



## Wilkinson Davis Fort,

October 21, 2019

Wilkinson Davis Fort, MD passed away peacefully on October 18, 2019, at Trinity Place in Albemarle, North Carolina, after enjoying a long and full life. He was born on February 11, 1926 in Lumpkin, Georgia to Gladys and Morton Fort.

He left home at 17 to attend North Georgia Military Academy in Dahlonega, Georgia as was the tradition for young men in his family.

He was drafted into the service in 1944, first into the infantry, but was later transferred to a program at the University of Chicago language center for training to become a Japanese translator.

After serving in the army, Davis attended the University of Georgia on the GI Bill, where he got a degree in banking and finance. He then returned

to his home town, where he worked in agriculture at Tucker and Fort, Inc.

Unsatisfied

with working in his small hometown, he left to return to Athens and decided to take

premedical courses. He attended medical school at the University of Tennessee,

and completed his residency at the Medical College of Virginia.

Davis settled in Albemarle, NC and established the Albemarle

Women's Clinic in November of 1966, where he was joined by his partners

John

Herring, MD and Robert Gaither, MD. He

estimated that he had delivered nearly two thousand babies during his career.

Throughout his life he always contributed to the communities that in lived in. While in Albemarle, he served as Chairman of the County Commissioners and during his tenure as a commissioner a new courthouse and

library were completed. He was a delegate at the Democratic Convention for Jimmy Carter, was on the Board of the USS Carolina, and an Assistant Clinical

Professor at UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine. He also served on the Executive Committee of the American College of Surgeons and the American College

of OB/Gyn for North Carolina. He pioneered intrauterine transfusions in NC before the advent of Rhogam.

He believed that education was the most important part of culture. To honor his late wife, Daisy T. Fort, he founded the Twenty First Century Scholars Program at Stanly Community College, and also sponsored many individual scholarships to private individuals.

In 1996, Davis Fort was preceded in death by Daisy Fort, his wife of 45 years, with whom he had two daughters, Amelia Fort Bell (Tony) of Boise, Idaho and Mercedes Fort (Rick) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

His grandchildren are Ryan Tierney Bell, Riley Katherine Bell, J. Regan Bell, Jessica Lynn Jones, Wilkinson Fort Jones, Jefferson Zornes Burns and great grandchildren; Mirren, Wyatt, Lachan, Darby and Isla.

In 1998, he married Betty Lynn Boone, who also preceded him in death in 2014. They shared his step children, Julie Boone Brown (Larry, deceased) of Raleigh, Owen Bradford Boone, Jr. (Jane) of Albemarle and Stewart Preston Boone (Christin) of Charlotte.

Step grandchildren are Alexander Stone Boone, Jackson Dwight Boone, Benjamin Kemster Brown (Brittany), Hollis Owen Brown, Savannah Hope Boone, Garrett Owen Boone and Lee Dryden Boone.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle on Friday October 25th at 2:00. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the 21st-Century Scholars program at Stanly Community College. In addition, they wish to extend heartfelt thanks to Jo Compton, Henry Snuggs, David Blalock and Debbie Wainwright, whose generous, loving care and companionship made it possible for him to enjoy his last years at home.

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ So sorry for the passing of Dr. Fort. He was a very good Dr. He was my favorite at the office. Sending my Thoughts n Prayers.

Becky L Davis - October 30, 2019 at 10:28 PM

BJ

“ Amie & Deed, my heart goes out to you and your families I the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful, genteel man who will be missed greatly. I pray you find peace and comfort in knowing he is joining his loved ones. What a wonderful life he lived! I love you both. Condolences to the entire Fort family.

Bonita Williams Johnson - October 23, 2019 at 12:58 AM

CL

“ Dr. Fort was the the most kind, gentle & compassionate person. He will be greatly missed.

Charlene Lewis - October 22, 2019 at 11:45 PM

JG

“ Dr. Fort was truly a gentleman. He was very compassionate and cared greatly for his patients. Yes he always had a smile. He was diffently an asset to our County. He delivered my first born. He could have written a book on his life and it would have been a best seller. He gave of himself to help others. God bless all of the family.. Rest in Peace Dr. Fort.

Janice Goodwin - October 22, 2019 at 10:37 PM

PH

“ Prayers of comfort and peace to all the family of this kind,compassionate, and great man who blessed our County with his service in so many ways. God Bless You.

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**Pattie and Michael Huneycutt** - October 22, 2019 at 01:52 PM

DS

“ I send the family my sympathy for their loss. He was a special doctor and I am pleased that he delivered all 3 of my children. He was caring and friendly to a scared mother!

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**Delaine Simpson** - October 21, 2019 at 10:20 PM

GH

“ Very nice man. Delivered both of my children. Thoughts and prayers to all.

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**Gwen Hinson** - October 21, 2019 at 08:41 PM

BM

“ He was a kind and gentle man. RIP

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**Brenda moore** - October 21, 2019 at 08:20 PM

KG

“ Dr.Fort was integral in training me as an OB/Gyn nurse just out of nursing school starting in 1974. He was an excellent physician, a gentleman and a wonderful mentor! My sympathies to the family on your loss.

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**Karen Almond Garber** - October 21, 2019 at 07:01 PM

LS

“ Sending prayers for the family. He was a wonderful Dr., whom delivered both of my daughters. There's been no one like him.

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**Loretta Skeen** - October 21, 2019 at 06:53 PM

BM

“ I want express my sympathies to all the families of Dr. Davis Fort! Dr. Fort was a good friend of mine & my 1st husband Jimmy Duke & his family! Dr, Fort & his 1st wife, Daisy were wonderful people! Prayers of Comfort & Peace are going out to the families who were left behind!  
Becky Mintzer

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**Becky Stoker Duke Mintzer** - October 21, 2019 at 04:12 PM

MO

“ Prayers of comfort and condolences are extended to all who loved him, he was always smiling and was very caring of his patients.

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**Margaret A Owens** - October 21, 2019 at 03:55 PM

ER

“ Dr. Fort was a caring, compassionate doctor, a kind and giving person, and the epitome of a true southern gentleman. Stanly County has been truly blessed by his life. Prayers of comfort and condolences are extended to all who loved him.

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**Elaine Richards** - October 21, 2019 at 03:36 PM

AE

“ *What a wonderful journey Dr. Fort led! I first met Dr. Fort as a patient for many years followed by a career in nursing. He was always very kind and caring in both respects. It has been years since I have spoken with him but I will always remember him as a physician and great man in our community. They say people don't remember what you say or do but how you treat them. I agree, and Dr. Fort will be remembered fondly by many for that very reason. Many prayers for his family and may you rest in peace, Dr. Fort.*

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**Adrienne Beaver Eller** - October 21, 2019 at 03:26 PM