



Dr. William C. Link

June 20, 1924 - September 1, 2014

Dr. William C. Link, M.D., 90, of Bloomington, a man who brought countless lives into the world and to better health through decades as a practicing physician, passed away on September 1. Dr. Link was born on June 20, 1924, in Oolitic, Ind. to Jesse Cecil Link and Beulah Irene (Braden) Link in a small rustic cabin. After moving to Bloomington, he graduated from Bloomington High School in 1941.

Dr. Link attended Indiana University in 1941 and 1942, where he was a member of the IU Marching 100 and the IU rifle team. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve and was called to active duty as a private in June 1943, serving in World War II and through 1946. He would go to basic training at Camp Wheeler, Va. and become a medical corpsman, subsequently attending Johns Hopkins University's pre-medical program prior to earning his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia in 1949. Dr. Link was stationed in Germany with the occupying forces from 1950 to 1952, achieving the rank of Captain in the 16th Army Field Hospital - the same hospital in which his father served during World War I.

On Oct. 5, 1944, Dr. Link married the love of his life, Caroline Veronica (Rinker), and in 1952 moved his family and established a successful medical practice with his wife. For more than 50 years,

he provided medical care to the Bloomington community, caring for generations of residents, delivering the first set of triplets in Bloomington and providing pro bono care to poor and indigent families. Dr. Link continued to make house calls for many years, and in 2002 he achieved Emeritus status as past president and a lifelong member of the Monroe County Medical Society. He was also a member of the American Medical Association and Indiana Medical Association. Dr. Link and his family were members of the Arlington United Methodist Church in Bloomington. He was active in the Bloomington community, and Dr. Link was a lifelong aficionado of sports cars, literature and cinema.

Dr. Link was preceded in death by his loving wife, Caroline, as well as his parents and one grandchild David J. Link Jr.. He leaves behind a proud family, his legacy and progeny, including daughters Rebecca Melwid (Pete) of Ocala, Fla.; Patricia Brown (Willis) of Springfield, Vt.; Billie Moore (Bruce) of Bloomington; and sons William Cecil "Peter" Link, Jr. (Sally) of Bloomington; Dwight Link of Bloomington; and David "Jon" Link of Indianapolis; 15 grandchildren including Wolfgang Schwenzner, Michelle Burgess Clason, John Melwid, Della Dietz, Valerie Tocco, Brandon Moore, Willis "Kubie" Brown IV, Stori Link, Mercede Moore, Amy Link Chitwood, Matthew Moore, Sam Brown, William C. "Billy" Link III, Austin Link, and Robert Link; and 16 great-grandchildren, Tiffany Quick, Justin Quick, Beau Burgess, Logan Clason, Johnny Melwid, Jennifer Melwid, Mark Schwenzner, Evelyn Chitwood, Nathan Chitwood, Zachary Dietz, Ethan Moore, Grant Moore, Luke Tocco, Layla Tocco, Gavin Matthews, and Gwen Matthews; and two great-great grandchildren, Aydin Morazan and Andrea Quick.

Friends may call from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 6

at Arlington United Methodist Church at 1820 Arlington Rd.,
Bloomington. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. followed by a
burial service with family and close friends at Shilo Cemetery in
Unionville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to
Arlington United Methodist Church or Bloomington Hospice, 619 West
First Street.

Tribute Wall

HE

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Link. He was a true friend, and he was a great physician. Dr. Link was a remarkable man who always gave to others. I will forever remember his kindness. My sincere condolences to the Link family.

Henry Vinson

Henry Vinson - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MP

“ To children of Bill and Caroline:
I am so sorry for your loss. I came across this obituary by accident. Had I any idea that Bill was still living, I would have contacted him sooner.
Most of my friends have passed away, so I took it for granted your parents also had. My first husband and I used to live close to Bill and Caroline, and counted them as good friends for a long time. My husband's name was Jonathan Johns, our children, Johnny, Chris, and Rachel Johns. I remarried, and both my husbands have passed. I'm sorry I lost touch with your parents, whom I remember so very fondly. My prayers for all of you. Marlene

Marlene Talbott-Green PhD - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the Link family during this sad time. Many fond memories having lived next door during my childhood. God bless you all.

Sheila Sirois McDonough - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

A(

“ *Pete & Sally & all of the Link Family -
So sorry to hear of your loss. Hope you all are able to relish the
great memories of him.
Love to all -
Anne*

Anne Hazeltine (Routes) - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

K(

“ *Dr. Link was a truly beautiful human being.*

*His love of God and his kindness, compassion, and skill as a
physician enabled him to leave this world a better place than he
found it. He and his wonderful wife Caroline made bearing the
burden of illness and injury immeasurably easier than it would have
been without their loving ministrations.*

*We share deeply the sense of loss and sorrow of his family and his
friends, but encourage them to take comfort as we do in the fact that
we'll be able to again enjoy his and Caroline's company when we
are reunited with them and with all our loved ones in the hereafter,
as promised by our Lord.*

Ken and Marilyn (Schrock) Rogers - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KA

“ *Pete and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Love and Prayers,
Kat*

Kat Anderson - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

BO

“ *Billie and family: you are in my thoughts and prayers. Memories and prayers will get you through the difficult days & times.*

Brenda Ooley - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KN

“ *Sincere sympathy to the Link children in the loss of your father. He was a very dedicated physician and took care of many. i know he loved all of you very much. He is now in heaven with Caroline.*

KATHY NEESE - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SF

“ *Trish and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Trish, know that you are carrying on your father's legacy with the kind and compassionate care you provide to your patients in Vermont. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

Stacy Flinn - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RB

“ *I have such good memories of summer days spent at your home and of our Canada trip. Your folks always made me feel welcome. My mom passed away in November but she often thought about all of you. I can't be at the funeral tomorrow but my thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days and weeks ahead.*

Reba Price Butler - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

LK

“ Pete and family, my heart goes out to you my good friend. I know you are very proud of and loved and respected your dad very much and I feel very sad he is gone but you have to remember he will be in a better place and there is no suffering there. I hope to see you soon Pete and Sally. God bless you all. LA...

Larry and Karen Arthur - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RH

“ Billie, I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Your dad was my doctor for quite a while, and he helped me a lot as he did many others. I miss his bedside manners. He was a great man, and I know you all have to be very proud of him. I am very sorry for your loss.

Rhonda Wampler-Barber - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MJ

“ Dr Link was a great person as well as a good Doctor he delivered both of my sons and took care of my Husband until his death. He will always be remembered for his caring and compassionate services and friendship.

Mary June Newton - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss, Dr. Link was a great man and took care of so many,

Doug & Debbie Vandeventer - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RB

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies to all your family. Dr. Link will be greatly missed. Our family will never forget the wonderful care that was given to our parents, Rev Ed Mercer & Rachael. Mercer Family

Ray & Martha Buis - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MK

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms around each and every one of you, and give you comfort and support during this difficult time. Dr. Link was my hero, and if it wasn't for his kind care, determination, and compassion as a doctor, I would probably have never been able to have children. For that I will always be grateful. I will never forget him visiting me when my son was born, he was so happy for me, and wanted to give me some suggestions for names, like Willy, Billy, Doc, Link...Still makes me smile when I think about it. I have always had such great respect for him. Heaven truly did get another Angel.

Mike and Korki(Smith) Tharp - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

CU

“ My prayers go to the Link family during this time of sadness. Dr. Link was a man i always respected & admired. I was always treated like family when i would visit with dwight, my best friend. I will never forget the wonderful times i had as a little boy through my teen yrs. at their house.

Curtis Barrow - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MI

“ to the link family my prayers and sympathies to you all during this tough time

michael sciscoe - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

LJ

“ To all the link family we send our deepest sympathies to each of you. To Sally and Peter: Our special condolences in Dad's passing. He as special to the Matlock family.
Lloyd had surgery Weds. so we may not be able to make it to the church. Our best,
Juanita and Lloyd

Lloyd and Juanita Matlock - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

PN

“ Pat and I are sorry for your loss.

Pat & Nancy Mattice - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

CH

“ I was a patient of Dr. Link. I was a teenager and ill when he visited my rural Monroe County home as a young doctor. He later delivered two of my three children. He was certainly a blessing to this world and leaves a huge legacy to his loving family.

Charlotte Martin - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SC

“ On behalf of the past and present staff at Bloomington Nursing and Rehab Center we would like to express our sympathy on your loss. Dr. Link was such a nice man and genuinely cared about the patients he had in our facility

Staff at Bloomington Nursing and Rehab Center - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RT

“ My deepest sympathies to you all, he was a wonderful man! He will always be in your memories and your hearts!

Ruth (Deykes) Tucker - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RH

“ Remember many a great time.

*Rob Hamros
Steve Hamros*

Rob Hamros - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

LT

“ To the Link family,
*I'm so sorry for the passing of your dad. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time, as well as the days ahead. Your dad left quite a legacy behind in the type of medical care he provided to the people of Bloomington. His obituary and accomplishments speak for themselves. I know you all are very proud of him!!!
May God bless you all!
Love,
Linda Terrell McElroy*

Linda Terrell McElroy - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM