



Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.

April 7, 1937 - March 14, 2015

Ronald Paul Mahoney, M.D., left this life to join his Father in heaven on March 14, 2015.

Ron was born in Standish, Michigan on April 7, 1937, the second of four children of Charles Joseph and Helen Monica Stawowy Mahoney. Ron received an athletic scholarship and played quarterback for the Bulldogs, earning the Bulldog of the Year award for outstanding student athlete before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University in 1959.

Ron received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Loyola University of Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine in 1963 and completed his internship in internal medicine in 1964 at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He was drafted in 1964 to serve in U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and was sent to war, crossing the Pacific on the U.S.S. Gordon. Ron served as a captain and surgeon with the 1st Infantry's 2nd Brigade in Vietnam from 1965-66, caring for U.S. soldiers, South Vietnamese military and civilians within and outside the war zone.

Capt. Mahoney traveled regularly throughout dangerous territory in his jeep, treating with equal care those suffering with tuberculosis, pneumonia, malaria, leprosy and other life-threatening illnesses. He received the Bronze Star for

meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor for humanitarian service to the South Vietnamese people. His military service always was a tremendous source of pride to Ron and his family.

Upon returning from Vietnam he completed both a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at the University of Iowa. He and his wife Carol Dwyer Mahoney moved to Houston in 1970 and raised eight children in the Memorial area.

Ron practiced cardiology in Houston and in 1977 opened his own practice, Diagnostic Cardiology of Houston, and initiated the cardiology program at the newly opened Memorial Southwest Hospital. He served as the director of cardiology at Memorial Southwest for many years, establishing it as one of the Houston area's premier hospital cardiology programs. While at Southwest, Ron crafted an outreach program bringing cardiology services to Eagle Lake, Cuero and other underserved areas in southeast Texas, a program inspired and modeled in part on the care he provided to outlying regions during his Vietnam service.

At Diagnostic Cardiology of Houston, Ron mentored countless residents and interns at the beginning of their medical careers, maintaining those relationships and guidance throughout his life. At his practice, he remained as loyal to his employees as his patients, sharing their joys and challenges as he worked side by side with many of them for decades.

In recent years, Ron initiated the cardiology program at Methodist Hospital Sugar Land, bringing his style of big city medicine with small town quality patient care to yet another growing Houston population. Until last week, Ron continued his exemplary care while still seeing patients at Methodist.

In 2008, he was honored with the first-ever Humanitarian Award from the Ferris Foundation at his alma mater, Ferris State University. His fulfilling life away from medicine was devoted to his family, travel with his wife Donna and a lifelong love of literature and learning.

He is survived by his wife Donna and eight children, son Dr. Stephen (Suzy), daughter Michelle (Dave) Thomas, daughter Maureen (Derek) Barcinski, son Matthew, daughter Charlene (Max Lyons), daughter Ann Marie (Marek Teklinski), son Michael (Jennifer) and daughter Elizabeth Ann (Evan) Mallett. Dr. Mahoney is also survived by former wife Carol and brother Gerald (Wendy), and grandchildren Jenna and Samuel Mahoney, Aidan Thomas, Meghan and Nicholas Barcinski, Caitlan Mahoney, Lily and Cooper Teklinski, Cameron Mallett and Olivia, Brynn and Colin Mahoney. Ron is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his parents, brother James and sister Marilyn Lau.

A Celebration of Life with the Holy Eucharist will be at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Rd., Houston, Texas 77024 on Saturday, March 21 at 11 a.m. Celebrant is The Rev. Stuart Bates. Following the service the family will receive guests during a reception at Royal Oaks Country Club, 11839 Meadowglen Lane, Houston, Texas 77082. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the St. Francis Episcopal Church or The Westview School (www.westviewschool.org) in Houston or the Ronald P. Mahoney Football Scholarship Endowment at the Ferris Foundation at 101 Prakken Building, Suite 101, 420 Oak St., Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan, 49307.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Episcopal Church
345 Piney Point Road
Houston, TX 77024

Reception

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Royal Oaks Country Club
11839 Meadowglen Lane
Houston, TX 77082

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dr. Mahoney has been my cardiologist since 1988. He was a wonderful doctor and seeing him was always a bright spot during my pressing medical times. I will miss my annual visit with him and will certainly miss the level of care and compassion that came with seeing him. We lost a great doctor and a great man. My condolences to his family.*

Gregory Rudichuk - May 22, 2015 at 11:57 AM

JG

“ In the summer of 1976 a company doctor sent me to Dr. Mahoney's office downtown at Memorial Hermann hospital. Ron had apparently made the rounds of corporate medical departments to introduce his newly opened practice of diagnostic cardiology. Later he told me he had to put the stress lab together with off-the-shelf equipment at a time when he didn't have "two nickels to rub together."

At that first time, and on a few subsequent occasions, Dr. Mahoney was involved in interventions that extended, but more likely, saved my life. My semi-annual appointments were a pleasure to anticipate, as was the last visit with him in January. It is sad to think there won't be any more. What a great guy; what a great doctor.

My family and I are eternally grateful for his life of service to us and so many others,

John Gealy, Susanne & Elizabeth

John Gealy - April 27, 2015 at 09:31 AM

ES

“ Doctor, friend, confidant, and at the end of an exam, "Well, you're my poster boy for another year". I will truly miss him and share the sorrow of his family. God Bless you all.
Ed Sabrsula

Ed Sabrsula - April 19, 2015 at 01:45 AM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss. You and your are in our prayers. We will miss our cousin Ron. The Stawowy Family from Michigan.

Dennis Stawowy - April 13, 2015 at 09:57 AM

MF

“ *Doctor Mahoney was the best doctor / human being with the best bedside manors and personality of any doctor that's ever lived!! The world has lost a great man and heaven more magnificent because he arrived! My deepest sympathies to his family, colleagues and friends.*

Michael Fitzmaurice Magnolia, TX

Michael Fitzmaurice - April 11, 2015 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ *Donna and family,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in hopes you are relishing in all of the wonderful memories you shared and of all the patients Doc touched. He was a real mench and always had a great story or joke to share. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.
Warmest regards,*

Sheri Fellat and family.

sheri fellat - March 26, 2015 at 05:47 PM

MK

“ *My mother and I are so sadden by the loss of Ron. He saved my mothers life and always called her his little miracle girl and at 38 how lucky she was to be alive. Donna May God bless you.*

Melanie McWhorter and Melissa Keseling

melissa keseling - March 26, 2015 at 05:40 PM



MM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ron’s death. I have been a patient of his for almost 10 years. I enjoyed his sense of humor and caring behavior. I am almost 70 years old and had never had such a good rapport with a doctor. I still laugh when he was having a problem in diagnosing a condition I had and he suggested that maybe the next visit should be with an exorcist. I will miss him.

Michael Maloney

Mike Maloney - March 26, 2015 at 11:42 AM

PR

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Mahoney's passing. He was a dear friend and doctor of my father until 2004 when my father died. As one of his earliest patients at Memorial Southwest my father shared many jokes and an annual St. Patrick's Say cake with his staff. We loved the stories Dad would then share with us. Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends!

Pam Irons Romig - March 24, 2015 at 02:28 PM

NV

“ Dr Mahoney was a joy he will alway come to me with a good Joke or chase me around at any open house for a price or a glass of wine..... always a big smile on his face.
We are going to mis him soo mucho he was part of our big family at West Houston Dermatology.
We want to let the Mahoney family that they will be in our prayers.

Love

Erick, Nancy, Alex and Bruno Velazquez

Nancy Velazaquez - March 24, 2015 at 10:15 AM

SL

“ To Donna and the family of Ron Mahoney, we were deeply saddened to hear of Ron's passing! Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!

Love,
Shannon, Hang, Megan, Brittany Hannah, Mya and John Lassiter

Shannon Lassiter - March 21, 2015 at 02:34 PM

TC

“ Tim, Linda & Charlie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D..



Tim, Linda & Charlie - March 21, 2015 at 04:34 AM

JP

“ Donna: Ron was my Dr. and special friend. He was so bright and fun loving. My life was in his hands twice over the past 22 years. If Ron told me to jump out of a plane without a parachute I would not hesitate. He gave his life to so many so they could live. That includes me. May God's peace be with you, all his children and family.

God bless
Johnny & Peggy Pizzitola

johnny pizzitola - March 20, 2015 at 08:01 PM

RK

“ Dear Mrs. Mahoney; Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband and loved one. I know I will miss him as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during this sad time. With love and respect, Robert A. “Bob” Kubena – Hallettsville, TX

Robert A. "Bob" Kubena - March 20, 2015 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ Shirley Heathcock purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D..



Shirley Heathcock - March 19, 2015 at 09:37 PM

SH

“ I was fortunate enough to work for Ron Mahoney and to call him friend. He was a happy and jolly man. He made going to work a pleasure. It is such a shock to learn of his passing.

He healed so many patients with sick hearts and they all loved him.

He will be missed so much by his family, his friends, his patients, and his contemporaries, His passing will be felt in our hearts for a long, long time.

He was my dear friend as well as my wonderful boss and I send my love to his family, and to Donna, I cannot even imagine a world without him.

Shirley Heathcock

Shirley Heathcock - March 19, 2015 at 09:19 PM

SD

“ *Were it not for Dr. Mahoney I would not be here today. I cannot begin to repay him for all the kindness and attention he gave me. I am alive because he never gave up. God bless his family in their hour of need and sorrow.*

Steven Doty

Steven Doty - March 19, 2015 at 06:30 PM

BB

“ *To Ron's family: Our memories of Ron go back many years when we both practiced at Memorial Southwest. We had a sailboat at that time and Carol and several of you children went with us on the boat along with our 3 children. Ron was also the cardiologist of our friend from Mexico, Arturo Wenzel. When the Wenzel's were in town we all went out for dinner. Those are happy memories.*

Rest in peace dear Ron, and our condolences to all the family.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Barr and Betty

Bob and Betty Barr - March 19, 2015 at 03:16 PM

BE

“ *Steve, Stacy and I are very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I was fortunate enough to have met him a couple of times. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Barry Edick*

Barry Edick - March 19, 2015 at 01:48 PM

GB

“ I am feeling a multitude of sentiments after learning of the loss of Dr. Mahoney. Shock because we think a giant of man such as he will live forever, sorrow for ourselves and his precious family who he talked about constantly, loss for his soulmate, Donna, and all his co-workers who admired him so much, and the huge loss for his patients who loved him for his skill, experience, knowledge and the unbelievable compassion he had for all. There is little doubt this giant of a man with so much love and humor graduated with highest honors to Heaven. I pray his family, co-workers, friends, and patients will be comforted by this knowledge and the beautiful memories of his warm smile, compassion, and never ending wit. God bless all!

Gayle Kibble Brown - March 19, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D..



March 18, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D..



March 18, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D..*



March 18, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dr. Mahoney was the most generous, honorable and incredible friend and physician. His exceptional clinical skills were a compliment to his true calling as a healer of persons and a leader by example. His loss will be great to his family, friends and patients but his absence will be over shadowed by the great out pouring of love and warm memories by all who truly knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Donna and his wonderful family.*
Ken and Laura Rideout

Ken Rideout - March 18, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *Great Doctor, Great Guy, Good Friend...I'll miss talking wine and food with Ron every November after my yearly check ups...I've probably heard Ron's favorite jokes three or four times over the years and he always told them to me with the delivery and enthusiasm like it was the first time...Always smiling, never in a bad mood...My heartfelt condolences to Dr. Mahoney's Family...He will be missed by so many...*

*Glenn Miller
Katy, Texas*

Glenn Miller - March 18, 2015 at 10:15 AM

LI

“ Dr. Mahoney was a wonderful caring person who loved life as well as a love for medicine.

He will always leave a memory in our lives as he was a shining star!

We will keep his memory alive with his wonderful laugh as he would always had a wonderful smile and compassion for people.

Cardenas Family

lillian - March 18, 2015 at 08:21 AM

ML

“ Dr. Mahoney was such a wonderful cardiologist. I've known him since he joined the staff at Memorial Southwest Hospital. His reputation preceded his arrival at the hospital and I really was intimidated until I met "the man"! He was an inspiration and a great leader. He was a friend. That smile will remain with us forever. I cherish his memory and will miss him. As will so many people. My love to the family and prayers for your strength
Marianne LeBlanc, R.N.

Marianne LeBlanc - March 18, 2015 at 08:04 AM

LE

“ Lucy Esquibel sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ronald Paul Mahoney M.D.



Lucy Esquibel - March 18, 2015 at 07:51 AM

LE

I joined Diagnostic Cardiology of Houston in 1998. Dr. Mahoney interviewed me. I'm hired he said. I will never forget the kindnesses he has shown me over the years. I will never forget his jolly face and his words of wisdom. He was full of life, he lived to make people happy, and to stamp out "disease" were his words. I will never meet another person like Dr. Mahoney. He was one of a kind, a true humanitarian. I will miss you very much, Dr. Mahoney, but will never forget you. Lucy

Lucy Esquibel - March 18, 2015 at 08:02 AM

WH

Dr. Mahoney has been my Cardiologist for the last 19 years. I recall vividly his humorous but assuring words to my wife while I was waiting to go into surgery. I was headed for quadruple by-pass and my wife was frightened thinking I was not going to survive. Dr. Mahoney said, "Barbie, I can assure you there is a 97% chance that Whit is not going to 'buy the farm.'" Neither my wife nor I have had any doubts since that conversation in the middle of a Tuesday afternoon with the by-pass surgery later that day. I will miss that gentlemen each time I get my annual physical for however many years I have left. We wish you "God's speed" Dr. Mahoney.

Whit Herrington

Whit Herrington - March 18, 2015 at 09:03 AM

RJ

The Good Lord has taken "My Guarding Angel to be with Him." I was one of the first PTCA patients that Ron cared for over at Deo Oro hospital under the touteridge of Dr. Al Basam back in 1983.

I can't think of a nicer person than Ron. When times were tough he came thru for me and wouldn't accept payment for part of his services. That was the kind of guy he was.

I will always consider Ron as the brother I never had.

May God bless the family and loved ones during this time. This was just devastating news to me when I saw his smiling face in today's paper. This goes for my wife, Mary Nell.

Robery J. Ball, Jr.

Robert (Bob) J. Ball, Jr. - March 18, 2015 at 11:25 AM

BM

My thoughts and prayers to the family. My husband and I have been a patient of Dr. Mahoney for 12 years, and shocked when we read the news. We were always at ease in the waiting room talking to other patients. He made available coffee, puzzles, magazines and a television. You felt comfortable and at ease in his office. The staff was always professional and friendly. Dr. Mahoney always had a smile on his face and loved telling jokes. We knew we had an excellent physician and in good hands. My husband just seen him on February 26th. This is indeed a real shock. God bless Dr. Mahoney and his family.

Bob and Mary Jo

Bob and Mary Jo May - March 18, 2015 at 09:26 PM

PR

Dear Mrs Mahoney and family: I've been a patient of Ron's for almost ten years at Methodist Sugar Land. Ron was a skilled and caring cardiologist. We shared stories about Bum Phillips, our army days and speculation about the Houston Texans. Ron would watch attentively as I struggled through the cardiostress test on the treadmill. Dr Mahoney would conclude the exam saying, "Well, I'm renewing your warranty another year!" I was always glad to hear that bit of humor. He'll be missed, but never forgotten...

Fondest Regards and Condolences, Phil Rummel, Sugar Land

Phil Rummel - March 21, 2015 at 09:28 AM