



Jim Citty M.D.

May 24, 1939 - May 23, 2022

According to Solomon, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

For Jimmy Charles Citty, the time to be born was May 24, 1939, to the late Lester Citty and Odell Citty Binns in Redland, Oklahoma. After graduating from Idabel (OK) High School, Citty enrolled at Harding University, completing a degree in Biology in 1961. His undergraduate degree set the trajectory for his professional career.

A time to heal became Citty’s passionate pursuit throughout his lifetime. He began his medical career at the University of Tennessee Medical School, and in 1965 he elected to pursue residency training in family medicine and obstetrics with the Army Medical Corps at both Fort Bliss and Brooks Army Medical Center in Texas. After completion of his training, Citty moved his young family to DeQueen, AR, where he established his private practice.

The seasons changed for Citty in 1975 when he received a phone call from then Harding University Head Football Coach, John Prock, who invited Citty to return to Searcy to become the team physician for the University football program. “Doc Citty” was the natural choice. During his college sports career, he earned a combination of ten athletic letters in football, basketball and track. He had served as captain of the football team in 1959 and 1960. His example

of dedicated leadership in the competitive arenas made him an exemplary mentor for the athletes of his alma mater and resulted years later in his induction into the Harding University Sports Hall of Fame in 1990.

The move to Searcy offered Citty unlimited seasons to serve, maximizing his skills and interests. In addition to his private practice in Family Medicine and Obstetrics at Searcy Medical Center, he expanded his role as team physician to include athletes at Harding Academy. He taught as an adjunct instructor for several years in the Harding University College of Nursing. He was the Chief Medical Officer for the Great Physician Clinic, an outreach to the underserved in the Searcy community. For thirty years he traveled to Central America to lead medical mission teams to the San Blas Islands. His collective experiences made him an invaluable asset to numerous boards and volunteer organizations.

Dr. Citty knew the difference between a time to be silent and a time to speak. He was quick to listen to those who were troubled and reticent to speak until he understood the backstory to the issue. However, when he chose to speak, his voice was filled with resolve. His conclusions were based on the belief that what is right is always right. He was an unapologetic advocate for the sanctity of life. He spoke with conviction for Friends of Life, and he spoke persuasively about the travesty of abortion.

Jim Citty understood that there is a time to love. His love for God was indisputable, and he demonstrated it in his service as an elder at College Church of Christ and as a preacher and teacher of the Word. In 2019, Citty was honored as Harding University's Outstanding Alumnus, and at that time he said, "To love God and others, of course, are the two great commands. I believe in serving the sick and dying, you manifest to others what the love of God is all about. Though never done perfectly, it can be a great tool to draw others to Christ."

His love for his family spanned generations. He was married for sixty years to his wife, Maralyn Bailey Citty, and in an interview in 2019, he is quoted as saying, “Maralyn has always been the wind beneath my wings, and I would be nothing without her — I love her. My family has been an inspiration. I love them more than you can imagine — they are strong and faithful and have never given us one moment of concern for their spiritual safety.”

As a physician, Doc Citty worked tirelessly to treat illnesses, to mend fractured bones and broken hearts. He delivered babies into this world and helped to transition the infirmed into the next one. He knew from the Psalmist that “the length of our days is seventy years or eighty if we have the strength.” Just as there is a time to be born, he knew there would be a time to die. For Jimmy Charles Citty that time was May 23, 2022, one day short of his eighty-third birthday.

Citty was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Sylvia Citty Bond and Cathie Binns Fox. He is survived by his wife, Maralyn and four children: Kellee Citty Blickenstaff (Kyle), Kent Citty, Kris Citty (Jenny), Kyle Citty (Camie). His grandchildren, who knew him as “Big Daddy,” include Karli Blickenstaff Bradley (Ben); Kohl Blickenstaff (Anna); Kizzie, Jimmy, Jack Citty; Kage, Caroline, Calle, Claire Citty. He was great grandfather to Beau Bradley. In addition, he is survived by his brother Michael Binns (Kay).

Solomon reminded us that “God has made everything beautiful in its time,” and the life of Jimmy Charles Citty is no exception.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sunshine School P.O. Box 831, Searcy, AR, 72145.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the College Church of Christ in Searcy. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the Huckeba Field House at Harding University in Searcy. Interment, with military honors, will follow in the White County Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

College Church Of Christ
712 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143-4421
(501) 268-7156

Funeral Service

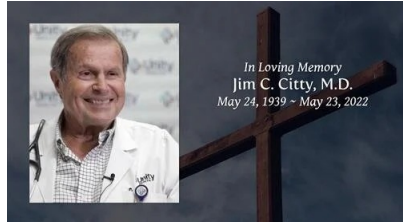
MAY 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Huckeba Field House - Harding University
East Park Avenue
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jim Citty M.D.

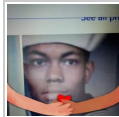


Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 27, 2022 at 11:54 AM

BH

This video brought tears to my eyes there is so much love in these memories he has made! He always wore a big smile and had the biggest of hearts and loved his family & God. He was a man of many things and made a BIG difference in so many people's lives and gave them courage and hope! You are a legend Dr. Jim Citty and you will be dearly missed by all that new you.

Bobby Harris - May 27, 2022 at 01:07 PM



Dr. Citty delivered two of my kids. He was such a good and kind doctor. Rest well! You will truly be missed.

Ester Easter - May 27, 2022 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ *I baby say for the Citty's back many years ago when they lived in DeQueen. We just lived around the corner from them. The kids were great! I even changed Kris' diaper a time or 2. We hated to see Dr. Citty leave. Everyone loves him and his family.*

Susan Jackson Hilterbrand - February 14, 2023 at 04:43 PM

MA

“ One of the few people I know of that could truly be called a great man. He touched so many lives for the better. He lived his life in service right up to the end. Is there a better way to go? Don't think so.

He was my Dr. For many years and I thought the world of him. What a legacy to leave behind

Mary Lou Adams - June 04, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JH

“ Much love and prayers for peace and comfort to each of you. Jill & Tom 🧑🧒 Holaday

Jill Holaday - May 28, 2022 at 08:57 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear Dr.City has passed,he was my doctor for many years,he stay at the McCain home while in school I do believe,and when my mom married Larry McCain he married them,he was a man of many duties ,he will be so missed

*Love & prayers
Larry McCain*

Linda Brown - May 28, 2022 at 07:40 PM

AB

“ Addie Banks lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Addie Banks - May 28, 2022 at 07:02 PM

BN

“ I worked with Dr Citty for a lot of years. He was the kindest man/ Doctor I ever worked with. He was a Christian I had no doubts. He walked The Walk. He was a great Doctor. I learned so much from him. You will be missed by everyone. You are in The Arms Of Jesus now.

Barbara Norman. - May 28, 2022 at 05:57 PM

SG

“ Dr. CITTY was my doctor for 48 years , he helped me thru so much in my life , when I was looking for a doctor, I prayed for God to send me a Godly doctor, I got Dr. Citty , what a blessing he has been for me , he was an awesome person, prayers for his family, friends and patients !!!

Sandra Grigsby - May 28, 2022 at 07:15 AM

LB

“ 2 great men will be missed that I seen here dr citty n Dr ganus

Lamonica Brady - May 28, 2022 at 03:03 AM

RL

“ Great Man... lost a leader and a teacher...
RIP DOC.....



Randy & Laura - May 28, 2022 at 12:16 AM

ML

“ Dr Citty is the best Doctor I've ever had. He made such a big difference in everyone's lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Melinda Lay - May 27, 2022 at 09:05 PM

LK

“ Dr. Citty has been my doctor for 7 years, I will deeply miss him. He was a rare doctor he cared about all of his patients as well as being their doctor. My prayers go out to all of his family. The video was so good . Rest in peace 🙏 Dr. Citty.

Lisa Kersey - May 27, 2022 at 07:57 PM

GD

“ My prayers goes out to the Citty family. I had the pleasure of working with him for a few years. I will forever miss his whistle when he needed me to get him something. I never saw him lose his temper or treat anyone without respect. He was there for me when my husband passed away. Always lending an ear when I needed someone to help me through a difficult time. He was my doctor that delivered all 3 of my babies. He was my boss but, most of all, he was a friend. You will forever live on Dr Citty in everyone you have touched. I will think of you often and I will miss forever!

Genice Hollabaugh Davis - May 27, 2022 at 05:31 PM

BS

“ My time with Jim was limited but rich. I extend my heart felt condolences to the family. It is a time that comes to all of us, however, Jim prepared for that tirelessly. I am sure nothing or no one had a greater impact on Searcy or Harding University than Doctor Citti. I will miss our conversations.

*JW "Buddy" Slaid
The Cajun Cousin*

Buddy Slaid - May 27, 2022 at 03:29 PM

TS

“ Dr. Citty had a long line of my family starting with my great grandma Mary Ellen Williams next her daughter Nona “Fay” Swain then her daughter Patricia Swain-Tice(delivered all 3 of her kids, me being 1st) finally myself Tabitha Swain-Taylor. He barely made it there from church, he came in my room holding his shoes and I was in actives labor watching the game show channel and something was asked on tv he was pulling up his chair saying “Obie-1 canobie”(I think it was a Star Wars question) and boom my daughter(Mackenzie dob 1-21-01) was here all 6 pounds and 9 ounces. But on my son I think Doc wanted me to keep him for ever he tried to induce me on a Tuesday (9-23-03) nothing but I was back at the hospital on Thursday morning at around 1305 afternoon on 9-25-03 I had a 9 pound boy Remington). Both was 2 weeks late and no epidural but Doc told me that I came from a strong line of women. So Doc please tell my momma and great grandma to watch over me and the rest of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and co-workers! PS Doc I never thought you would leave us or never did I realize that you was up in age.. 🙏🙏🙏

Tabitha Swain-Taylor - May 27, 2022 at 11:22 AM

RG

“ Dr. Citty will never be forgotten. He was my doctor for 42 years. He loved my mother’s cooking and he officiated my parent’s 50th wedding anniversary vow renewal service. Searcy will never be the same but oh did heaven ever gain an angel. ❤️



Ruthann Gardner - May 26, 2022 at 10:05 PM

NC

I will never forget Dr Citty and I'm just trying to move this morning , I've never been so debilitated with depression. I know I want to go and be at his visitation tonight but it's like I don't know if I can stand seeing him in a casket. I worked as Jim Citty's very first nurse for 10 years! When you're around someone that much you know them well! I can honestly say he is a great Christian man!!!! Kind, loving, patient, considerate, hard working, always treating people as he would treat his family, supportive and always took time to talk to you when you call him. Funny story: he told me May 25 was his birthday and every year on May 25 I would either mail a card, bring him a card or present and last year his nurse said, Jim's birthday was yesterday, not 25th. I went in his office and said, "Jimmy why have you lied to me about your birthday all these years?" He grinned and said because I could! This year I didn't get him anything and every May 24 I'm going to remember his birthday. To the family I say he was the biggest giant of a man and the world will be different from now on i called him the week before he passed and the last words he said to me was, "I love you too, Nan"! 💕

Nancy "Nurse Nancy" Clawitter - May 27, 2022 at 12:48 PM



Oh, Nancy it's just like yesterday that I recall Dr. Citty whistling for you to come to the exam room door for something he needed from you and now we are here. I loved you both and if I never see your face again, please know how loved you and my doctor. God bless you, Nancy.

Ruthann Gardner - August 15, 2023 at 01:15 AM

TL

“ I’ve known the Citty family my whole life beginning in De Queen, AR where Dr. Citty and my dad practiced medicine together. They were able to continue their professional relationship as both our families relocated to Searcy. My love to Maralyn, Kelly and the boys.
Terri Joseph Langford

Terri Joseph Langford - May 26, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ I remember you liked your coffee strong. I made coffee for you when working at hospital. I pray for comfort for your family and friends. You were the best Doctor I ever had thank you Patsy Dozier.

Patsy Dozier - May 26, 2022 at 11:58 AM

WS

“ Dr Jim Citty delivered all 3 of my daughters!! I've known him since I was 18 years old. He was there when I got baptized and I considered him a friend. Jim will be missed by so many as he touched to many lives!! Jim Citty your work here is done!!

Waynette Smith - May 26, 2022 at 11:16 AM

FD

“ Ferrell And Lisa Davis lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Ferrell and Lisa Davis - May 26, 2022 at 09:58 AM

LL

“ He was a great man and great doctor. He will be missed. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Linda Lindsey - May 26, 2022 at 07:56 AM

LH

“ He was my doctor for over 40 years and I'm going to miss him. There's no other like Doc! My prayers are with his family and my heart goes out to them in the days to come. May God be your comfort in time of sorrow.

Linda Head - May 25, 2022 at 11:21 PM

AP

“ I'm going to miss the best doctor I've ever had and I'm praying for the family

Angelia Price - May 25, 2022 at 10:37 PM

LC

“ Leslie Craig lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Leslie Craig - May 25, 2022 at 08:54 PM

KS

“ Such an amazing man of God and superb physician. As like most everyone else says, he cared for most of my family... Prayers for his friends and family.



Kimberly S. - May 25, 2022 at 08:11 PM

CL

“ Dr. Citty was my doctor for over 40 years. He saved my life(not an exaggeration), I was 7 months pregnant with my second child and weighed about 80 pounds. My regular doctor couldn't seem to find the reason for my weight loss, Dr Citty was at the hospital when I was brought into the ER unconscious. My doctor was unavailable so he was asked to look at my tests. I had a viral infection that had gone untreated. He gave me a shot and a prescription, explained what was going on and told me he wanted me in his office in 3 days. He became my doctor from then until I moved out of state 3 years ago. He delivered 2 of my daughters and helped me through the death of my husband. He will be missed. Prayers for comfort for his family.

Claudette Leonard - May 25, 2022 at 05:40 PM

MB

“ Melissa Block lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Melissa Block - May 25, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JH

“ Sending prayers and hugs to all the families and his staff, you will be greatly missed, but I know your in the arms of the great physician now. God Bless and Lord please comfort us all. 🙏❤️

Jeanie Heidelberg - May 25, 2022 at 04:25 PM

DH

“ Doyle Heidelberg lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Doyle Heidelberg - May 25, 2022 at 04:17 PM

DH

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Doyle Heidelberg - May 25, 2022 at 04:16 PM

DH

Prayers to the family and his staff he was not only my doctor but a great friend sure going miss him

Doyle Heidelberg - May 25, 2022 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ Jeanie Heidelberg lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Jeanie Heidelberg - May 25, 2022 at 04:14 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Citty's passing. He delivered 2 of my children. He ministered to me at a dark time in my life. Praying for his family and God bless him.

Ester Easter - May 25, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ Phronda Ray lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Phronda Ray - May 25, 2022 at 01:00 PM



Dr Citty was my Doctor and friend since he moved to Searcy in the 70's. My heart is broken! Love and prayers for the family! 🙏❤️🙏

Phronda Ray - May 25, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ Donna Canrera lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Donna Canrera - May 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM

TC

“ Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead for the family! He was a wonderful man of God and a great Dr to so many people!



Tracy Clark - May 25, 2022 at 11:16 AM

LF

Our condolences to the family of Dr. Citty. He was our doctor for many years and one of the best. He seemed to be a righteous man. We will miss his kindness and caring attitude. Praying for Peace and Comfort for his family.

Linda and Benny Farrell - May 25, 2022 at 11:51 AM

DJ

“ Jim Citty was a friend and medical partner for almost 50 years.

He had a great work ethic and was loved by his many patients. At last count he had delivered 10,000 babies, and this was many years ago.

He will leave a void in my life and with all at Searcy Medical Center His kind cannot be replaced.!

He lived a full life that counted for much.

He was a faithful doctor , family man , friend and medical partner.

He has not been welcomed to the Kingdom of Heaven and Gods Glory.

My deepest sympathy to all his family.

David M Johnson

David M Johnson - May 25, 2022 at 11:00 AM

LB

“ *Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.*



Leah Brooks - May 25, 2022 at 10:32 AM

TJ

“ *The Johnstons lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.*



The Johnstons - May 25, 2022 at 10:21 AM

JA

“ *My prayers go out to Marilyn & the rest of the family. Doc was one of the best doctors and man that you would ever meet. I know he's up in heaven watching over his loved ones. May God give you peace during this difficult journey.*

Janet - May 25, 2022 at 06:25 AM

EK

“ *Erin Kirker lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.*



Erin Kirker - May 25, 2022 at 12:36 AM

EK

“ This broke my heart. Doctor Citty delivered all 3 of my kids. He was an absolute gem. I loved that man. He was an amazing doctor but most of all he was an amazing human being. I've never met a more kind and gentle man.

The first time I went in to see him when I was pregnant with my daughter, I was sitting in the room and I heard a whistle and the door opened. In walks this giant of a man (I'm tiny) with the biggest hands I'd ever seen and I thought to myself, "what have you gotten yourself into?" I was terrified. He sat down and started talking to me and within a few minutes I was as calm as could be expected. I never ever had a bad visit with him. After my daughter was born, I lost a baby and he put me back on the shot and I came back in 4 months later, pregnant again. He walked in the room and said, "girl... what are you doing in here again?!" My second baby was a big one and i went through that with no epidural. So when my 3rd baby came along, i was worried we wouldnt get the epidural in yime because my labors were so fast. He promised me he would not let me hurt. And he didn't. I didn't feel a thing. However, He was watching a ballgame during that labor and his nurse delivered my son before he could get up there. He walks in the room shaking his head, threw his hands up, and said, " you couldn't wait for me?!" He always had everyone around him laughing and in a good mood. Every visit with him was like sitting down at the table with family. He was a blessing and this world did not deserve him.

Erin Kirker - May 25, 2022 at 12:22 AM

DR

“ My heart is just crushed at hearing the passing of Dr. Citty. He has been our doctor for over 37 years. Not only was he our doctor, but he was a friend. My husband went with me once on one of my check ups.....when we left, he laughed and said no wonder it takes you so long, as much as y'all visit!! Dr. Citty was just an extremely kind person and while I was going through so much when my husband was so ill and he ended up having to have a heart transplant, so we were in Nashville, Tennessee at Vanderbilt a lot that year, Dr Citty made sure I got my refills on my medications so I didn't have that to worry about. There will never be anyone as wonderful as this man, he was one of a kind. Prayers for Maralyn and the children and all grandchildren.

(My sister is married to Leroy and Bertha Southerland's oldest son, Steve. I remember when Bertha use to have all of you over for a meal. And when Leroy passed away, Bertha was so proud of the flowers Maralyn brought her.....a beautiful bouquet Maralyn made herself, and that really meant a lot to Bertha, she had me come in the house so I could see it. Dr. Citty was like another son to them.)

Debbie Roberts - May 24, 2022 at 10:54 PM

JC

“ Doc always made me get his rubber gloves for him for my physical. He would put them on and made a loud pop, then look at me funny. Then I would have to squirt the KY jelly on his hands for him. Then he says Jer, you know what to do next. Yup, up on my tippy toes I go. Not another Doctor around like him nor will they ever be. This great physician is going to meet his great physician. Prayers for the family and all his family he's taking care of over the years. I'm gonna miss you Doc. Thank you for all the lives you have touched



