



William E. Locke

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William (Bill) E. Locke, M.D. transitioned to eternal life on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Dr. Locke

was born on September 29, 1929, in Batavia, NY, the son of Ethel Mann Locke and William E.

Locke, Jr. Bill grew up in New York and graduated as president of the senior class of Batavia High School in 1947.

He obtained his B.S. degree from St. Lawrence University in 1951 and an M.D. from the University of the State of New York Medical College at Syracuse in 1954. Dr. Locke finished an Internship at St.

Joseph Hospital in Syracuse in 1955 and a Residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brooke Army

Hospital in 1960. Dr. Locke served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1955 to 1964 and was

honorably discharged as a Major. He had a private practice of Ob/Gyn in San Antonio, TX, from 1964 to 1992, after which he spent three years as a locum tenens in Obstetrics and Gynecology in

Texas, New York, Michigan, and Oklahoma. Dr. Locke also worked as Chief of Staff at Northeast

Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Then, he and Betty moved to the Rio Grande Valley, and Dr. Locke



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worked as a staff Obstetrician/Gynecologist at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco, TX, until his retirement in 1999.

Dr. Locke also made time for hobbies. He was an avid snow skier, tennis, and volleyball player. Dr.

Locke loved to sing and was active for many years in San Antonio's Chordsmen Chorus and Barbershop Harmony Society.

Dr. Locke was an active member of St. John's Chapel in Monterey, California, for many years.

He and his wife Betty were frequent travelers to many parts of the world, and from 1987 until 2015,

were avid motor homers who traveled throughout the U.S. From 2009-2015, they lived and traveled

full-time in their motorhome and often volunteered as "workampers" in state and county parks. From

2015-2019 they were residents of Salinas, CA. In 2019 they moved back to the Rio Grande Valley and have been enjoying a leisurely life at John Knox Village Retirement Community.

Dr. Locke is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty Sue Locke; Son, David Locke (Valerie); Daughter,

Lisa Locke (Douglas McCutcheon); Son, Stephen Locke (Christine Brown); Sister, Patricia Allen, Step-daughters Terri Sailors (Phil Gurvitz)

and Mary Frances "Sissy" Sailors (Harry "Red" Conger); Grandchildren Tyler Locke, Marissa Locke,

Ryan Locke, Mallory Sampson, Austin Locke, and Amanda Locke. He was preceded in death by



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Daughter-in-Law Sonia Locke and Son-in-Law David Chartier.

Dr. Locke's life will be celebrated on Sunday, November 20th, 3pm, at John Knox Village in Weslaco.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the "Dr. William E. Locke Memorial Fund" at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Division of Institutional Advancement, 701 E. Expressway 83, Box #13, McAllen, TX 78501. Gifts can be made online at

<https://give.utrgv.edu/LockeMemorial>



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CF

Cathi Fithian posted:

Oh, I do hope Bette is still alive! I am the recruiter that got Bill and Bette started on their journey of Locum Tenens. That is a story in its self! Bill and Bette became such good friends; they couldn't make it to my wedding, but they came to my parent's house the next weekend....in their motor home! Dr Locke even took out the stiches from my Golden Retriever, who had a lump removed, which turned out to be a fatty tumor ! I last saw them when I was still living in Wilmington, separated from my husband. They talked me into going to an Urgent Care facility, as I had been bitten by my neighbor's dog. Not knowing when I had my last tetanus shot and having complete trust in Dr. Locke, we went to the closest Doc in a Box! Got a tetanus shot and we went on down town to the Cotton Exchange! Hundreds of shops in 8 former buildings, dating back to the 18th century. They insisted that I buy 2 Golden Retriever ceramics; they bought one and I bought 1! I had 2 goldens then, Freeman and Style. Bette, I still have them! I now have Golden # 6, Phineas, and #3 Great Dane, Mercy! You and Dr. Locke were more than clients to me! I love you both dearly! I came back to Ohio to care for my mom, in 2007 until her death in 2010. My plan was to go back to Wilmington, NC but I decided to stay. I was 25 when I moved to Raleigh and I decided I wanted to get to know my brothers, as adults. I'm so glad that I did, as my older brother died in early November 2023, at the age of 69. I'm going to leave my email and hope that I hear from you, Bette. You both were so important to me!

May 15 at 11:12 PM

RS

Ramona Slivon posted:

Dr. Locke delivered my last four children. He was wonderful and caring. I will never forget him. God bless Dr. Locke and his family.

June 20 at 2:55 PM

SN

Scott Neely posted:

Absolutely beautiful! Scott & Margaret Neely

November 23 at 12:10 PM

AL

Alyson Levis posted:

Thank you for sharing all of these wonderful memories of Bill. He was a great man ❤️

November 21 at 3:54 AM



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Roberta & Laura posted:

Did not know your dad Terri but this is a great video made me feel like I did. Thank you for sharing these memories!

November 19 at 6:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Locke family.



November 18 at 12:53 PM



Friends & Family posted:

Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of William E. Locke.

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Leeann Coburn posted:

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Douglas Brunette lit a candle in honor of William.

Bill and Betty Locke opened their home to me, at the time a complete stranger, 48 years ago when I was a 19 year old naïve college sophomore aspiring to a career in medicine. At that time I was attending the same undergraduate college, St. Lawrence University, that Dr. Locke had graduated from in 1951, and I enrolled in a mentor program that Dr. Locke had signed up for as a possible mentor, probably thinking no one from the upper East Coast would ever come to San Antonio and shadow his OB/GYN practice. I ended up spending over a year living with Bill and Betty, working as an aide at the county hospital, after which I launched my own career in medicine. I can honestly say that my life would have been completely different if it were not for Bill and Betty. But I owe them more than providing a spark and jump start to my career. They became another set of parents to me, and as such provided a shining example of how to live life, how to love others, how to care, to be kind and giving. For this I am eternally grateful for their presence in my life over the past 48 years. With Love, Douglas



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The Entire Bill Lovell family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of William E. Locke.

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Teryl Rios posted:

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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