



Dr. Henry Pace

October 4, 2015

Dr. Henry Buford Pace, 85, died Sunday, October 4, 2015 at the Swing Bed Unit of the Yalobusha General Hospital, Water Valley, MS.

Born in Thomasville, TN, Dr. Pace and his family had lived in Oxford since 1968. A retired professor of Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of Mississippi, Dr. Pace was also the Director of Osteopathic Medicine for Mississippi. He was a cattle farmer and a tree farmer. A veteran of the United States Army, Dr. Pace was a member of the Elk Lodge in St. Louis, MO and of the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford. He took great pleasure in spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Oxford. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Rev. Ann Kelly officiating. Interment will be in the Oxford Memorial Cemetery. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include one son, Joe (Marsha) Pace of Oxford, MS; one daughter, Jennifer Pace of Oxford, MS; one sister, Anita Williams of Albany, OR; two granddaughters, Lauren T. Pace and Mallory L. Pace; two sisters-in-law, Pat Ritter of Nashville, TN and Evalyn Pace of Bonneville, OR.

His parents, Henry E. and Louise B. Pace, and his wife, Phyllis R. Pace preceded Dr. Pace in death.

Memorials may be made to the Henry Pace Scholarship at the School of Osteopathic Medicine at William Carey College, 498 Tuscan Ave., Box 2, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall of this website.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Memorial Cemetery

Oxford, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Oxford
924 Van Buren Ave.
Oxford, MS

Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Oxford
924 Van Buren Ave.
Oxford, MS

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Henry Pace



Coleman Funeral Home - October 06, 2015 at 11:05 AM

JS

“ I will always remember Dr. Henry Pace! When we first met, he invited me to go to his house to talk about medical school and my career goals. He promised that he would help me get into medical school. He did. I am now an established physician. I owe my medical career to him and will forever be grateful for his impact. Dr. Pace was legend and he will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

John Shen, DO

John Shen - March 24, 2021 at 07:52 PM

LF

“ Dr Henry Pace was continuously supportive, encouraging, & motivating during my efforts to become a physician. My journey on the road to becoming a physician was fraught with challenges but he stood by my side every step of the way & supported my efforts to pursue my dream for a second time! I can still hear him saying, "nothing beats a failure but a try!" Whenever I spoke with him he was sure to ask me before getting off the phone, "well is it anything I can do for you?" I'm so so thankful to have known him and experienced the positive impact that he had in my life. I appreciate you & your tireless commitment to making sure so many individuals desiring to become physicians had the opportunity to do so!! The Osteopathic family has lost a legend! You will be sincerely missed!!
Dr Laviesta Ferrell, DO

Laviesta Ferrell - November 26, 2015 at 02:21 PM

NA

Was thinking about him this morning. Curious how old he was. Turns out older than I remembered. I was thinking mid to late 70s. Doesn't surprise me though with his zeal for life! I came across this Laviesta and you are so right about it all! I remember Dr. Pace taking you and I to Pikeville for your interview. What a trip! He set the cruise at 68 on the interstate saying it was best not to get all tangled in the traffic. Haha! I too owe my career to him. He touched so many ppl directly. And even more through the hands of those he helped be successful. His impact is truly immeasurable. ❤️
Natasha R Phillips, DO

Natasha - June 20, 2020 at 10:57 AM

MK

“ Always looked forward to visiting with Buford at the Pace Family Reunions that Uncle Buddy Pace put together in Kentucky. Remember Jennifer came with him a time or two. Buford was outgoing and friendly, witty and charismatic. It was an honor to know him.

--Mike Krebill (Ruth Pace Krebill and Rollie Krebill family, which included Bob, Martha Lynn, Dan, and Elizabeth.)

Mike Krebill - October 19, 2015 at 04:16 PM

MD

“ Dr. Pace was instrumental in the lives of so many students, Pharmacy and Osteopathic Medical. Osteopathic Medicine in the Southern United States is a factor because of Dr Henry Pace and I have my medical career because of him. He was an important teacher in my Pharmacy education and advisor for Medical School.

I remember bringing case after case of Barq's Root Beer to Dr Pace while I was in Pharmacy School in Oxford. It was only available in south Mississippi and he loved that Root Beer (so do I).

I had the privilege of knowing Dr Pace since 1975. He will never be forgotten by so many people that he influenced.

M. David East, DO - October 08, 2015 at 10:28 AM

MD

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JC

“ *God Bless you as you adjust to your life without him.*

David and Joyce Chadwell

Joyce Chadwell - October 06, 2015 at 08:34 PM

SD

“ *Dr Henry Pace was so instrumental over the years in helping so many of us become physicians. I thank him for how he helped me, and I am where I am today in part because of him. He loved and believed in the osteopathic way. Thank you, Sir! May you rest with Him now.*

*Stephen N. Luker, D.O.
Mena, Arkansas*

Stephen N Luker, D.O. - October 06, 2015 at 08:21 PM

RJ

“ *Please know that each of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. May our almighty God give each of you strength and draw you closer to his side during your darkest hour. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do.*

*Rubin Jaco
Jo Marquis*

Rubin Jaco - October 06, 2015 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ Sincere sympathy from the Skierkowski family on the loss of Dr Henry Pace. He was a beloved member of the faculty in the 70's when our family lived & worked in Oxford. Hopefully the many memories will sustain you.

Sincerely,
Sandy Skierkowski

Sandra Skierkowski - October 06, 2015 at 05:40 PM

RS

“ There are many who will miss him, and his vision for health care. He's helped so many across the South. The Osteopathic profession has lost a leader. Truly a joy to know. Will always be grateful for his help & guidance, & thank the Lord for his Medical terminology quizzes which got me through his A&P course.
Robert Smith, D.O. ("Skillet"), West Point, MS.

Robert Smith - October 06, 2015 at 05:27 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr. Pace was a wonderfully brilliant man and will be missed by so many in the medical field and education circles. Prayers for each of you.

Mary Brite Sellers - October 06, 2015 at 04:29 PM

BW

“ Joe, Marsha, Jennifer and family...so sorry about Henry...have missed seeing him.
May God wrap you all in His loving arms and give you peace at this difficult time.
Thinking of you all..
Bobbye

Bobbye Wiley - October 06, 2015 at 01:38 PM

MJ

“ *Martha Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Pace*



Martha Jones - October 06, 2015 at 11:38 AM

EH

During the many years that we knew Henry many passions became apparent. The one that stands out the most was his deep concerns for those due to age, poverty or color prevented the appropriate addressing of needs. I can not count the number of times he devoted time and effort in being the voice for them.

Ernest and Bonnie Harland - October 06, 2015 at 02:16 PM

AW

“ *I owe my medical career to Dr. Pace. What a wonderful mentor and special person. I will always carry his memory in my heart. You will never know the values you have instilled upon me, Rest in peace sweet man.*



Amber W.

Amber Williamson - October 06, 2015 at 11:12 AM

RP

“ To me he was Boo. I am the pastor of Juanita "Fluff" Eller and I always enjoyed the times Boo came to Ashland City and stopped in the church for a visit. We would talk farm, medicine and occasionally a little church doctrine. I think the thing I remember most was no matter the topic it was always a lively discussion. I haven't seen Boo in about 4 years as his visits were shorter and less often. I have missed those chats and will miss the opportunity to have more. God placed a unique man in our lives and he touched so many of us. Rest in peace friend. Rickey Page

Rickey D Page - October 06, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - October 06, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ I, like Danny and Sandy Jackson (Morris) was deeply touched by Dr. H.B. Pace is Pharmacy School at Ole Miss. Henry touched so many young lives. He was a very genuine and gentle man and will be missed by many, many of his former students at Ole Miss. I will be one of them.

John Davis (John D) (JD) Williams, Coldwater. MS, BSPH 1970

John Williams - October 06, 2015 at 07:10 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry Pace.*



October 05, 2015 at 11:00 PM



“ *If it was not for the help of Dr. Pace, I would not be a doctor today. He promised to help me get into medical school, and he did. I am so very thankful for his help and blessed by his encouragement and friendship. He touch many lives, and I am so proud to have been one!*

Kelly Biddle Dickson - October 05, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry Pace.*



October 05, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Henry Pace.*



October 05, 2015 at 04:03 PM

LW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. It was my privilege to work closely with Dr. Pace in my first years in Oxford, and he was always outgoing, friendly and helpful to me, and to so many others. God bless his memory for his loved ones.

Larry Walker

Larry Walker - October 05, 2015 at 03:22 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss-have fond memories of Dr Pace visiting Danny and I when we were in Kansas City. Praying for your family. Sandy Jackson Morris.



Sandy Jackson Morris - October 05, 2015 at 01:49 PM



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John Williams - October 06, 2015 at 07:08 AM

Tracy Ralston

“ Tracy Ralston lit a candle in memory of Dr. Henry Pace



Tracy Ralston - October 05, 2015 at 06:21 AM

DM

“ *Dr. Pace will be greatly missed. He was very inspirational. He was very genuine and very caring. I spent some time with him so that he was able to get to know me better in order to write me a recommendation letter for medical school. He was so generous not only with his time, but also his knowledge, wisdom and energy. He truly cared about everyone and everything. He was able to see the big picture while at the same time be able to focus specific aspects of the big picture. I will always remember his generosity, sincerity and gentle reassurance during the tumultuous application process for medical school. He was a one of a kind spirit.*

Dan Nguyen, MD

Dan Nguyen, MD - October 05, 2015 at 12:47 AM

DF

“ *Dr. Sharon Shelton Fawaz, D.O. Niceville, Florida purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Henry Pace.*



Dr. Sharon Shelton Fawaz, D.O. Niceville, Florida - October 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM

SF

“ *Dr. Pace will be greatly missed. He helped me get into Medical school in 1985, I have always appreciated him helping me and enjoyed seeing him every year at MOMA in Sandestin, Fl. May God bless the Pace family, with much love and prayers, Dr. Sharon Shelton Fawaz, D.O.*



Sharon Fawaz - October 04, 2015 at 03:12 PM

RB

Dr Pace was a pioneer in the south for Osteopathic Medicine he helped so many get into a profession that at the time was little known in many parts of the south. It has become so strong in the rural south helping hundreds if not thousands of small towns have family physicians. I will never forget his friendship and help. God speed Henry Rick Bendinger D.O.

Rick Bendinger - October 04, 2015 at 06:08 PM

JM

Enjoyed his commitment and friendship while in pharmacy school!

Joe McLellan - October 05, 2015 at 07:38 AM

GD

I will miss Dr. Pace, but so will many rural southern families. He is the father of osteopathic medicine in the south. He touched too many lives for anyone to recount, including mine.

George Brooks, DO - October 05, 2015 at 07:44 PM

JD

A strong man who stood for his beliefs and championed many individuals in their quest to become physicians. A man with an incisive mind which operated like a lens on the issues, pushing those with whom he interacted to continue a quest for integrity and excellence. Henry Pace led by example, actively seeking to help people reach their goals through education and thereby benefit all of society. A man who shone a light on pathways people did not know existed, that led to fulfilling their dreams.

We will miss you, Henry. You made a difference.

John Jones, DO

John Jones, DO - October 05, 2015 at 09:13 PM

CI

My heartfelt condolences to Jennifer and Joe and their families. Dr. Pace was one of a kind. A remarkable man that touched many lives and made a difference in the world. You will be missed.

Cindy - October 06, 2015 at 01:33 AM

EH

Our hearts go out the whole family, sending love and prayers.

Ann and Rd

Ed and Ann Hood - October 06, 2015 at 01:38 PM

JP

How do you adequately comment on the life of such an individual as Henry Pace? I wish I had that ability, but we all know what a special, caring, tireless, and selfless individual he was who gave of himself continuously so all of us could accomplish so much. I challenge each of us to continue his great legacy in our daily lives, as we devote ourselves to Osteopathic Medicine. Going to a state convention won't be the same. Henry, we will all miss you. And if I didn't say it enough, thanks.

Jack Pettigrew

Jack Pettigrew - October 06, 2015 at 09:57 PM