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Funeral services for Oliver Wayne Elkins, 97, of Longview will be held at 10 Am Monday, December 21, 2009, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Pat Sparks and Rev. Mike Schutz officiating. Burial will follow at Rosewood Park Cemetery. Dr. Elkins died on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 in Longview.

Dr. Elkins was born on October 12, 1912 in Spearsville, Union Parish, Louisiana. He grew up in Junction City, Louisiana-Arkansas, a city divided by the state line. His home was in Louisiana, and he attended school across the state line in Arkansas. He earned his bachelor of medicine degree from Louisiana State University in 1937 and interned at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. He received his doctor of medicine degree from Louisiana State University in 1938. That same year he joined Dr. R. J. Van Sickle and Dr. Isadore Goldboom at the former Van Sickle Clinic Hospital in Longview. Dr. Elkins had over five years of service in the Medical Corps during World War II and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was with the first American casualties after a German U-boat attack during the Battle of the Atlantic. He was later assigned to the 212th General Hospital in New Guinea and later served in Manilla in the Philippines. Dr. Elkins returned to general practice in Longview in 1946. He married the beautiful Maxine Sanders on December 31, 1949, and they were married for 59 years until Maxine's death on March 29, 2009. Dr. Elkins was elected chief of staff at Good Shepherd Hospital for the year 1968-1969. He had been a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Academy of General Practice and the Gregg County Medical Society. He practiced at both Markham Hospital and Good Shepherd Hospital. Upon his retirement in 1986, then mayor, Lou Galosy, proclaimed April 30, 1986 as Dr. O. W. Elkins Day in Longview. Dr. Elkins was honored for his contribution to the health and well-being of many people, his demonstration for his total commitment to our community, and his service as the City Health Officer for 16 years. During the span of his 48 year career as a physician, Dr. Elkins displayed his skills as a surgeon, delivered hundreds of babies and was a remarkable diagnostician. Most of all, he was a loving and caring friend to all of his patients. Dr. Elkins was an enthusiastic hunter. He particularly enjoyed is father-son hunts in Alabama and Mason, Texas. He was also an avid golfer and a very loyal football fan of the Dallas Cowboys and



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the LSU Tigers. He was active member of First United Methodist Church, where he had been a member of the Men's Sunday School Class.

Pallbearers will be Gary Akins, Craig Bivins, Jeb Blount, Kent Lowrey, Marc Perkins, John Ray and Jim Wright. Honorary Pallbearers will be Hubert Akins, Tom Landers, Doyle Flatt, and Danny Downing.

He is survived by his son, David, and his wife, Celia, granddaughter, Lindsay or "Halftime" as he so affectionately called her, and her husband, Brandon Barron, and by his daughter, Ann Elkins Brown, and granddaughter, Leigh Ann Brown. The Elkins Family gratefully acknowledges the care givers that gave so much of their love, time and talents to Dr. Elkins for the last five years. The family also wishes to thank the doctors and the devoted staff at Margaret's House for the loving care Dr. Elkins and the family received during his stay. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Longview, Texas, 400 N. Fredonia Street, Longview, Texas 75601, Beacon Hospice at Margaret's House, P. O. Box 5908, Longview, Texas 75608, or a charity of your choice. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2009, at the funeral home. A memorial guestbook may be signed at www.raderfh.com



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Anonymous posted:

Dr. Elkins was my doctor when I was a teen. I was in the same class as his daughter, Ann. I was also good friends with two of his nurses, Mrs. Kay, and Mrs. Mangrum. I'm sorry to hear of his death, but am very glad that he had such a long life and so many wonderful friends. He was a great person. Steve Stone Pascagoula, MS##imported-begin##Steve Stone##imported-end##

January 23 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences in the death of Dr. Elkins. He cared for my Dad when Dad was burned in a derrick fire in 1948. I was 2 months old. He remained our family Dr. until his retirement. I was rushed to Markham Hospital when I was 4 where he performed an emergency appendectomy on me. Upon my recovery a few days later, he held my hand while I accompanied him on his "rounds" to other patients. He asked my family to let he and Mrs. Elkins adopt me. He was so very special to me and my family. And yes, he made a couple of house calls over the years when I was too sick to come to his office. I feel blessed to have known this wonderful, caring and compassionate man. He will be remembered and missed by more people than we will ever know. Trust in the Lord and know he will comfort you in this sad time. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Monica Truitt Erickson##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

It is with great sadness that I share in the passing of Dr. Wayne. He made such an impact on our family and many others, not only as our doctor, but as our friend. It is with great respect for the Elkins' family that I send my condolences. They have taken care of him for so long, and I want them to know we share their missing him. Dr. Wayne brought us into the world, and we miss him as he leaves this world for the next. I know his soul rests in peace. Carol Dickinson##imported-begin##Carol##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David, I am so sorry I was not able to come to your dad's funeral. I know it was WELL attended. He was a dear, dear man. Please know you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. YOU were a WONDERFUL son and you are a wonderful friend! Love, Donna Mc##imported-begin##Donna##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dr. Elkins delivered three of my children, Cindy-1951, Steve-1953 and Pam-1958. He ask me to please let him adopt my daughter Cindy. Our family, cherished him not only as a Dr. but as a friend. He will always be remembered for there will never be another like him. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Arline McLester##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry my mother and I were unable to attend Dr. Elkin's service. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. According to my mother Ila Davis, I was the first baby he delivered. Dr. Elkins was both friend and doctor. He will truly be missed!##imported-begin##Sharon Davis Lasseter##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your dad will be missed by many. He took care of my family for so many years. I will forever be grateful for all his loving care. I will always remember him referring to me as the "one" that went to work for the telephone company! What a great man. You are in my heart and prayers. Lana##imported-begin##Lana Myers##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear David and family, Our hearts go out to you in understanding sympathy. We do pray the Lord keep His loving arms around you at this difficult time. Wayne was such a wonderful man. He was one of Billy Patterson's favorite hunting buddies. I always enjoyed visiting with him. Love and prayers, Sister and Bill Payne##imported-begin##Sister Payne##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sad to hear about Dr. Wayne's passing. He's always been a favorite of mine. What a long and wonderful life he had. Love to all of the family. Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine Dickinson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

David, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy##imported-begin##judy thomas colbert##imported-end##

December 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr. Elkins was my husbands doctor before we married and continued to be our doctor till his retirement. He delivered all my children and made house calls any time we needed him no matter what time of night. He was a very precious, kind and loving man and so considerate of others. Annette Searcy##imported-begin##Annette Searcy##imported-end##

December 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dr.Elkins was also my Dr he was the greatest. He was there any time that we needed him he has been missed by the medical profession and now will be missed by his friends and family. Know that he is in Gods hands now and looking down watching over you now. Will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Betty Craig##imported-end##

December 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I worked in the ER at GSMC for many years and fondly remember Dr. Elkins coming by to see his patients or just visiting with the staff. Many times he was accompanied by "Halftime". He was a very loving and kind doctor. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Nancy Woodard Gibbons##imported-end##

December 18 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

The Elkins family was very close to my family, Polly and Curtis DeMoss, for many years. Please know our thoughts are with your family.##imported-begin##D'anne DeMoss McGown##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

David, Dr. Elkins is responsible for bringing me into this world in 1948. He was a very precious friend for more years than he was my doctor. Always visiting my own grandmother in the nursing home right up till her death in 1996. We give thanks for all the memories and ask Blessings for you and your family during this time of grief. The world has lost a dear sweet man. So thankful that he was a part of our "family" too. What a Blessing he was!##imported-begin##Patsy Smith Rivers##imported-end##

December 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wayne's loss is a loss to Longview, but a gain for Heaven and God will bless his family.Love,Irene Cook##imported-begin##Irene Cook##imported-end##

December 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Wayne and Maxine are now at peace together in heaven. My beloved husband, Hugh and I always remember a beautiful friendship with them. Wayne is always remembered as a wonderful and caring doctor by all. We extend our love and sympathy. Mrs.Hagemeyer, Kathy and Betsy##imported-begin##Elizabeth Hagemeyer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dr. Elkins was the Hesser family Dr. for many years and delivered me and most of my 7 brothers and sisters. The last boy was named Oliver after the Dr. because mother and daddy had five girls and one boy and my father told Dr. Elkins if he'd bring him another boy he would name the child after him. Daniel Oliver Hesser won the bet for the Dr. and my dad gave him a Silver Dollar that he kept on his desk for many years. I remember Dr. Elkins visiting me on Gum Springs road in the early 50's when I had the chicken poxs and when I took my elderly mother to see him about 8 years ago at his home he told me he thought he charged \$5.00 for house calls. He was a great Dr. and a lovely man, dearly loved by 3 generations of my family. Linda Hesser Sides 903-668-2772##imported-begin##Linda Hesser Sides##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

David, Celia, and family, Our prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Your mom and dad will be together forever. Love to all, Sherry and Richard##imported-begin##Richard and Sherry Molpus##imported-end##

December 17 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

David, Your dad was one of my favorite people. We cherished our friendship, as well as our business relationship with him. Please know that our family sends our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Margaret Wade##imported-end##

December 16 at 7:00 PM



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