



## Dr. Selwyn T. Hartley

March 15, 1941 - April 17, 2013

### Biography

SELWYN THOMAS HARTLEY, JR., MD

Selwyn Thomas Hartley, Jr., MD passed away April 17, 2013. He was born on March 15, 1941 and was the son of Evelyn Tompkins Hartley and Selwyn Thomas Hartley, Sr. Dr. Hartley spent his childhood years in Davisboro, Washington County, Georgia. He graduated from North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia, where he met his forever love, Jacqueline Hinton, whom he married in 1965. He graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and interned in the United States Air Force, where he later served as a flight surgeon, his last assignment being Dispensary Commander at Tainan Air Force Base, Taiwan.

In 1971, after only one night shift in the Emergency room, Selwyn found his specialty niche and began a medical career that spanned almost four decades. He was director of the Emergency Department at Clayton General Hospital, now Southern Regional, and there established the first EMS System in Georgia. He was a founding member and officer of the American College of Emergency Physicians and practiced in later years at both Parkway and Newnan Hospitals. After military service, he and Jacqueline settled in their

College Park, Georgia home where he passed away on Wednesday evening, quietly holding her hand. Selwyn enjoyed entrepreneurial ventures with great success. He loved history and literature; folk music and Beethoven; the Smoky Mountains and the villages of England; high tech gadgets and old-fashioned word puzzles; greyhounds and alley cats; college football and poker; nephews and nieces, ours both by birth and by friendship.

He disliked pretense, prejudice, modern art, gossip and unkindness. He spoke little but said much. In addition to his wife of 48 years, he is survived by a brother, Jonathan Dale Hartley; brother in-law and sister in-law, Jim and Ann Hinton; niece and great and great-great nieces Linda Hinton, Farin, Alexin, Jadyn and Daxlyn; nephew Lt. Col. Stan Hinton and wife Marcie, great nephews Kyle Hinton and Lt. Shane Hinton and wife Brittaney. To this list are added a wealth of devoted friends. In lieu of sending flowers or donations, Selwyn left two borrowed memorial wishes, the first from writer H.L. Mencken: "If after I depart this vale you ever remember me and have thought to please my ghost, forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl." And the second from jazz musician Hubie Blake: "Be grateful for luck. Pay the thunder no mind. Listen to the birds. And don't hate nobody." A Celebration of Selwyn's remarkable life and a proper English wake will be held at a later date. Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ TODAY IS JANUARY 18, 2014, I AM SADDENED TODAY, BECAUSE TODAY IS THE DAY I FIND THAT SELWYN HARTLEY HAS PASSED. I KNEW HIM AT TAINANAFB IN TAIWAN, AS I WORKED IN THE DISPENSARY THERE. I FOUND HIM TO BE A GENTLE, CONFIDENT PERSON AND ENJOYED BEING AROUND HIM. MY DAUGHTER LIVES IN ATLANTA, AND DURING THE XMAS SEASON OF 2012 I LOOKED UP HIS PHONE# AND TALKED TO BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE AND , OF COURSE, THEY REMEMBERED ME. IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE RENEWING THAT ACQUIANTENCE. I AM THANKFUL THAT I KNEW HIM.

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**MILTON ELLERSON** - January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I new Selwyn (Buddy) all my life but I didn't get to spend much time with him. He was a fascinating person, very intelligent, and very witty. I will miss him.

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**Larry Tompkins** - July 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I attended college with Selwyn. He was a good friend and always fun and interesting to be with. Though we have gone our separate ways, I know if I had run into him, it would have been as if we never parted. Perhaps we'll meet again.  
A good pal  
Joel Black MD

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**Joel W Black MD** - May 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Great memories and greatest respect for a great man .. he will be missed, but always remembered...*

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**John / Kathy Raborn** - April 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy at your great loss, from the family of Wilhelmenia (Micki) Hartley Ellingson.*

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**Norman Ellingson** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Selwyn Hartley was a man of many facets.*

*He was good at ping pong and poker.*

*He was an avid fan of Mark Twain.*

*He loved fine motor cars and great pianos.*

*We remember one evening at his home he sang a song and played his guitar while sitting on the hearth of his fireplace.*

*Selwyn's dedication to his medical career was second only to Jacqueline, the love of his life.*

*He was a kind and learned man...he was our friend...we will miss him greatly.*

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**John & Hazel Inzer** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My heart goes out to Selwyn's family. Although I have not seen him since our school days, I am saddened to learn of his death. He played trombone near me as I played Sousaphone in the HS band. He was a great friend, and a delight to be around. He will be missed greatly!

Rev. Dr. Willis H. Moore - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I loved working with Dr. Hartly-he knew more about emergency medicine than anyone I have ever known. As a matter of fact, he knew more about EVERYTHING than anyone I have ever known. I will miss him greatly.

Barbara Kilgore - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ With deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Dr. Robert Halpern - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ The World has lost a great man. He created the EMS system in Georgia.

James & Sharlotte Padgett - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ He was an inspiration for me back in the 1980s when I was just out of high school, working at Clayton General ER and began my career in Emergency Medicine. I have a tremendous amount of respect for him and miss him.

Jeff Davis - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Dr. Hartley..one of a kind! Your quiet demeanor spoke volumes. Thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.*

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**Amy C McCullough** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *A man who changed things for the better.*

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**Tom Thornton** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *RIP Dr. H*

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**Greg Singleton** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *So sorry to learn of his passing. I met him a few years ago, and enjoyed his unique and intelligent outlook on life, and of course his love of my country..the UK. Thoughts and prayers with Jacqueline and the family.*

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**Stephanie Heger** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM