend and brother to me. It is hard for me to imagine life without him. He meant so much to my family. He was the most compassionate person I have ever known, my prayers are with the family. I love you all.

Pam Prince - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I was so shocked to hear Dr. Leach had passed away. As a fellow Auburn Alumni, I shared his passion for Auburn. He was a wonderful and kind man. I can't remember seeing him without a smile. He will truly be missed. My prayers go out to his family as I know that mere words cannot truly comfort them in this difficult time, only God can.

Amy Reynolds - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Dr. Leach. He will always be remembered for his love and patience towards our autistic grandson, when so few were willing to understand. Dr. Leach will be greatly missed.

Charles & Cynthia Causey - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I have known Dr. Leach for 12 years as I called on him as a Pharmaceutical rep. I have always thought the world of Dr. Leach and had great respect for him. He was always upbeat and nice with such dedication to his work and patients. He will be greatly missed by many. For the family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Dr. Leach Sharon Spaulding

Sharon Spaulding - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I lived in Centre, Alabama for 30 years and I have always heard wonderful things about Dr. Tom. He will be missed by all. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Diane Gibson - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our family would like to send our sympathies, he was a wonderful person and a beautiful soul. My children loved him as thier doctor and I will dearly miss the way he made them feel loved and cared for everytime we saw him, not just at the office. I am so sorry for your loss and am grateful for being blessed to know such a wonderful person!

Alicia Smith - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I pray that God will comfort you and give you strength .

Becky mcmichen - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I just wanted to say I'm sorry for the family's loss. He was a great man who will be missed by so many .

Brandie Zuber Hawthorne - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Mungu akubariki. I think we met you all once. We were in Shinyanga, TZ at the time and Terry was on the Kigoma Hospital Board. We just wanted you to know of our prayers. Terry and Twylia

Terry and Twylia Bell - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ To the family of Dr Leach my heart goes out to you at this time. There are no words anyone can offer you to ease your pain, however there is comfort in GOD's words "Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted" Please hold onto those words in this time of despair. Heaven has truly gained another angel

sherby norton - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dr Leach will be Dearly missed by my family, He was a great man and was great with my girls, they loved him very much. You and your family are in our prayers. We will always remember him.

Shonda, Chris, Savannah Mullinax, Patience West, - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ *The boys loved their Dr. Tom and he loved them.*

Belinda & Eddie Gladden, Trentin & Quentin - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *A great man, Will always have a special place in our hearts. Praying for the Leach family.*

june burt - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *There are no words that can express how we feel about your loss. He was not just our doctor, he was a wonderful friend. We are blessed that he was in our lives and will keep him in our hearts forever.*

Ann, Randy, Jamie & Jesse Hooper - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to this family during this time of loss. Dr. Tom was a great and wonderful person in and out of his office. My family has known him since I was just a kid. He was my daughters Dr and he will be greatly missed.*

Seth, Brittany and Madison Miller - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *a truly great man he literally saved my life twice he is a inspiration to all he will be missed and loved by all my prayers and thoughts with all family and friends it was a honor to know him god bless*

trudy walsh and family - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ No words can express how sorry I am for your loss. Pam and Tom Henson

Dr. Pam Henson - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ So sorry for your loss -

Dwight & Beth Robinson - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this tough time. Dr. Tom was so special to our family. We feel fortunate that we had the opportunity to know him. Jake says "i love you Dr. Tom" We will miss you. Michael, Misty, Jake, Emmy and Jameson.

Misty Cothran - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Such a wonderful Doctor to me and my family. May God bless you in this time of sadness.

Rebecca Holt - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you Dr. Leach's family. He was well loved. He was like our family memeber too. He has been our Doctor since we moved out here from California in 1994. He took care of my 4 kids and grandkids as their physican. He was so funny and kind. Like to joke around with us when we came in to see. My heart goes out to you. I feel that I have loss a family memeber. He was a good man. God Bless You and your family..

Tammy Amos - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My heart hurts so bad for you all. He has been my doctor since I was 6. He always said i was nothing but a "DIVA." He meant so much to me and always put a smile on my face. He was a great man and accomplished so much. My thoughts and prayers are with ya!*

Angelique Kordich - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Dr. Tom was one if the kindest men I ever known. And a very caring doctor. He will truly be miss by all who knew him. May god bless you all.*

Susan Ellison - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ *Our sympathy to the family.*

Gary and Kay Davis - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *So very, very sorry for your loss. Please know we are lifting you and your precious family up in prayer. Dr. Leach was much loved by many of us; some of us worked with him; others were cared by him. He was always compassionate, concerned and caring. He always spoke of his family; how much he loved all of you. I pray that you and your family feel God's love all around you; and know that we, at Pine Grove Baptist, love you and extend our hearts to you. Love in Christ, Bobby & Phyllis Garrett*

Bobby & Phyllis Garrett - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Be will be missed. He was Annaston's doctor.*

Jessica and Annaston Twilley - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Dr. Leach will be missed very much by all. There will never be another Dr like him. He is now gone to be with our savior Jesus. God Bless his family in there time in need.*

Cecil, Karen, Sara, Little Cecil and April Ferguson - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Dr. Tom, as my family called him, was a wonderful man. He was truly dedicated to his family, and loved them with his whole soul! I have never met a man who loved his community or that had more love for ppl in general than him. He will be greatly missed by many, and never forgotten. I never had the pleasure of meeting his wife and children, but have heard more stories than I could recall! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

Kim Anderson Ray - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *To Barb and the children, My family, the Kimmerlings are all feeling your loss and the sadness of this. My brother Ryan will now have a buddy in heaven. Find peace for all of you.*

LeAnn - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *we are so sorry to here about your loss your family is in our prayers he was our sons doctor for about a year we had finally found a great doctor for our son but now we have to look again he will be missed once again your in our prayers may god bless you*

jeff & lynn stinson - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We love you DR LEACH!!!!
Amy&daishaun&aubree&michaelJohnson

amy johnson - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Barb and family, I'm a drug rep, and have known Tom for 8 years and he was one of my favorite friends. My daughter just finished her masters at Auburn. We shared so many family and Auburn conversations. He loved you and the kids so much. I saw him share his faith in clinic and demonstrated integrity in his work. I will miss him so much and will be praying for you all in the days ahead. Trust in Jesus!

Mike Chandler - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ With deepest sympathy, May God Bless you all. Dr. Leach will surely be missed.

Nick, Lisa, Austin Agan - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My thought and Prayers are with you during this horrible time. Dr. Tom was a wonderful doctor and man of God. I was a patient of his when he first came to Centre and I have been taking my 8 year old son to him many years. He was a very kind and compassionate man who loved his patients and his patients loved him. My life and my child's life have been greatly touched by Dr. Tom. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed forever!

Joy Green - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our deepest sympathy goes to the Leach family. May God be with you through out this difficult time. Our Prayers our with you.

Kathy DeBerry - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ No Words !

Kimberly Fife - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ To the Family of Dr. Tom, So sorry for your loss, he was wonderful, kind man & Doctor. R.I.P. Dr. Tom

Joan Higgins - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dr. Tom, You will be truly missed! To your Beloved Family, our prayers are with you. God Bless you all!

The Cothran Family - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ So sorry for your loss. He will always hold a very special place in our hearts. GOD BLESS YOU.

June - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Barb, Just wanted to tell you and the kids that you are in our thoughts and prayers. A great man left us but I am glad we have another angel to watch over us. Earl and Marie Kelly Tyler Lampman Lauren Barnett.

Marie Kelly - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Praying for the family..... He will truly be missed...

Tom, Lisa and madison key... - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My children, Alexis, Alex, & Carson along with myself, Shalon Webb, want to express our deepest sympathy for ur family. Dr. Leach was a wonderful caring man & doctor. To me & my family he was more than jst a doctor, he was our friend. He had so much compassion & patience with my kids. We love him & our prayers are with each & every member of his family. May God bless you all & help you through this time.

Shalon Webb - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Our prayers go out to Tommy's family. I knew him from high school, and knew then, he would touch many lives during his lifetime. I considered him a role model, a fine musician, and shining light in whatever task he was involved with. He had a great sense of humor too, always smiling, and still smiling today, in heaven! Now, Blanche will have him playing scales, I hope he can remember all of them. Gosh, she really loved him too.

George Miller - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dr. Leach was the best doctor my kids could have asked for . He was their doctor and their friend and he will be greatly missed by our family.

LaWanda Bowen - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM