



## Robert Linsey Echols

July 11, 1948 - September 3, 2018

Dr. Robert Linsey Echols, 70 of Cullman, AL, passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 3, 2018 surrounded by his beloved family. He was born July 11, 1948 to Robert Abercrombie and Marie Brantley Echols in Selma, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol Holleman Echols; sons, Jonathan (Leslie) Echols and Blair (Leigh Ann) Echols; grandchildren, Ethan, Addie and Nolan Echols; sister, Debra Echols Turner (Curly, deceased); brother-in-law, John Albert (Angie) Holleman.

Bob was affectionately known as “Doc” to many and never met a stranger. He was a gifted physician that helped countless people in his 44 year career in medicine. Bob graduated from W.P. Davidson High School (1966), Auburn University (1970), and the UAB School of Medicine (1974).

He served as an elder at Cullman Church of Christ and spent much of his free time enjoying his grandchildren. He was an avid storyteller and hunter of all things wild. Bob was a selfless servant and helping anyone in need. He was board certified in Emergency Medicine and worked in Birmingham at Cooper Green Hospital and UAB. He worked as an Emergency Room physician for the past 23 years at CRMC. Countless patients and families were blessed by his uncanny ability to diagnose and treat with an unforgettable humor, love and compassion. Bob worked in medical missions in Guatemala and Honduras, and locally helped start the Good Samaritan Clinic. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of service.

The family will receive friends from 10am until 12 noon on Friday, September 7, at Cullman Church of Christ with the funeral beginning at 12 noon. There will be a private family burial in Montgomery on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to the Cullman Church of Christ Missions.

# Tribute Wall

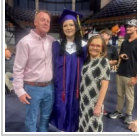
MR

“ We have lost a great man. He was fearless leader, a friend, and like a father to most of us here at Cullman Regional. He respected all our employees for every role they played in caring for the people. He smiled, he laughed, and even told us things we didn't want to hear.

We love him. Personally, I've been here 25 years and working with him was a gift each day and a joy. I was blessed to know him. I know he is smiling down on us today from Heaven above.

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**Melissia Rodgers** - September 07, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“❤️ Thank you for 20 years of friendship, half of those spent working together during crazy, funny and life altering events. You simply were the best. You gave the best advice and I looked up to you like a father. You gave the best prayers at church, my children adored you and I know you did them as well. They mourn you now as I do. ❤️ I know you would scoff at all of attention paid to you but you deserve it

.❤️ You loved your family so much, always talking about them especially Carol and Jonathan Echols, Leslie Daniel Echols, Blair and LeighAnn Echols. I hope your grandchildren will take a small bit of comfort when I say I know how much he loved you.

❤️ I was so glad that you were working when the medics brought me in with a swollen brain due to PRES. you were such a comfort to my family especially 8 month pregnant Caitlyn Murphree. Every time you saw her you'd say "When she was little she would come running up to hug my legs" (at church) I wasn't always completely conscious, but you sat by me and tried to keep me oriented. You never left me. Then on to UAB (where I went onto work after CRMC) they adored you just as much.

❤️ I pray so much for your family. They were so much a part of you. Story after story you would regale us with. I know that God is with them helping them and that soothes my soul just a bit.

❤️ You were simply just a good Christian man/Doctor taking care of people either physically or psychologically that came from your heart. You were the best. We will definitely miss your laughter and smile.

❤️ I like so many will miss you my friend. "You loved well and were loved well"

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Sonya Steele-Murphree - September 07, 2018 at 11:42 AM

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“ *The medical field lost a great doctor.. he will be sorely missed.. he always treated his patients with a big smile and always made the effort to cheer them*

*Up and help them feel better. He was the best thing in CRMC ER! I will most definitely miss him. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.. May you all find peace and comfort in knowing what a great compassionate, caring person he was. I would always tell him I wished He would open a private practice.. anyone who knew him loved him.. God Bless you all* ❤️🙏



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**Amy Moctezuma** - September 07, 2018 at 12:15 AM

DM

“ *My husband and I always hoped he was in the ER anytime we had to go. His knowledge, ability and humor made an otherwise expectant trip one that was tolerable if not pleasant. He was a special person and we will miss him!*

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**Dale and Rebecca McAnnally** - September 06, 2018 at 06:19 PM

RM

“ *Dr. Bob had a wonderful presence about him. When he spoke, you listened out of respect and admiration for him. A great man of God and great example to all who knew him. Will forever hold him in high regard along with his wife and family.*

*Ryan & Jennifer McCuiston*

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**Ryan McCuiston** - September 06, 2018 at 11:42 AM

BA

“ Beverly Allred lit a candle in memory of Robert Linsey Echols



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**Beverly Allred** - September 06, 2018 at 09:39 AM

RW

“ I was so deeply shocked upon receiving the news of Dr Echols. He was a special man & touched my life deeply. God grant you His comfort & peace. He will be greatly missed.  
Dr. Roger R. Woodard  
Kings Mountain, N.C.

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**Roger Woodard** - September 06, 2018 at 09:38 AM

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“ Dear Carol,

*Patti and I are shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's sudden passing. He was an outstanding, godly man whose impact will be felt for many years to come. We pray that our Lord will comfort you and your family, and that you're buoyed by many wonderful memories and by his legacy.*

*In Him,*

*Tony and Patti Elliott  
Athens, AL*

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**Tony Elliott** - September 06, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert Linsey Echols.*



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September 06, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *My heart and prayers to the family, The medical community lost a great doctor and the community lost an even greater man. I'm proud to have worked with such a great man.*

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**Gregory Smith** - September 05, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ *A great man, wonderful doctor and just plain nice. It was a pleasure to know you and work beside you. Curtis*

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**Curtis Newman** - September 05, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *He was such a good man and a Great Doctor, always treated me with care when Crohn's Disease flared up, would bring a laugh out of me even in pain. Every time I seen him, he had this big smile on and just seemed to be happy all the time.*

*I will miss waving to him as he passed my house in his old blue Datsun pickup with that awesome grin of his. He will be Greatly Missed.*

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**Tim Graveman** - September 05, 2018 at 06:53 PM

JM

“ *Jacqueline Mcmurphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Linsey Echols*



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**Jacqueline mcmurphy** - September 05, 2018 at 02:12 PM

JM

“ *Jacqueline Mcmurphy lit a candle in memory of Robert Linsey Echols*



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**Jacqueline mcmurphy** - September 05, 2018 at 02:11 PM