



## Dr. John A. Garis

January 4, 1931 - December 28, 2017

Dr. John Arthur Garis, M.D. passed away Thursday, December 28, 2017 in Tulsa at 86 years of age. He was born January 4, 1931 in Easton, Pennsylvania to the late Harry and Edwina (Beers) Garis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, John Scott Garis.

Survivors include his wife, Timmie Garis, of the home, children, Lonnie Garis and wife Pam of Oklahoma City, Dr. Jamie Garis of California, Lori Ramseier and husband Michael of Cody, Wyoming, T.J. Garis and partner Marla Smith of Dallas, Terry Mabrey and husband John of Tulsa and J.C. Tipton III of Kiefer, a brother-in-law, Eddie Evans and wife Linda of Okmulgee, a sister, Grace Ikai of Rhode Island, two nieces, twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Dr. Garis graduated from Chestnut Hill High School in Brodheadsville, PA in 1949. He then joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17. He served on the U.S.S. Consolation during the Korean Conflict as a member of the Hospital Corps serving as a Laboratory Technologist. This set the course for him becoming a physician. He was honorable discharged in 1953.

In 1954 he married E.J. Smouse and they had five children, Jamie, Lonnie, Scott, Lori and T.J. In 1959 he graduated from Southeastern State University and in 1963 graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

Dr. Garis then set up practices in Oklahoma City and Edmond.

In 1977 John married Timmie (Evans) Tipton adding her two children Terry and Trey to the family. John and Timmie moved to Okmulgee where he

practiced for the next 25 years, retiring in 2012. Being a doctor was his calling and he loved his patients. It is obvious that his patients and their families felt the same about Dr. John. He also loved his church, First Presbyterian Church of Okmulgee, where he was a member. Dr. John loved gardening and golf and spent many happy hours doing both.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday 12:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. with a visitation from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

A funeral service for Dr. Garis will be held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Dr. Jeff Francis officiating. A reception will be immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Lonnie Garis, J.C. Tipton III, John Mabrey, Sean Garis, T.J. Everett, and Eddie Evans. Honorary casketbearers will be McLean Mabrey, Michael Ramseier and Nick Hodge.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Garis' memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Okmulgee, 401 S. Seminole, or the Humane Society of Okmulgee.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

# Cemetery Details

## Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive  
Okmulgee, OK 74447  
(918) 756-5109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel  
303 E. 7th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
401 South Seminole  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. John A. Garis*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Dr. John took care of me for many years, starting in the 1970s. My dear friend and I even drove to Okmulgee once a year to see him. He was a great doctor, probably the last of his kind. RIP Doctor.*

*Eloise Blanton*

**Eloise Blanton** - January 05, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ *John was such a wonderful doctor and friend. He has taken care of my family since the 1970's. There are not many doctors like Doctor John.  
To his family, I am very sorry for your loss.  
David, Brian & T.J. Heck*

**David Heck** - January 05, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ *While I was pastor of First United Methodist Church from 1996 to 1999, Dr. Garis was my best friend and physician. He ministered to be during a difficult time in my own life, I loved his garden! He is truly a friend of the Great Physician.  
Joe Davis*

**Joe Davis** - January 05, 2018 at 09:02 PM

TJ

“ Tina Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis



Tina Jones - January 05, 2018 at 01:37 PM

TJ

*I have known Dr. Garis for many years. He was also my mother's doctor and he took such good care of her, he truly cared. When she passed he was very comforting and respectful. I thought a lot of Dr. Garis and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. God bless you all.*

Tina Jones - January 05, 2018 at 01:42 PM

GY

“ I worked for Dr Garis when he first came to Okmulgee as his office mgr. He was a wonderful boss & caring physician. I remember him teaching me many medical procedures. The patients loved him. Very memorable time for me even though I wasn't there long. He touched so many lives.

Ginni Stendebach Young - January 05, 2018 at 10:16 AM

JL

“ Jennifer And Leslie lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis



Jennifer and Leslie - January 04, 2018 at 11:04 PM

KM

“ Dr. Garis was our family doctor when we lived in OKC. I would have been lost without his guidance not only with our four children, but when he came to the house when Tom was ill. I thought he would go on forever!

*Kay McNulty*

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**Kay McNulty** - January 04, 2018 at 04:22 PM

KS

“ Dr Garis was my doctor since 1994, and I loved the compassion that he had for every patient he had, he would call me at home just because he was thinking about how I was, I'm sure going to miss him.. RIP  
Sending our condolences to his family..



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**Keith and Connie Scott** - January 03, 2018 at 10:06 PM

JH

“ Dr. Garis was a wonderful Doctor and man. He was my Mother and Father's Doctor and they just loved him. I met him once while visiting my parents. My condolences to the family of Dr. John A. Garis.  
*Jerry Horn in NY*

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**Jerry A. Horn** - January 03, 2018 at 07:32 PM

PD

“ Priscilla Daniel lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis



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**Priscilla Daniel** - January 03, 2018 at 04:43 PM



Cristina  
Marie  
Wood

“ *Dr. John Grais was my husband Keith Wood's doctor for a longtime and he was always help Dr. Grais & his wife Timmie. Our prayers and Coldences goes to the family. If you all need anything let us know, we are here you all. Prayers for peace and confront.*



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**Cristina Marie Wood** - January 02, 2018 at 03:38 PM

LP

“ *Diane and I send our deepest sympathy at your loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Larry F Patrick** - January 02, 2018 at 09:14 AM

JM

“ *He was my mothers doctor and she really got along well with him. When she was in hospice and close to death he came and set down across from me and we set there for at least an hour and hardly spoke, but his being there brought me so much comfort. I had so much respect for him.*

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**jessie matlock** - January 01, 2018 at 02:00 PM

JA

“ *He was a great doctor and friend. Condolences to Timmie and family.*



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**Judy Achemire** - December 30, 2017 at 09:26 PM

DS

“ *RIP Dr Garis. You were a great friend and doctor.*

Debbie Sprouse-Cobb - December 30, 2017 at 06:16 PM

RK

“ *Great doctor. Great customer at our barber shop.  
Ralph & Roger Kovarik*

Roger Kovarik - December 30, 2017 at 05:24 PM

QC

“ *Quenetta Cox lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
John A. Garis*



Quenetta Cox - December 30, 2017 at 05:08 PM

TT

“ *Such a great Neighbor and man. R.I.P. John*

Tricia Thrower - December 30, 2017 at 01:54 PM

BA

“ *Praying for the family strength, comfort and  
peace*



Becky Arnold - December 30, 2017 at 09:59 AM

KA

“ *Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis*



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**Kim Angle** - December 30, 2017 at 09:22 AM

CR

“ *Connie Reed lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis*



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**Connie Reed** - December 29, 2017 at 11:41 PM

JS

“ *Juliene Stone lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis*



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**Juliene Stone** - December 29, 2017 at 11:39 PM

AW

“ *I will ALWAYS remember how much he cared for us, his patients, and how well he treated my parents Loyd and Faye Stidman throughout the years. Many times he comforted my father with his kind and caring words of encouragement when my mother was ill. Condolences and prayers, from the Stidman family to the Garis family. God speed good doctor.*

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**April Walker** - December 29, 2017 at 10:38 PM

CT

“ *Chuck Tiessen lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis*



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**Chuck Tiessen** - December 29, 2017 at 03:51 PM

CS

“ *Connie Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. John A. Garis*



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**connie scott** - December 29, 2017 at 10:36 AM

GS

“ *Oh goodness, I am so terribly sorry; we trusted and loved this man. God bless his family.*

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**Glenn/Shirley Scott** - December 29, 2017 at 10:29 AM