



Dr. Reginald John Rutherford

March 16, 1952 - October 28, 2013

Dr. Reginald John Rutherford, of Searcy, born March 16, 1952, resurrected October 28, 2013. He is originally from Toronto, Canada, where he completed his medical studies at Queens University, and residency at Sunnybrook Hospital, where he met his wife, Judith Lynn Beardsall. In 1991, they moved to Searcy, Arkansas with their two daughters, Megan Rutherford and Samantha Marxen. There he continued his neurology practice, first with Searcy Medical Center, and then with Arkansas Orthopedic Specialists in Little Rock. Along with his wife and two daughters, he leaves behind his father, Dr. Reginald W. Rutherford and mother Eleanor Rutherford in Toronto, as well as his sisters, Dr. Susan Rutherford in Toronto, and Jane Bradley in Saint Catherines, Canada. He is preceded in death by two brothers, David and Peter Rutherford.

Reggie was a caring person who enjoyed life as a loving devoted husband, father, and physician. This kind, gentle man also enjoyed adventure including horseback riding, skiing, exercising, reading a good book, shopping and doing fun loving things with his family. His smile will be greatly missed in many places.

It was Reggie's wish that no fuss be made for him. Since his life had been so blessed, the family requests to celebrate his life and friendship, you might find it in your heart to donate to the national or local Multiple Sclerosis Society in his name.

In keeping with his wishes, the family will celebrate his life and disposition of

his ashes in a private ceremony. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I was a patient of Dr. Rutherford's back in 2011-2012. In my eyes Dr. Rutherford saved my life. I do not say this lightly, nor dramatically. When other doctors continually misdiagnosed my condition he immediately and precisely diagnosed me and treated my condition. It all began with a tingle in my feet to eventually ascending to my stomach. I was paralyzed. After a week or so in complete desperation my husband reached out to wonderful doctor that he knew for help. My husband did not know where else to turn as I was worsening every day. The doctor told my husband that he was going to make a phone call and to stay close to the phone, because he would be calling him back shortly. A short while had gone by and the doctor on the phone told my husband to get me up to St. Vincent's Hospital as soon as possible, because a neurologist would be meeting us up there. We knew nothing about the doctor meeting us, not even his name. After registering me into the hospital, I was quickly put onto the elevator when a quiet gentleman stepped onto the same elevator. Not knowing who each other was at the time, I noticed this man seemingly assessing me right there on the elevator. It turns out that the same gentleman on the elevator with me was my neurologist, Dr. Rutherford. He was one of the best there was!!! I will forever be thankful that it was he who was sent to me. I often think about him, because that time of our lives was so traumatic. I was very sad to hear of his sudden and untimely passing. It was unbelievable to me that the man who saved my life lost his. I pray that Dr. Rutherford is at peace and his family surrounded by the love he had for them.

Dawn Hensley - June 08, 2018 at 08:38 PM

DG

“ I had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Rutherford for a couple of years as his medical secretary at the Pain Care Center in Little Rock. Sometimes, at the end of the day when the clinic was closing up, he would stop by my desk to exchange pleasantries and have a friendly conversation. I was fond of Dr. Rutherford and am very sorry to hear of his passing.

Donna Jean Glasgow - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

DW

“ I was deeply sadden to hear of Dr. Rutherford's passing today. I was battling an illness that I had no knowledge of until I met Dr. Rutherford. Within about 10 minutes of talking to me he told me that he was 90% sure he had a diagnosis but wanted to run a few tests. I was so afraid but he told me I would be ok! A few weeks later he confirmed my diagnosis and began treating me. I had been mis-diagnosed for nearly 13 years. Dr. Rutherford gave me my life back and I will never forget him.

I would like to thank Dr. Rutherford's family for sharing him with his patients! God Bless you all!

Debora W. - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

RW

“ A great Doctor, we will miss him greatly. Our prayers are with you..

Reece and Sharon Watson - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SI

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

sarah isbell - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

SI

“ I will miss dr. Rutherford very much. I was shocked and could not believe it when I received letter.

sarah isbell - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

EC

“ I will cherish my times spent with Dr. Rutherford and his sweet family.

Elizabeth Chism - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

TL

“ In the short time span (10 yrs or so)that I got to know Reg and Judy,I really grew close to them. I enjoyed visiting with them as well as making sure they were taken care of. I know that his time here was well spent. It was an honor and privilege to have known him.

Tiger Lee - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

TR

“ Dr. Rutherford was one in a million. I enjoyed my time working directly for him at ASCC. I have so many memories of him. My 2 favorite are him coming in early in the mornings and sitting in my office to read his paper. He enjoyed talking about current events with me. He was so personable and down to earth. The other s e day we had a big snow. Several of us were waiting for our spouses to pick us up. Dr. Rutherford was waiting for a patient who insisted on coming. After seeing the patient, he ended up stuck in LR. The snow was deep. He was in his usual mules. I told him how my mom would put garbage bags over our shoes and pants legs to keep us dry in snow. 5 minutes later he started out on his journey to the hotel in his leather jacket, black pants and white garbage bags. He later laughed as he told us about the looks he got by the desk clerks when entered Embassy suites.
I am saddened to hear of his passing.
Trish Raczynski

Trish Raczynski - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

AF

“ I was devastated when I heard of Dr. Rutherford's passing today. He saved my life, a fact that I could never fully thank him for. He was an amazing doctor, who I will never forget. Every time I look upon my daughter, I think about how much of a miracle she is because of the miracle of life he gave me. And he was my bulldog when the CDC wanted to keep running tests on me, championing that I was not their guinea pig to be studied. The world and the medical field lost a great man, my heart goes out to his family and loved ones. I know no words can bring him back or soothe their pain, but know he changed my life forever, as well as many others I am certain. Not many people can say they have done the same.

Ashley Funderburg - February 10, 2016 at 03:05 PM

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“ I miss him on the elevator, he was always nice and very smart alot of history was lost when this man died, I felt i was connected somehow to him, and i know spiritually we all are. I wish him well. think of him often

Laurie (ASO) - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM