



David L. Gibbons

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BORN IN OZARK ON OCTOBER 5, 1924 IN THE FAMILY HOME NEAR GAR CREEK. HIS PARENTS WERE DR. WILLIAM HENRY GIBBONS SR. AND CARRIE JOHNSON GIBBONS. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THEIR SIX CHILDREN. HE GREW UP IN OZARK GRADUATING FROM OZARK HIGH SCHOOL IN 1942. HE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL SCHOOL IN LITTLE ROCK AND GRADUATED IN 1947. HE THEN MARRIED ALICE BARNETT AND MOVED TO TULSA WHERE HE INTERNED AT HILLCREST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. IN 1948, HE RETURNED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN OZARK WITH HIS FATHER FOR TWO YEARS UNTIL HE CHOSE TO SERVE IN ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE MEDICAL CORPS AT 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY. IN 1953 HE RETURNED TO HIS OZARK MEDICAL PRACTICE WHILE SERVING IN THE NATIONAL GUARD FROM WHICH HE RETIRED A MAJOR. HE CONTINUED HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE UNTIL RETIREMENT IN 1995, INTERRUPTED ONLY BY A RESIDENCE IN PSYCHIATRY AT UAMS IN 1972-73. DR. GIBBONS WAS A CHARTER AND LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, A DIPLOMAT AND CHARTER MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY PRACTICE, A LIFE MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL SOCIETY AND SOUTHERN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS CARDIOVASCULAR INSTITUTE. HE ALSO RECEIVED MANY HONORS FROM THE CITY OF OZARK, INCLUDING THE THOMAS

CARTER DANGERS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. DOCTOR GIBBONS WAS A MEMBER OF THE OZARK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WHERE HE SANG IN THE CHOIR AND FOR MANY WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS. HE LOVED TO SING IN CHURCH, IN COMMUNITY MINSTREL GROUPS, AND IN THE HOSPITAL CORRIDORS. HE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS FATHER, MOTHER, FOUR SISTERS AND BROTHER.

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