



R. Lane Wroth, MD

August 26, 1926 - November 17, 2018

St. Michaels:

R. Lane Wroth, M.D., beloved father, grandfather, uncle and Talbot County Physician, died Saturday, November 17, 2018, at Talbot Hospice House, after a brief illness.

Dr. Wroth was born August 26, 1926 in Washington DC, the son of the Right Reverend Edward Pinkney Wroth, Episcopal Bishop of Erie, PA and Marjorie Hamill Wroth. He spent his early years in Washington before moving to Warren, PA. His family has Eastern Shore MD ties back to the 1650s, with the family seat in Kent County, where he spent all family events and vacations as a youth.

In 1947 he graduated from Kenyon, College in Ohio, as a premedical student, and attended George Washington University, Washington DC, where he graduated in 1951. Following that he had a rotating Internship at Baltimore City Hospital, where he met Barbara Hutchins, a therapeutic dietician, who he married in 1951. He completed a Family Practice Residency at Peninsula General Hospital, Salisbury MD (now Peninsula Regional Medical Center) in 1953.

Dr. Wroth worked for the Public Health Service as Senior Assistant Surgeon Medical Director at the Navaho Hospital in Tuba City, AZ followed by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD, before starting a private practice in St. Michaels MD in 1955. 1970 to 1986 he was the Deputy Medical Examiner

for Talbot County. He was also the Chief of Staff at Memorial Hospital, Easton, MD(now University of Maryland Shore Medical Center) from 1977 to 1979. He had a keen interest in HMOs, Peer Review and Utilization Management which lead him to co-found and work as the first Medical Director at Delmarva Foundation(now Qlarant) and Delmarva Health Plan which was acquired by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield in 1995. He continued in a Medical Director role with CareFirst until retirement in 2012. He received the first American Managed Care and Review Association(AMCRA)– Marion Laboratories Medical Director of the year award in 1989. He was very involved in AMCRA, now America's Health Insurance Plans(AHIP) and continued working with the Executive Managed Care Program until his death. He testified all over the country on behalf of managed care and medical review.

He maintained a Private Practice until 1999. His practice involved patients of all ages including deliveries of many babies and care for multiple generations of families. He was known as a real 'Country Doctor' who made house calls. He was recognized and honored by the St. Michaels Town Commissioners at age 86, for providing services to residents of St. Michaels and surrounding areas for more than 56 years.

In retirement Dr. Wroth was on the Board at Londonderry on the Tred Avon and a docent at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and Christ Church. Dr. Wroth is survived by his daughter Mary Elizabeth Wroth, M.D. and her husband James Menefee of St Michaels, son in law Brian McDermott and grandsons Lane Michael McDermott and Thomas Wroth McDermott. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter Patricia Ann Wroth McDermott, brother The Reverend Edward Pinkney Wroth Jr. and sister Molly Collingwood.

A memorial service will be held on November 30, at 3 pm at Christ Church, 301 S. Talbot St, St Michaels, MD 21663. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601 and St. Michaels Fourth of July Fireworks Fund, c/o St Michaels Fire Department, 1001 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, MD

21663.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
301 S. Talbot St.
St. Michaels, MD 21663

Tribute Wall



“ *R. Lane Wroth, MD*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *R. Lane Wroth, MD*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *R. Lane Wroth, MD*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Linda Mann. lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Linda Mann. - December 01, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *The compassion that Dr. Wroth shared was wonderful, not only as a doctor but also with Delmarva Foundation. He was wonderful, and when taking my girls to Bay Pediatrics Elizabeth showed the same compassion. You will be missed Dr. Wroth.*

Denise Clemons - November 30, 2018 at 12:55 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Dr. Mary Elizabeth Wroth and family for the loss of your father. May God give you comfort during this difficult time.

Dea Willis - November 29, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ OUR PATHS CROSSED AS MY FAMILY DOCTER, MEDICAL EXAMINER, FRIEND AND VICTIM OF SEVERAL PRANKS/ HIS FAVORITE WAS WHEN L STOPPED PATTY FOR NOT HAVING ANY TAILLIGHTS. PATTY SAID SAID THERE GOES MY DAD NOW. DOC PULLED OVER CAME BACK AND SAID WHATS THE MATTER OFFICER, PULLED MY STETSON DOWN OVER MY EYES AND SAID GET BACK IN YOUR CAR MAC I M TAKING OF THIS. WELL YOU CAN IMAGE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. THATS MT DAUGHTER YOU WELL WE BEST STOP RIGHT THERE. WHEN I REMOVED MY STETSON AND LAUGHTED THE REST IS CENSORD REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND TFC THOMAS M SONNIE CONLEY

Sonnie Conley - November 27, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of R. Lane Wroth, MD.



November 26, 2018 at 02:11 PM

KW

“ Rest In Peace to a dear Godfather and Doctor, who played a significant part of my childhood. He will continue to live on in my heart through my gratitude and loving memories.



Krisy (Jones) Wineke - November 26, 2018 at 08:24 AM

GL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends. He touched so many lives in our community and the health field. He may be gone but never forgotten in many hearts.

Gail Lundberg - November 24, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ Dr. Wroth delivered me in 1966. He was my doctor for my entire childhood until young adult. Then, I got to work with him professionally at Delmarva Foundation. I loved his sense of humor. He was very much an "old country doctor." Rest in peace.



Mary Cowley - November 23, 2018 at 10:50 AM

MP

“ Mr. Doc was a great man! We absolutely loved having him visit us for breakfast. He always started with biscuits and honey. We are all very honored that we got to meet him and serve him. He will be missed dearly. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.



The Staff at The Old Brick Cafe

Melissa Phillips - November 22, 2018 at 07:12 PM

SB

“ Sue Banos lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD



Sue Banos - November 21, 2018 at 09:27 PM

SB

“ He was my doctor many years ago and delivered my first child. He will surely be missed by all who knew him and he was loved by many. My sincerest condolences to his family ! May God surround you with comfort and love.

Sue Banos - November 21, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ I remember Dr Wroth. When we lived with my grandmother in St Michaels he was our family doctor. He was a wonderful man who will be missed.



Karen Mcdowell - November 21, 2018 at 08:40 PM

TB

“ I had the privilege to work with "The Grumpy Doctor" (as he loved to call himself) for many years. This title was far from the truth. He was loved by all of us at CareFirst and will be dearly missed. What a great life he had!
My thoughts and prayers are with you Beth, and the rest of the family.

Tracie Burton

Tracie Burton - November 21, 2018 at 05:13 PM

KE

“ *Katie M Edmonds lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Katie M Edmonds - November 21, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *I remember him looking at me and these stange blisters I had on my side, he then left the room. He returned some time later and proclaimed, "Young lady, you have shingles." He was surprised to see it in someone so young. He was a good man and doctor. Prayers to his family for strength in their time of loss.*

Marti Young - November 21, 2018 at 09:34 AM

SF

“ *Rest In Peace to our family Doc for many years*

Sherry and Casey Schultz and family - November 21, 2018 at 08:27 AM

CS

“ *Rip Dr Wroth and thank you for all your service*



C.C. Satchell - November 21, 2018 at 07:51 AM

KH

“ *Kim Hardesty lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



kim hardesty - November 21, 2018 at 07:24 AM

CM

“ *Corey Wheatley McFarlane lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Corey Wheatley McFarlane - November 21, 2018 at 06:52 AM

EK

Dr. Wroth was so good to my family.my parents were raising a special needs child. I believe he even helped me financially to pay some of my nursing school bills, although anonamously. He will always be remembered.

edwardine phillips kirwan - November 21, 2018 at 11:17 AM

LS

“ *Luanne Satchell lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Luanne Satchell - November 21, 2018 at 05:29 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Phil Foster - November 21, 2018 at 04:01 AM

MT

“ *Mary Jo Towers lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Mary Jo Towers - November 20, 2018 at 11:32 PM

 Crystal Lynn

“ *Crystal Lynn lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Crystal Lynn - November 20, 2018 at 11:15 PM

CL

“ *Carol Cockey Lyons lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Carol Cockey Lyons - November 20, 2018 at 09:02 PM

Vickie
Bildstein

“ *Vickie Bildstein lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD*



Vickie Bildstein - November 20, 2018 at 07:54 PM

LC

“ *I remember working with Dr. Wroth - I delivered many babies with him. Always pleasant and practical with patients and staff. My condolences to his family.*



Lynn Crouch - November 20, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Wroth. He was great doctor, a true humanitarian, and a friend to all he came in contact with. He was our family Dr. for years when we lived in Bozman and was never too busy to answer a call, treat a sick family member, or advise on health issues when needed. His unending dedication to the community is an example for all to follow and he will be missed by so many.
Rest in peace my friend, your work here is done.*



Don Van Bourgondien - November 20, 2018 at 10:22 AM

BO

“ Ben And Kathie Ostrowski lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD



Ben and Kathie Ostrowski - November 20, 2018 at 08:31 AM

FR

“ So sorry for your loss.

Fred Reeser - November 19, 2018 at 09:39 PM

DT

“ Dale And Amy Todd lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD



Dale and Amy Todd - November 19, 2018 at 08:18 PM

JC

“ Joyce “Joy” George Cox lit a candle in memory of R. Lane Wroth, MD



Joyce “Joy” George Cox - November 19, 2018 at 06:29 PM

JC

Dr Wroth delivered my brother in 1958 when his office was on the corner of Cherry & Talbot Street, and he delivered my daughter in 1974 when his office was next to Higgins & Spencer's. He was a wonderful doctor and friend to the people of St Michaels.

Joyce “Joy” George Cox - November 19, 2018 at 05:34 PM

LB

“ I totally enjoyed working w Dr Wroth at Delmarva Health Plan. Dr Wroth diagnosed my son’s kidney disease and I will always be thankful. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.
Linda L Bounds

Linda L Bounds - November 19, 2018 at 05:33 PM

MS

“ As a child I remember Dr Wroth and Dr Reeser. Both great Dr's. Dr Wroth will be missed by many.
Mel Marshall

Melvin Marshall Sr - November 19, 2018 at 01:45 PM