jeremy covington - May 24, 2022 at 08:48 PM

KL

“ Dr. Citty has been my doctor since 1979. He delivered both my children by c-section and prayed before each surgery. He wanted a picture of my big, big belly in 1980. I was reminded often he kept it on his desk. He was not only my doctor but a good friend. His love for the Lord was always foremost in his life. He often spoke of his family with much love and pride. He was always the person I could tell anything to knowing there would be no judgement. We laughed many times together and he hugged me when there were tears instead of laughter. Since retiring from teaching I had starting taking desserts to his office on many occasions. Wish I'd gotten that banana pudding, German chocolate cake, and cherry pie to the office a week earlier than promised. I know without a doubt that you are on that much needed vacation in the presence of Jesus!❤️ So very blessed to have been privileged to be his patient for so many years. I don't think there will ever be another to fill your shoes. Many prayers for peace and comfort to Dr. Citty's family. Sincerely, Kathy Liles

Kathy Liles - May 24, 2022 at 08:44 PM

KB

“ I always made him cookies on most of the holidays! He asked me if it would be too much trouble to make him some Peanut Brittle even though it wasn't the Christmas Holidays Of course I always did



Kimberly Bennett - May 24, 2022 at 08:01 PM

PB

“ When I was pregnant with my first child he was called in for consultation. I meet him loved him and was hooked from that day. 43 years later I was still seeing him. In 2011 I got sepsis and near lost my life. He said God not through with you yet. He was my doctor, my friend and a brother in Christ! He loved his family and there is no words that can describe the person he was! Me and him talked many times and we both agreed when we could not take care of our self we was ready to meet or maker! He said he wanted to work till he could not work anymore! I know he fly high and believe me he still watching over all of us! Prayers for Marilyn, the kids and grandkids he was one of a kind. Our loss is God gain! Till we meet again!

Phillip and Patricia Bright - May 24, 2022 at 07:18 PM

JD

“ Joanna Davis lit a candle in memory of Jim Citty M.D.



Joanna davis - May 24, 2022 at 06:08 PM

TE

“ Doctor Citty saved my life, literally, he prayed with me and counseled me when, upon his advice, I found out I had stage 3 breast cancer. He called me a miracle and I felt safe knowing he had my back. Forty three years is a long time , however it was not long enough for our friendship. I will miss him the rest of my life. Rest in love friend.

Teresa Evans - May 24, 2022 at 05:58 PM

WW

“ Jim and I have been friends since he moved to Idabel as a child. He and I were the "every Wednesday repenters" for we wanted to be sure God was not going to turn us away from heaven because of a sin we committed and had not repented--better safe than sorry was our motto. Of course, as we matured we understood the grace of God and how the blood of Christ cleanses us as we "walk in the Light" so we learned we were OK not to go down front every invitation call.

Jim was a member of the Idabel (OK) Gray High School graduating class of 1957 and he never missed the class reunions we all enjoyed. He will be missed sorely by each of his classmates for he was favorite of us all.

I will miss my dear friend. Sue and I cherish the friendship of Maralyn and Jim and their family--as we have known his mother, siblings and children--for we have shared familyhood of God with them for many, many years. We are praying that each family member will be consoled by reflecting on the precious memories of their relationship with this great man of God. I know we will be recalling our times with Jim to make us feel better for everyone who knew Jim has good memories to bring peace of mind.

We are in prayer for Maralyn and all the family.



Wayne L Warren - May 24, 2022 at 04:02 PM

BL

“ It was not the MD following his name that made Dr. Jim Citty a great man; it was his Christian-servant heart. Jesus said, "He that would be great, let him be your servant." We have known Jim Citty for forty years, and when we think of him, we think of his servant lifestyle and the joy that radiated from his God-shaped heart. A friend was told, "A giant tree has fallen on Harding campus." Her immediate response was, "You're talking about Dr. Jim Citty." Searcy, Arkansas will never be the same without Dr. Citty, but his influence will long be felt, even in far-away places and remote parts of the world.

Bill and Helen Lambert - May 24, 2022 at 03:52 PM