

## Don Roberts

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Dr. Don Rowland Roberts Jr. died at the Brunswick hospital of Southeast Georgia Health System on March 13. A fifth generation Brunswick native, Dr. Roberts was the only child of the late Don Rowland Roberts and Ruby Brantley Roberts. Dr. Roberts was a graduate of Glynn Academy and the University of Georgia. He received his medical degree from The Medical College of Georgia where he was a member of Phi Rho Sigma, and where he would later serve on its Board of Trustees.

After receiving his medical degree, Dr. Roberts served two years in Frankfurt, Germany as a Captain in the 97th General Hospital Unit of the United States Army where he developed a lifelong affinity for the German language and culture. Upon his discharge from the Army, Dr. Roberts completed his orthopaedic [sic] residency at Shands Teaching Hospital at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Florida. In 1965, Dr. Roberts returned to Brunswick and established Coastal Orthopedics, P.C. Dr. Roberts was a gifted and respected orthopaedic surgeon. He served more than one term as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery of Glynn Brunswick Memorial Hospital. He was elected a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 1969 and 1970 respectively. He was elected a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons in 1973.

Dr. Roberts was a man of uncommon wisdom, wit and intellect. He had a profound sense of history, heritage and tradition. He was meticulous in his every endeavor. Many of Dr. Roberts' younger professional and paraprofessional colleagues can attest to the role that Dr. Roberts dutifully served as their mentor and counselor. He was a meaningful contributor to the establishment and training of Glynn County's first generation of paramedics.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Dvorak Roberts; his three children, Constance R. Warner of Columbus, Catherine R. Rohde of Alpharetta and Don R. Roberts III of Atlanta; and six grandchildren, Mary Ashley Rohde (Ashley), Abigail Elizabeth Rohde (Abbey), James R. Warner, Jr. (Jack), Henry Roberts Warner (Hank), Sam Taylor Roberts (Sam) and William Collins Roberts (Will).

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 at Oak Grove Cemetery and a memorial service will follow at St. Simons Presbyterian Church, 201 Kings Way at 3 p.m. with the Revs. Robert Brearley, Deanie Strength, and R. John Law officiating. A reception at the Church for friends and family will follow immediately thereafter. Edo Miller Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Don R. Roberts Jr. Memorial Fund for the maintenance of Oak Grove Cemetery in care of P.O. Box 1024, Brunswick, Ga. 31521.

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