



Dr. B.C. Dodson

December 6, 1924 - January 27, 2018

B.C. Dodson, 93, of Magnolia died Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Magnolia Health and Rehab. He was born December 6, 1924, in Magnolia.

B.C. grew up walking, hunting, and fishing all over Columbia County. He had a love for the outdoors and a strong curiosity that made him always want to learn more. B.C. joined the military during WWII but was soon injured and sent home. This allowed him to follow his dream of attending college on the GI Bill assistance. He earned a BSE by starting at the University of Arkansas and finishing at Arkansas State Teachers College, currently UCA, in 1948. He went on to get his MS degree at the University of Arkansas in 1958, his Ed.S. from Kansas State Teachers College in 1961, and an Ed.D. in 1969 at the University of Oklahoma. He also obtained graduate hours at East Texas State University and Oklahoma State University.

B.C. started his education career in 1948 and retired in 1997. During those years, he taught high school science at Dermott, Magnolia, Quitman (Texas), and Crossett. In 1961, he accepted a position with Southern State College as a professor of chemistry and retired as the Dean of Science and Medical Technology. He received many honors during his 49-year career. He was named an Outstanding Educator in America, a member of the American Men of Science, Personalities of the South, and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. After becoming part of the National Science Foundation in 1965, he conducted Science Leadership conferences for teachers throughout the United States. He wrote and published several books for education, ranging from elementary level to college level.

B.C. was a member of Corinth Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. He was a man who loved God, his family and friends, as well as his community. He served on many area groups to promote his community and state in having cleaner air and water. Many say he never met a stranger. He loved nearly everyone he met and loved to tell stories of his life growing up in Magnolia.

B.C. was preceded in death by his wife, Norma (Norwood) Dodson; his parents, Sam and Linnie Camp Dodson; his siblings, Sam Dodson, Melba Reeves, Dorothy Krante, and Lurlene McGuire.

B.C. is survived by three children, Tekla Barr of Clarksville, Barton Dodson and wife Allison of Milton, Wash., and Debbie White and husband Mike of El Dorado; four

grandchildren, Michael Barr and wife Liz of Clarksville, Misti Carrell and husband Cody of Redwater, Texas, Haley White of Atlanta, Texas, and Blake White and wife Sadie of Longview, Texas; and six great-grandchildren, Madison, Jack, and Casey Barr, Gavin and Emberlee Carrell, and Becket Brown.

B.C. is also survived by a brother, Carroll Dodson of Queen City, Texas, and a sister, Sandy Dodson Tomlin of Mobile, Ala., and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 31st at 1:00 p.m. at Lewis Funeral Home, Inc. in Magnolia with funeral services to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Steve Rondeau officiating. Burial will be at the Spring Branch Cemetery in Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Barr, Blake White, Mike White, Barton Dodson, Harold Lloyd Johnson, Carroll Dodson, Joe Dodson, and Denny Burdine.

The family requests memorial contributions are sent to the Dr. B.C. and Norma Dodson Scholarship Fund at Southern Arkansas University, PO Box 9174, Magnolia, AR 71754.

To sign the online guest book or to share a memory visit www.lewisfuneralhome.biz

Comments



“ Dr Dodson was my advisor at SAU nursing. He was so helpful and encouraging. I had the privilege to later be his nurse. He was always so kind and interesting. I learned many historical facts from him during my visits. He made such a contribution to our community and touched so many lives. He will be missed.
Becky Farmer Ainsworth SAU class of nursing 1984

Becky Ainsworth - February 16, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Dodson family. Dr. Dodson touched so many lives. He will live on in the memories of those who knew and loved him. May you all find comfort in his life well spent.
Marc and Tricia Niebergall

Patricia Perritt Niebergall - February 11, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ I owe my selection of science and technology as a career path to three people, all from Magnolia -- one of whom was B.C. Dodson, my MHS chemistry teacher. "Mr. Dodson" made chemistry fun. He was passionate about his students learning the fundamentals underlying those incredible chemistry lessons he taught. Mr. Dodson's teaching skills and passion for understanding science fundamentals probably had something to do with so many of his students later obtaining higher education degrees in science and engineering fields. Three of us from his same mid-50's MHS chemistry class obtained two doctorates and one master's degree from the same university (MIT). Others from the same class obtained science and engineering degrees from other universities. B.C. Dodson ranked at the very top of best teachers I ever had. His impact and legacy reaches far and wide. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

Ray Robinson, MHS class of '56 - February 08, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss I give my deepest sympathy I will truly miss the stories Mr BC told to us I was a care specialist for him while he lived at Magnolia Health Rehabilitation

I Love you Mr.BC

Dezrail Cooper - February 09, 2018 at 12:14 AM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Candy and Rusty Adams

candy - February 07, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. B.C. Dodson.



January 31, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ Fran and I really thought B C was a wonderful and interesting man.great person to listen to.He will be missed.

Fran and Linda Camp - January 30, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I remember him as one of my SAU professors when I got my undergraduate degree. He was always so helpful, kind, and quietly supportive. He will be missed but his legacy lives on through all the teachers he trained and the students they in turn have had contact with through the years.

Kathy Wright - January 30, 2018 at 05:52 PM



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Anne Gautsche - January 30, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ Great memories of the times I spent with Dr. B.C.! Thursday nights listening, having private tutorials for that weekly Friday Chemistry Exam! What a great man with a loving, tender soul! And what a Story Teller he was in these last years of his life!

Anne - January 30, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ Anne and Sandy Gautsche purchased the Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' for the family of Dr. B.C. Dodson.



Anne and Sandy Gautsche - January 30, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Tekla,
My heart hurts for you today. One of the many things I respect about you is your love for and commitment to your family. You have been a great example to me and I hope I can honor my parents as you have honored yours.
Praying for strength and peace for you during this time.
Love you forever,
Gwen

Gwendolann Faulkenberry - January 30, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Dr. B.C. Dodson was an amazing teacher. His love of science was infectious. Any elementary teacher in training was beyond fortunate to learn from him. As we worked through our assignments and science experiments we learned a lot more from Dr. Dodson than mere science. We learned how to respect and care for our fellow man and give respect to everyone and everything around us. His love of teaching was infectious. He demanded our best efforts and always celebrated our learning with us. I only hope that my students can say they developed a love of science because of me. I was so blessed to know Dr. Dodson. The world has lost a very special man.

Karen Dendy - January 30, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. B.C. Dodson.



January 30, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ The ATU Ozark family sends its sincere condolences to Tekla and the family. We ask for comfort and strength during this time. Tekla always spoke proudly of her family and Dr. Dodson. A true servant.

Bruce Sikes - January 30, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ Debbie Mike Misti Haley Blake and family I want to extend my deepest condolences to you all on the death of your father May God Bless you all. You all are in my prayers

Chris White Brick NJ - January 29, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ Cindy Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. B.C. Dodson



Cindy Dawkins - January 29, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ My beautiful cousin gone too soon. He lived a wonderful life and had a wonderful amazing family. My heart goes out to the Dodson family. I love you all. Ussery and Erma Nippers daughter, Sue.

Sue Nipper Coon - January 30, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ I wish i could have went fishing with him in the best fishing hole in Columbia county. He had many memories of crooked creek/dorcheat. I was blessed to know B.C. and Norma.

steve rondeau - January 29, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Shawn (Lewis) Bean lit a candle in memory of Dr. B.C. Dodson



Shawn (Lewis) Bean - January 29, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ I was so blessed to have Dr. Dodson in my science education while preparing to be an elementary teacher. I loved his teaching methods and his love of science. He did an excellent job of preparing me to teach elementary science. I hope I inspired as many minds in my teaching as Dr. Dodson did in his teaching. I know your family will celebrate a life well lived as you gather together. My love and thoughts are with all of you.

Karen Dendy - January 29, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ My prayers and condolences to the family of Dr. Dodson. I worked for him as a student worker at SAU for several years and he was always a joy to work for. His laughter and love for people speaks volumes for his life and legacy. I will always cherish the sweet memories of him and the many laughs that we had and the many stories that he shared with me about his life. May God comfort your hearts today and in the many days ahead.
Love and prayers,
Shawn (Lewis) Bean

Shawn (Lewis) Bean - January 29, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ We always loved visiting with Mr. Dodson when he would come to our office. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Bob Edstrom and staff - January 29, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Mr. Dodson was one of my favorite teachers. He was always so helpful. I think he was always the favorite of all my friends. May God Bless all of you.

Theresa Mitchell - January 29, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ Debbie, Tekla, Barton and family members,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one Dr. B.C. Dodson. I could write days and not even get close to all the stories he shared while visiting my parents the last 3-4 years of their life. I loved the day mom, Dad and I went to his home to see all the pictures of family members hanging on his walls. You didn't dare leave his home before looking at his perfect garden and loading the trunk with all his goodies. I could listen to him and Dad talk about the good ole days for hours and hours. He would also bring me packets of family pictures and papers on how to grow the best garden. I will cherish these forever. I didn't start college until I was in my 20's and everyday he would stop me or I would stop him just to talk and I would tell him that I had to get to class and he told me to tell my professor I was talking to him....he said they will understand and they did.Lol My fonest memory was the semester I was graduating and he asked me if I would mind if he presented my diploma to me....I started crying thinking “The Dr. Dodson” wanted to give me my diploma. I couldn't wait to get home and tell Dad (they were first cousins) and Dad asked if I accepted and I said of course Dad, do you know he's the best professor on college and Dad said yes he is and what an honor for you and it was.
I've never met anyone except Granny Camp and my mother that loved the Lord as much as he did. He got on to me a few years back and told me to call him B.C....so B.C. give mom and Dad a big hug and tell them I love and miss them so much. RIP you have earned it. Love to all the family.

Brenda and Corky Thornton - January 29, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Honored to have gone backroading on numerous days with BC and his daughter Debbie after I moved back to Magnolia in 2013. He shared the rich history of his beloved Macedonia as we rode. Feeling lucky to have known him. And laughed with him and Debbie.

Janie Cagle McLane - January 29, 2018 at 05:41 PM