



Dr. Francis H. Gootee

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812-482-4141 Dateline Jasper, Indiana Francis H. Gootee, M.D., age 90 of Jasper, passed away at 10:00 a.m. Thursday (June 20, 2013) at home. He was born on his family farm north of Loogootee, Indiana on November 15, 1922 to Leo M. Gootee, DVM and Estella (Fanning) Gootee. He married Patricia Hallihan on June 24, 1950 in Chicago, Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH, and his medical degree from Loyola University in Chicago, IL in 1952. He began his professional career as a family practice physician in 1954 in Loogootee, IN. In 1960 he and his brother, Dr. Thomas Gootee, opened their medical clinic at the corner of Fifth and Clay streets in Jasper, from which they practiced medicine for over 50 years. He was an Army Veteran who served during WWII, serving as a paratrooper in the Pacific and earning the rank of captain. He was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church, the American Legion Post #147, the VFW Post #673, a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, the Serra Club, and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He enjoyed fishing and gardening, and staying in touch with former patients. Surviving,

Wife,

Patricia Gootee, Jasper, IN

3 Daughters,

Mary Pat Fuhrman and husband James, St. Louis, MO

Marita Gootee and her partner Wendy Roussin, Starkville, MS

Maureen Gootee and her partner Angela Steele, Columbus, OH

Two Sons

Edward Gootee and wife Fay, Floyd Knobs, IN

David Gootee and partner Mark Gilley, Orlando, FL

8 Grandchildren

3 Great- Grandchildren

One Brother,

Father Paul Gootee, SVD, Chicago, IL

Three Sisters,

Agnes James, Ludington, MI

Theresa Jatkowski, Rogers City, MI

Sister Patricia Gootee, Medical Mission Sisters, Peru, South America

Preceding him in death are a son, Michael Gootee, three brothers, Thomas H.

Gootee, M.D., Raymond Gootee and Fr. Stanley Gootee, SVD, and one sister,

Sr. Marym Gootee, Sisters of Providence. Funeral services for Francis H.

Gootee, M.D. will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday (June 25, 2013) at

Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow in

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum. The VFW Post 673 will conduct military

gravesite rites. Friends may call from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., on Monday (June

24, 2013) at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. Memorial

contributions may be made to Precious Blood Catholic Church or to a favorite

charity. Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Francis H. Gootee*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Pat and the Gootee Family,
our deepest sympathy for the death of Francis! We were deeply
moved to hear this notice, so short time after his brother's death.
May you all be filled by God's presence and love through one
another. Medical Mission Sisters of Peru send you warm hugs.
Gisela*

Gisela MMS Peru - June 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathy and condolences to all of you. He certainly left quite a
legacy.*

Joan Eckerle Knies - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We want to express our deepest sympathy to the Gootee family. Dr.
Francis was such a special man. The gates of heaven truly await
him. He touched our life many times. I am so thankful I had a nice
chat with him at CVS just a few months ago. He was such a
compassionate good sincere Christian man. Your memories are
beautiful.*

Wayne & Faye Ransome - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Gootee Family,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Dr. Francis was a true gentleman. He took care of our dad as a patient in his last months at home, and also took care that each family member felt comforted during that difficult time. He was such a gentle presence to others, and was a joy to know. We wish we could be there tomorrow and Tuesday. We pray that you are all blessed with comfort as you gather to remember this great man.

The Pease Family - June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ We want to express our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. We appreciate the opportunity to have served your family by taking care of Patricia and being a helpful hand to Dr. Gootee. He was truly a wonderful man, a very caring doctor and an asset to the Jasper community. Love from the staff at Home Instead Senior Care of Jasper

Home Instead Senior Care - June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Melissa, Jack, Kevin, Sheri, Jason, Matthew and Ryan

Melissa Goldberg - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ My uncle Hugh (Dr. Francis) was such a wonderful person and uncle. He and my Dad, Dr. Tom, were two of the finest men I have ever known. Medicine was their vocation, and they both served their patients with the highest professionalism. Uncle Hugh was a man of high intelligence and surprising physical strength and stamina. Few could keep up with him! He ‘burned the candle at both ends’ working his entire life. His selfless and compassionate service to and for others is the hallmark of his life. What a role model. What a loss! I wanted to talk with you when in Jasper next week, Uncle Hugh. I guess that will have to wait. Thank you for being you, and for always being there for me and us all.

Jane Gootee Nelson - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Pat & Family, We want to express our deepest sympathy in your great loss. Dr. Francis was an extraordinary man who loved his family dearly. This gentle kind man touched so many in his life in many special ways. It was an honor and privilege to have worked for him @ the Gootee Clinic. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Steve & Gerri (Eckerle) Schnaus Sarasota, FL - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM