



## Dr. Norman J. Crowe

May 15, 1924 - January 24, 2018

Dr. Norman J. Crowe, Sr., 93, of Sylvester died on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in Sylvester.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2018 at Banks Funeral Home with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Jerry Cooper and Dr. David Jones will officiate.

Dr. Crowe was born in Sylvester on May 15, 1924 to Leila Houston Crowe and William Jewel Crowe. He practiced medicine and surgery in Sylvester until 2001, having a professional span of 52 years. Dr. Crowe graduated from Sylvester High School, where he was the Editor of the high school newspaper, and Mercer University, completing a year of graduate work and instructorship at age 21. He graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and served for a period of time as Assistant Resident Surgeon at Milledgeville State Hospital which housed 13,000 beds at that time. Dr. Crowe introduced "intensive electroshock" therapy to the staff which began a long term trend of early patient discharges. In 1945, he and Dr. H. M. Vandivers described the first visualization of the Rabies Virus under the newly arrived Electron Microscope at the University of Michigan. Dr. Crowe served 27 years as Chairman of the Worth County Board of Health in addition to several years as President of the Worth County Cancer Society and Chief of Staff for Worth County Hospital. He was an active member of many organizations including County, State and National Medical Societies. Dr. Crowe was a devoted father and practitioner of his profession. He had many interests, including farming, cattle, banking,

aviation, foreign adventures and healthcare issues. Dr. Crowe was a leader in medical education and his dedication to his field was honored by being named as a "Professor Extraordinaire" by the University Inca Garcilaso; a title that is given strictly at the pleasure of the Peruvian Secretary of Education. Dr. Crowe was one of only 3 awarded this distinguished honor with the other two being an Italian Professor and a French Professor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He will be long remembered for his never ending charity to indigent patients. Dr. Crowe's world outlook was a permanent zest to make the world a better place, being manifested in kindness of the heart for all living things.

Survivors include a special friend, Betty Ann Fudge Crowe, his children, Norman J. Crowe, Jr. (Donna) and Jimmy Crowe, all of Sylvester; grandchildren, Jay Crowe (Meredith), Christy Crowe Childers (Matt), Beth Crowe Crain (Richard), Katie Crowe McCutcheon (John Bates) and Mack Park; great-grandchildren, Anna Leigh and William Crowe, Laney and John Childers.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Crowe was preceded in death by a son, David Allen Crowe on June 23, 1952.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 2:00 PM until the Service Hour at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Norman J. Crowe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Norman and family, so sorry for your loss. Praying that God will give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

**Ear and Leila Beanblossom** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *"Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy"...Norman was above All things Merciful and filled with Compassion. Long after doctors quit making house calls, Norman could be seen in all areas with his Black Bag making house calls. He went where people were sick and hurting as long as he practiced...When "times changed" --- Norman didn't. When I was 11 years old, he had to do an emergency surgery on me. My mother: Carolyn Bass Watson Dickens (his first cousin) "scrubbed" and assisted him in the surgery. Working on close Family is "a whole different ball game," I feel sure. That was 61 years ago---and I am living because of Norman.I have Never known life without Norman. The picture here is so Adorable! I remember him looking just like that...I was little--- and you see that refrigerator in the background where he kept medicines. We All had refrigerators just like that "way back then." My how time flies, but no matter how long he lived, it hurts terribly bad to have to given him up.Our Comfort is: When he closed his eyes in this life, he opened them in Heaven, and there is Jesus, and All of our Family REJOICING---because THEY have been waiting for him...David is there, and Betty Ann will join them also on GOD's Timetable."THAT GREAT FAMILY REUNION IN HEAVEN AWAITS THE CHILD OF GOD..." Love always, "Dusty"*

**Marsha Carol Watson Gandy** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Dr. Crowe. I have know him for many years and we shared many conversations. My prayers are with each of you..

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**Jimmy Hudson** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

DK

“ Davis and I were saddened to learn that Dr. Crowe has passed away. He was a brilliant doctor and such a unique person. Worth county and Sylvester will surely miss Dr. Crowe! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cherish your memories. Davis and Donna King

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**Donna King** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

KW

“ So sorry for your lost.

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**Kristi Whittington** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

RH

“ So sad to hear of Dr. Crowe's death. I regret that I can not be there for his memorial today, but want Betty Ann, vNorman, Jimmy, and their families know that I am thinking of them. So many good memories.

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**Rebecca Stoner Hatcher** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

PJ

“ So sorry to hear about one of the best friends you could ever have had I was raised on his farm a long with the rest of my family we call him Doc or Granddad after he retired I all was told other doctors that was my doctor and he was the best I will always love u and thanks for everything Jim and Sara fowler daughter

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**Patricia fowler Jones Jones** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

KP

“ Back around 1991 or 92 our 3 year old daughter got really sick and he came to our house. To check on her.

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**Kevin Page** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

TB

“ Jimmy,I am sorry to learn of the passing of your father. I understand that pain and my heart is toward you in these days. Please give my sympathies to Norman as well. I will be praying for you both in the days ahead. God bless you Jimmy.

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**Tom Bagwell** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM

GK

“ Many fond memories from our days as single guys running around the nightclubs in the early 70's. He introduced me to my wife of 47 years who was working at the hospital at that time. So sorry that I found out too late to attend. RIP old friend.

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**Gene Kirk** - May 14, 2018 at 02:01 PM