



Dr. Robert Lin Alexander Jr.

July 8, 1936 - January 20, 2023

Dr. Robert Lin Alexander, Jr. Part of the three-generation, 110-year medical history of Okmulgee is gone. Dr. Robert Lin Alexander, Jr died January 20, 2023, after a long illness. His Grandfather, Dr. Lin Alexander came to Okmulgee before statehood in 1903 and established a medical practice. Dr. Lin's sons Dr. T.C. Alexander went into practice with his father in the late 1920s and Dr. Robert Lin Alexander, Sr. established his practice in 1935. Dr. Robert Lin Sr and Urith Allen Alexander (Bowden) were the parents to Dr. Robert Lin Alexander, Jr, born on July 8, 1936, at the old Okmulgee Hospital. Bob was educated in the Okmulgee Public Schools, graduating from Okmulgee High School in 1954. He attended pre-med at Oklahoma University and medical school at Oklahoma University College of Medicine, graduating in 1961. The day before graduating from Medical School, he married his high-school sweetheart, Julia Ann Liles.

He served his Internship and Surgical Residency at St. Louis City Hospital, St. Louis, MO where he was Chief Resident of Surgery his final year. While in his residency he entered the Berry Plan, a two-year military commitment so he could finish his residency without a draft interruption.

Immediately after finishing his residency Dr. Bob entered the US Army at Ft. Hood TX in 1967. He was at Ft. Hood for a year before being sent to the 12th EVAC Hospital at Chu Chi, Vietnam in support of the 25th Infantry Division in 1968. He was an Army Surgeon at Chu Chi during the Tet Offensive of 1968. While as a Captain in the US Army he was awarded the Bronze Star, Nation

Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

When he was discharged from the Army, he came back to Okmulgee and established his Surgical Practice with his father and his brother, Dr. Tom Alexander. During this time, Dr. Bob served as President of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce. He served several years as the doctor for the football program at Okmulgee High School and set up the patient triage at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital during the Morris tornado of 1984. Additionally, Dr Bob was a member of the Okmulgee-Okfuskee Medical Association, and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was a delegate to the Oklahoma State Medical Society meeting and attended many national meetings of the AMA.

In 1975, Dr. Alexander re-enlisted as a Major in the US Army and took his wife and three children to spend three years working at the 5th General Hospital in Stuttgart, Germany. While there, he and his family traveled all over Europe, welcoming family and friends from Okmulgee to join in their adventures. After returning to Okmulgee, Dr. Bob re-established his practice and served a term as Chief of Staff at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. In 1987, he opened a small bistro called Bob's Eatery & Catery. One of Bob's passions was good food. The Eatery served lunch and dinner, where Bob occasionally joined Chef Rene Jungo in the kitchen in the evenings.

After closing Bob's Eatery & Catery, Dr. Bob decided to travel to other parts of the United States and practice surgery. Over the next 10 years, he affiliated with Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria OR; Moses Lake Clinic, Moses Lake WA; Iron Mountain Veterans Hospital, Iron Mountain MI and J.C. Montgomery VA Affairs Medical Center, Muskogee, OK.

In 1999, Bob and Julia retired to Okmulgee. Bob liked to travel and go to casinos. He enjoyed his hobby of fishing and collected hand-made fishing decoys.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years Julia Liles Alexander, children: Jeffery Lin Alexander and Sarah (wife), James Lile Alexander and Becky (wife),

Jennifer Loia Alexander and Gina (wife). Siblings include Dr. Thomas Crawford Alexander, brother; Dr. Ann Elizabeth Alexander, sister; Kathryn Sue Alexander, sister and Alicia (wife). Grandchildren are: Riley Mattison Alexander, Connor Lin Alexander, Peyton Elizabeth Alexander, and Robert Clark Alexander and several nieces and nephews. A committal service will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Okmulgee Cemetery. A time of remembrance will be held at the Alexander home following the ceremony. lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dr. R. L. Alexander, Jr. may be made to any preferred veterans' organization.

Cremation arrangements and services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family Bob 's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I see Dr. Alexander sadly passed a year ago. My sincere belated condolences to the family.
Just today, I googled his name after remembering & reading about him in the many letters I have saved over all these years from my husband while he served in Vietnam. He spoke so highly of “Bob” through his letters & after his return. My husband, Ralph Macek, an MD (GP) served with him at Chu Chi & assisted in many surgeries. He had such respect for him as a surgeon & good friend. I think they kept each other sane during an insane time. Ralph passed 11/07/19. He had practiced Family Medicine in Altoona, Pa. for 38 years. He had a good life and the obituary would indicate the same for Dr. Alexander.
Best regards,
Barbara Macek

Barbara Macek - January 26, 2024 at 04:47 PM

VS

“ I worked with Dr Bob at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mtn, MI. He was a brilliant surgeon and great boss and friend. He was loved by all his co-workers and patients.
My deepest condolences to the Alexander family.
May his memory be a blessing.
Vikki

Vikki Stephen - August 05, 2023 at 05:43 PM

PR

“ I had the privilege of working with Dr. Alexander in Stuttgart Germany. He was an amazing man and physician. He had a large piece of art on his office wall titled 'war is not healthy for children and other living things.' Attached - he had placed all the pieces of shrapnel he had removed from soldiers while saving lives as a surgeon in Viet Nam - something that will never be forgotten.



My condolences and prayers to his family.

Patty Richey - May 03, 2023 at 07:42 PM

RK

“ Ralph Kovarik lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Lin Alexander Jr.



Ralph Kovarik - April 08, 2023 at 12:02 AM

KA

“ Kim Angle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Lin Alexander Jr.



Kim Angle - February 15, 2023 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ Sincere condolences to Doctor Bob’s entire family. Doctor Bob’s dedicated service to his country and his community cannot be understated as is true also of the long line of Alexander doctors who dedicated much of their lives to taking care of patients in Okmulgee and elsewhere. Doctor Bob and Julia were also fine neighbors, friends and supporters of my parents Jim and Iris Brownfield. Goodbye Doctor Bob, I will miss your presence when visiting the Brownfield home in Okmulgee.

Stephen Brownfield - January 30, 2023 at 01:53 PM

PG

“ All of the Goodwin family have been patients of the family of Alexander Doctors. Dr Robert Alexander’s Father delivered me at the Okmulgee Hospital, 1952, that was then located on Okmulgee Street. A wonderful man and skilled Doctor. He made a huge contribution to the Okmulgee area and across the world. Phyllis Goodwin and late parents Oral and Betty Goodwin

Phyllis Goodwin - January 28, 2023 at 05:33 PM

JC

“ My sincere sympathy to the entire Alexander family - one and all - young and old. Three generations of trusted care for my family and fond friendships for more than seven decades.



Jeneane Campbell - January 27, 2023 at 12:45 AM

KM

“ He was such a gifted Doctor! He was kind and patiently cared for so many with a smile and caring touch. My prayers for the family.

Karen Wright Martin - January 26, 2023 at 06:14 PM

JJ

“ *May the memories of his life of service comfort you in this time.
Peace and love always Jacque*

Jacque Jacobs - January 26, 2023 at 10:46 AM

ML

“ *Michelle Langley lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Robert Lin Alexander Jr.*



Michelle Langley - January 25, 2023 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ *To the Alexander family I send my condolences. Dr. Bob was the
best of the best. He was a true servant of the people and the Lord.
There is not enough space here to list all the ways Okmulgee and
this whole world is better because of him. I am thankful for him! May
God Bless your dear family.*

Billie Brannon - January 25, 2023 at 01:24 AM

DW

“ *Such a Wonderful, dedicated man and Doctor, as his Father and
Brother. We were so fortunate to have them all here in Okmulgee.
Our Heartfelt Condolences to his wife and children and the entire
Alexander family!*

Debbie Walker - January 24, 2023 at 01:41 PM

JC

“ Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Lin Alexander Jr.



Jeffrey L Culbert - January 24, 2023 at 01:36 PM

JM

“ So many memories through the years. Dedicated his life to the armed forces and Okmulgee. So sorry to his wonder wife and family.



Jimmy McClendon - January 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM

DP

“ One of the best bosses, friend, family man and Dr's I have ever known. Loved working for him and his brother for many years. He will truly be missed by many. Dena Powers

Dena Powers - January 24, 2023 at 09:08 AM

SR

“ Dr. Bob saved my brother's life when he was about 12 years old. His knowledge and fast diagnosis and prompt emergency surgery is the reason Mark is alive today. He was a great surgeon and a good man.

Sharon Baldrige Riker - January 24, 2023 at 12:06 AM

VB

“ Dr. Alexander Jr., better known by staff as Dr. Bob! I had the privilege of working with him and learning so much from him as I was a new RN in the early 1980's. He always was an exceptional surgeon that cared deeply about each of his patients! Valerie Ballenger

valerie ballenger - January 23, 2023 at 11:39 PM

BC

“ Knew Bob a long time ago when we were in high school. Both he and brother Tom were my good friends, and their dad our family Doctor. Good memories of the whole family and their kindness and caring. Barbara Hahne Campbell

barbara campbell - January 23, 2023 at 10:54 PM

DR

My family was friends with his parents, Dr. Bob and Urith. His sister Kathy was my age and we were good friends. I am so sorry to see that "Ozzie" has passed away.

Donna Watts Roberds - January 24, 2023 at 03:26 AM

GS

“ Glenn & Shirley Scott lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert Lin Alexander Jr.



Glenn & Shirley Scott - January 23, 2023 at 08:54 PM

LP

“ I had the great privilege of providing anesthesia for Dr. Bob for a number of years at OMH. He was a wonderful surgeon and a great gentleman.

Larry F Patrick - January 23, 2023 at 07:23 PM

LB

“ The Alexander's were my drs forever it seemed like. Dr. Bob Jr was the one that informed me of my first pregnancy. Awesome doctor for sure!!



Linda Baldrige - January 23, 2023 at 06:40 PM

LC

Very good doctor. He was my doctor at the OSUIT campus for many years.

Linda Crook - January 23, 2023 at 10:21 PM

JS

Julia, I am sorry to hear of your husband's passing.

Jim Sinclair

Jim Sinclair - April 05, 2023 at 12:49 PM