



## William Cron

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Bloomington lost one of its most caring physicians on March 24th of 2011 with the passing of Dr. Bill Cron. With his retirement in October 2010, Bill was Bloomington's oldest practicing physician. Bill died peacefully surrounded by family. Born on February 9, 1929 in Celina, Ohio, he was the son of Carl and Edna Cron. His mother graduated from I.U. in 1918 and became a nurse at Walter Reed Hospital; her influence is much of what drove Bill to become a physician. Bill graduated from Celina High School in 1947 as a member of the National Honor Society and president of his senior class. He graduated from Indiana University in 1951, and in that same year he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Smalley. Their union encompassed sixty wonderful and loving years, truly a match made in heaven. In 1955, Bill graduated from medical school at Ohio State in Columbus, OH, followed by an internship at Mt. Carmel Hospital in 1956. After that, Bill spent two years in the United States Air Force stationed in Laredo, Texas. In 1959, Bill and Patricia moved to Warsaw, IN where he was in a general practice for 10 years. Bill and Patricia were again on the move in 1969. Bill entered a three year dermatology residency at Indiana University Medical School. They again moved in 1972 to the place they loved, Bloomington, IN, where he opened his dermatology practice. For thirty-eight years, he cared for his patients. He was even known to take a basket of vegetables or a baked good as payment for

services rendered. While going through some of his things this week, his daughter found a piece of paper that he had once clipped. A quote from Einstein was displayed upon it stating, "Try not to be a man of success, but rather to be a man of value." This is the way Bill lived his life by helping others. He was a member of St. Marks Methodist Church, a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, past Chief of staff at Bloomington Hospital, past president of the Monroe County Medical Society, and recently received the Hackney-Norins Award for exemplary contributions to patient care, community welfare, dermatologic education, and specialty of dermatology by his friends and colleagues in Hackney-Norins Society at Indiana University. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years Patricia, children; Dr. Christopher C. Cron (Rita) Louisville, KY, Catherine C. Hines (Greg) Georgetown, IN, Andrew D. Cron (Tina) Bloomington, IN; all graduates of Indiana University, and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jack. He loved his family, Bloomington, I.U. sports, his farm, the Cincinnati Reds, mowing, crossword puzzles, collecting unique sweatshirts, and his chocolate Labrador "Ginger". His was a life of meaning. A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 31st at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Bill's name can be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bloomington Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *My sincerest condolences go to the Cron family. From some reason I checked the Warsaw Times-Union web page and read about his passing. He delivered me and my Mom was so impressed with Dr. Cron and his caring approach with her during her maternity that she used his name as my middle name. Rest in peace!*

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**David Johnston** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

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“ *Aunt patty, I just heard of bill's passing. I speak for our entie family. You have our condolences. Patty you used to call me little billy. I remember you both very fondly bill smalley.*

*May god bless you. And your family.*

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**William Smalley** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

AL

“ *I did not know Mr. Cron, but his nephew is one of my best friends and I know he deeply cared for him. He has told me on numerous occasions how generous he was and about how much he loved IU basketball games. My sincerest condolences. May he rest in peace.*

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**Alex Rathe** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

CH

“ Dear Pat, Chris, Cathy and Andy; we were truly saddened when we read of Bill's passing in our local paper the other night. We remember fondly the weekend we spent with you a few years ago in Bloomington. We will keep you in our prayers over the coming weeks as you adjust to Bill's absence and trust our Lord will comfort you through loved ones and friends and sustain you with many happy memories of a wonderful father, husband and friend. God Bless you. Chris and Kim Cron

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**Chris Cron** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

CM

“ Dear Andy and family: Please accept my thoughts and prayer condolences for the passing of your father, Dr. Cron! I was a big fan, and Beta brother of his, admiring his prior years of experience, and long tenure in medicine.

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**Charles McCormick III, MD** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

BA

“ Pat: Our love and thoughts are with you and family. We had some great times when you were in Warsaw, and I miss those times!

*Barbara Minear  
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Daniel Minear*

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**Barbara Minear** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

DA

“ I was very sorry to learn of Dr. Cron's passing. I normally don't look forward to medical appointments, but an appointment with Dr. Cron was genuinely enjoyable. Not only did he provide skilled medical care, but he coupled it with a smile and often with an entertaining story or anecdote. It was a pleasure to know him. May he rest in peace.

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**Dan Conkle** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

CH

“ I only knew Dr. Cron from my son's 4 or 5 appts with him during the past year. I not only trusted his opinion and care of my son, but appreciated that he treated a 15-year old like an adult and took the time to find common interests. My son looked forward to his appts. May God provide comfort and peace.

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**Charlotte Willian** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry for your loss of a wonderful man. Our dermatology needs were always taken care of in such a caring and professional manner. His retirement wasn't long enough for him to enjoy. Bill will be very missed by many people in this community.

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**Julian and Mary Pat Livingston** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

PM

“ Dear Pat: We extend our condolences on your loss of Bill. He was very good and nice person. We enjoyed our friendship with both of you in Warsaw. You will be in our prayers.

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**Phil & Maxine Harris** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

CA

“ To the Cron family,  
I unfortunately did not know Dr. Cron very well as I recently moved to Bloomington. However, I have assumed care of many of his patients in the past 6 months since he retired and I have learned that his patients cherished him very much. He will be greatly missed by his patients and the dermatology community. My deepest sympathy to you all.

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**Carrie Davis** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

SU

“ Dr. Cron was a fabulous physician, very knowledgeable, and super nice man. I worked in the lab at the hospital in the late 70's to mid 80's, and thought he was a fantastic dermatologist, I had to go see him as a patient several different times, and always he took very good care of me.

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**Suzanne Hampton** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JD

“ To the Cron Family,  
Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Dr. Cron. In addition to our friendship with the family, he was my wonderful dermatologist for many years. He will be missed.

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**Jerry and Dot Spore** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

KI

“ I'm so grateful to have known Bill. He will always be known to me as an Oliver Winery "soft wine" buddy, a faithful IU fan, no matter how good/bad the coach, team or season and the "Turkey King" on Thanksgiving. I know the Cron legacy will continue in Andy, Tina, Dillon, Anna and Max. Sending my love, thoughts and prayers to the Cron family. Kim and Kayla Madigan

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**Kim Pond-Madigan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

DS

“ *The Cron Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Bill was very wise and had many great  
stories. May he rest in peace and peace to your family.  
Regards,  
Dirk, Nicki, and Sherry Bland*

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**Dirk, Nicki, Sherry Bland** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM

DI

“ *My sincere condolences to Andy, Pat, and the entire Cron  
Family...Bill was, indeed, a Personage. "We are known by what we  
leave behind / the quality and quantity of fruit we leave"*

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**Dianna Hancock** - October 26, 2015 at 04:26 PM