



Dr. David E. Gaudin

July 18, 1952 - May 10, 2020

Dr. David E. Gaudin, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and longtime resident of Hammond, Louisiana died peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 10th at the age of 67 after a long battle with Frontal Temporal Lobe Dementia.

He is survived by his wife Beth, son Scott (Kay), grandson Wills, daughter April Braun (Andreas), grandsons Zachary, Patrick, Kaleb, granddaughter Julie, son Stuart granddaughter Abigail. He was preceded in death by his parents Geraldine and Alvin J. Gaudin and his brother Alvin Wayne Gaudin.

Dr. Gaudin was a proud alumnus of LSU and LSU Medical School in New Orleans. He was the first person with physical disabilities to be accepted into LSU Medical School. He founded Internal Medical Clinic of Tangipahoa in 1980 and spent nearly 30 years caring for patients in his community.

Dr. Gaudin served as interim team physician of the New Orleans Saints during the 1985 season while the Saints trained in Hammond. He was proud to serve as team doctor to SLU Athletics for 17 years. As well as teaching Pathophysiology to Athletic Trainers, Dr. Gaudin was also responsible for helping to establish one of the states first nationally recognized certified Athletic Trainer Collegiate curriculums at SLU.

In 1995, Dr. Gaudin became the first recipient of the Jim Finks award For Outstanding Contributions to Sports Medicine. In December 2004, Golf Digest interviewed and published an article of him playing his beloved game of golf. In 2008, he was inducted into the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.

He dearly loved his wife, family, caring for his patients, cheering on his beloved LSU Tigers, the game of golf and spending time on the water in Destin, FL. He overcame a lifelong physical handicap to achieve a great many things which served as an inspiration to countless individuals throughout his life. His loss has prompted those whose lives he impacted to share such kinds words with his family already: Role model and genuinely a good person; Compassionate, Great teacher, Special man with a big heart; So special to so many people; Great man and Doctor; He was more than my Doctor, he was a friend too; I'm better for having known him, as so many people are. To say that we are blessed to have had this amazing man in our lives is an enormous understatement.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at Brandon G. Thompson

Funeral Home, Hammond on Thursday, May 21, 2020 beginning at 11:00am until service at 1:00pm.

Events

MAY **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home
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MAY **Celebration of Life Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ It was always a pleasure to work with Dr. Gaudin in my previous career as a home health nurse. He deeply cared for his patients and in return they truly cared for him. He was an inspiration to all of us in the medical field. He made his mark on many people's lives. He will be missed. Deepest condolences to his family.

Alena - May 29 at 02:40 PM



“ It was a privilege to have been able to work with Dr. Gaudin and then later to have him as my primary physician. He was a great doctor and an inspiration to those who he met. He will be greatly missed. We lost a great doctor and friend. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless his and keep his family.
Yours Truly,
Norma Stewart RN

norma stewart - May 21 at 06:18 PM



“ To the family of David,
I had the privilege of going to school with David from elementary through high school. He was always just part of the gang, his handicap was no big deal. It wasn't until I got older that appreciated how hard he had to work for all his accomplishments.
Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Julie Cotton Viator

JULIE COTTON VIATOR - May 21 at 02:04 PM



“ I have known David since elementary school at Glasgow in BR. We graduated Lee High together. Had some grand times playing tackle football in his front yard, on our knees. No one could beat him in arm wrestling match. He was the football team manager and took good care of us. Water skiing at False River, he on his sled, me trying to toss him off. He would never give up on a golf hole. He was a good friend and will be missed. I know that his last years were tough on all. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Mike

Mike Parker - May 20 at 12:03 PM



“ He was a great doctor and a wonderful man. Prayers are with you Beth and family.

Beth Easley - May 21 at 04:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



May 19 at 11:44 PM



“ Beth, our hearts and prayers are with you!

Alcyon Hayden, Terry Hayden Garner, Rondi Garner Booty

Terry Garner - May 19 at 11:28 PM



“ Ms. Beth,
So sorry to hear about the death of your husband. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying that God will give all of you the comfort and strength to get through your loss.
Sandra Kay Boos

Sandra K Boos - May 19 at 08:25 PM



“ Chuck and Katie Spratt Johnston purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



Charles Spratt - May 19 at 04:46 PM



“ Beth: You and David blessed our lives, and I know he gained a few gray hairs taking care of Judy. We will always remember him, and you, too.

Charles Spratt - May 19 at 04:27 PM



“ Dear Beth and Family:
Having been born with a form of muscular dystrophy myself, David was always an inspiration from the first moment he entered the examination room at Internal Medicine years ago to greet me as a new patient. His energy, love for life, and for all things athletic were like a tonic to anyone feeling low from illness. Never too busy to converse with patients on a personal level, David was both personable and an excellent physician—kind, caring, and most effective in his diagnoses and treatments.
Please accept my heartfelt condolences. He will be missed greatly,

Prof. Martin Kearney - May 19 at 04:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



May 19 at 01:37 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



May 18 at 06:01 PM



“ Beth, I was so sorry to learn of David's death. I know how difficult the last few years have been for you, your family, and David. Please know that you and David have my utmost admiration for the way that you handled this adversity. I am praying for you and David-- for peace and grace. May God be with you in this time of grief and

adjustment. I pray that with time your grief will be replaced with just the good memories of your life together.

Katherine St.Amant, MD

KATHERINE McClugage - May 18 at 04:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



May 18 at 04:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. David E. Gaudin.



May 18 at 11:29 AM



“ Dr Dave trained many internist and family practitioners at Earl K Long Hospital in Baton Rouge prior to moving to Hammond to start his practice. He was a great friend and mentor..My wife and I bought David's Baton Rouge home prior to his moving. He was a brilliant and kind physician. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Tessier

Charles & Roberta Tessier - May 17 at 08:55 PM



“ Beth, am so sorry to hear about the death of Dr Gaudin.
Prayers for you and family. We are blessed to have you, with all the knowledge he passed onto you. Please find peace in knowing he is in no more pain.. God's blessings to all.
DOTTI GARNER

Dotti Garner - May 22 at 07:14 AM



“ I will always have fond memories of Dr Gaudin from LATA functions. I, especially remember a luau he hosted at his home for the entire LATA where we took a photo of everyone by the pool. He was always a true gentle man, kind & caring & friendly. I will miss him. Please accept my deepest sympathy at your loss.

Mary Ann Giardina - May 17 at 07:09 PM



“ Good man and an excellent doctor. Rest In Peace David.

Junior Matheu - May 17 at 05:12 PM



“ Mary Beth, so very, very sorry for your loss. Will be thinking and praying for you and your family. God bless you.

Lucia

Lucia Burt - May 17 at 04:26 PM



“ Susan Squires Stroud lit a candle in memory of Dr. David E. Gaudin



Susan Squires Stroud - May 17 at 03:37 PM



“ When in a difficult decision, I could count on his knowledge and experience to help. Has been like that since he was my teaching resident.

But also, a good guy. we went to different schools, but were in high school clubs together.

He was a leader. And he could play flag football. Could get across the field and get your flag. His situation was only a minor inconvenience.

Beth, your care and love were sustaining to him. God bless you.

Claude Nesser

Claude Nesser - May 17 at 01:27 PM



“ David's grandmother and my grandmother were sisters, so we were second cousins. However, I had never met him until he became my family doctor when he moved to Hammond. He was quite simply the best physician I have ever known, as well as a kind, caring person.

Barbara Forrest - May 17 at 12:51 PM



“ Dr. Gaudin was our family physician from the time he opened his practice in Hammond until his much too early retirement. He was a wonderful doctor who helped our family tremendously. I can still hear his advice, "There's no such thing as minor surgery!" I applaud his wife Beth for the care she provided Dr. David and all her patients at Family Medicine during this period.

Clark Forrest - May 17 at 12:39 PM



“ Beth so sorry to hear about the loss of your David. Always thought you'll were such a darling couple! Both of you have shown me constant kindness throughout the years. I have always admired you and your loving devotion to David and his care. May God bless David, you, and your family!

Susan Carter - May 16 at 10:10 PM



“ Ann Thibodeaux lit a candle in memory of Dr. David E. Gaudin



Ann Thibodeaux - May 16 at 05:21 PM



“ Ms. Beth, I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man who will be missed by so many. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Much love to you all.

Ann Thibodeaux - May 16 at 05:24 PM



“ To know Dr. Gaudin was to love Dr. Gaudin! Always personable and lovable. Very smart clinician. Made work interesting, fun, and educational. Loved talking about his family, golf, and LSU! Farewell Dr. Gaudin, may you rest in peace eternally. Tonia Canale, former Unit Manager, Medicine/Pediatrics, LKMC.

Tonia Canale - May 16 at 03:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mitzi Flinchum - May 16 at 10:14 AM



“ Our two Angels watching over us! Our two loverboys

Mitzi Flinchum - May 16 at 10:17 AM



“ Dr Gaudin was always so kind and considerate to all of us nurses and his patients. One of my favorite Doctors during my years of working at North Oaks. So sorry for your loss.

mary ann morton - May 16 at 12:16 PM



“ Dr.Gaudin Was my parents doctor for many years till their passing. Both loved him and Beth. I wanted to give you my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Flo Huber and Edward Mathews - May 16 at 10:02 AM



“ Judy Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. David E. Gaudin



Judy Crowe - May 16 at 09:35 AM



“ Dr Gaudin was so important to Mom as he cared for her thru the years. You and Janet & and Dr Gaudin were all important to her. She trusted you all without question and when she decided she had fought long enough, she trusted Dr Gaudin to make her last days pain free. She begged us to stay in the hospital where he could take care of her. She had 5 days left and he was there for her every day. He cared. My Mom was the first but, we all came under his care and yours, Beth. I will never forget how he diagnosed Josh on his first visit after his pediatric clinic had missed his heart defect for years. Within days we were at Ochsner's for open heart surgery on my 18 year old son. Literally, Dr Gaudin saved his life. Josh turned 40 this year and is healthy thanks to Dr David Gaudin. He was kind, caring, and intelligent. He meant so much to my family and we will never forget him nor you.

Sue & Roger Kennedy - May 16 at 12:06 AM



“ Susanlembach lit a candle in memory of Dr. David E. Gaudin



susanlembach - May 15 at 11:10 PM



“ will miss him god speed god needs you rest in peace

susanlembach - May 15 at 11:16 PM



“ My heart is broken. He was such a kind and caring Dr. I was always happy to see him. Prayers to the family. Ms Beth I think you know that he had many fans. He was so kind to us nurses. He told me one morning in ICU at Westpark Hospital, everybody was picking on me for being so trusting with a difficult patient I had during the night. Dr Gaudin told me ' don't listen to them Donna, you just stay the way you are.' I will never forget this sweet and compassionate Dr.

Donna Fabre - May 15 at 11:07 PM



“ Truly the kindest Doctor and man that a nurse and eventually his patient could ever know. Always a wonderful teacher, a great listener and gave the most sound advice. Truly became a better nurse because of him. My condolences to his dear sweet wife Beth and his daughter April who I know personally. Also to his parents and sons who I've never met but heard about from him with such great love in his voice. We have lost a wonderful man and Doctor.

Lori Fresina - May 15 at 10:56 PM



“ I learned so much from Dr Gaudin as a new nurse at LKRMC, he was always patient and kind. I truly thought the world of him. Much love & many prayers for those that loved him.
Sincerely,
Desiree' Blades



Desiree Blades - May 15 at 10:09 PM



“ Beth they're are truly no words. I thought the world of him and you. He will be truly missed

Sharon Berthelot - May 15 at 09:54 PM



“ Dr Gaudin and his wife, Beth, were there for my medical needs for many years until he retired from The Internal Medicine Clinic. They were both very special and I always was treated with utmost care and respect. God Bless his family. May he Rest in Peace. A very special man.

Elaine Kinchen - May 15 at 09:11 PM



“ When I first started going to Dr. Gaudin I liked him very much. He always explained every thing very clearly. He never made his patients wait a long time to see him. He will be missed so much by the people who knew him. May God bless you Beth for taking good care of Doc.

Patty Rayborn - May 15 at 09:01 PM



“ When David first started his practice in Hammond, I approached him to become our Medical Director for our agency. He agreed and also agreed, because we were just starting up, that his fee would be a po boy of his choice Monthly until we were on our feet. That was the measure of his kindness and warmth as a man and as a physician. Over the years , I was blessed to have him continue in his role as Medical Director , but with other agencies and now with his appropriate fees. He amazed everyone of our staff with his knowledge, warmth, and love of his patients. He and Beth were a wonderful team! I feel so blessed to have known him professionally. Later as our physician for my husband and I , and our dear friend. May God’s blessings be with you, David. Rest In Peace now, heaven has a special person and physician!



Richard and Linda Prima - May 15 at 08:38 PM



“ My family has so many memories of this dear man! He was Dr. to my DD and I for many years! More important, was the friendship and kindness that I witnessed between “Jose” in his later years! He was a superior doctor and man! When he was lucky to find Beth, I made another friend, one who cares for to this very day! God surely must have wanted him because he left behind hundreds who depended on him for their medical care! God bless Beth! She took his place for so many while caring for him with a deep love and joyful smile! We love you, Dr. Gaudin!

Ginger Daughdrill - May 15 at 07:23 PM



“ April and Scott, so sorry for your loss! Prayers to you and your families!

Coach Miguel Becerra - May 15 at 07:16 PM



“ I'M NOT SURE WHAT YEAR MY HUSBAND BECAME A PATIENT OF DR. GAUDIN BUT MY HUSBAND AND I WAS PLEASSED WITH HIS SERVICE ON THE VERY FIRST TIME WE MET HIM HE WAS SUCH A CARING AND LOVING PERSON MY HUSBAND ALWAYS SPOKE SO HIGHLY OF HIM I KNOW THAT HE WAS LOVED

BY MANY. AFTER DR GAUDIN HEALTH WAS FAILING HIM HIS LOVING WIFE TOOK OVER AS BEING MY HUSBAND PHYSICIAN AND ONCE AGAIN HE WAS AMAZED WITH HOW SHE HAD SO MUCH COMPASSION AND LOVING HEART JUST THE WAY HER HUSBAND WAS EVERYTIME MY HUSBAND WAS SEEN FOR A DR'S APPOINTMENT HE WOULD ALWAYS AND I MEAN EVERY VISIT HE WOULD ASK HOW IS DR GAUDIN DOING SHE WOULD SAY HE'S OK I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT THESE TWO LOVELY PEOPLE ON HOW MUCH THEY CARED FOR PEOPLE IN GENERAL. PLEASE GOD GIVE THIS FAMILY THE STRENGTH TO COPE WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR LOVED ONE BECAUSE I KNOW DEEP DOWN IN MY HEART THEY ARE GOING TO MISS HIM WE LOVE YOU! MR. AND MRS ROBERT BENNET

Mr. And Mrs Robert Bennett - May 15 at 06:40 PM



“ Hammond and Tangipahoa Parish has lost a wonderful and caring doctor. He always took the time to explain everything and answer questions. He was one of a kind.

Judy Vice Berner - May 15 at 06:36 PM