



Dr. Leslie Ray Hightower

October 23, 2016

Dr. Leslie Ray Hightower, age 65 passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 23, 2016. He was the son of the late Nathaniel and Jewel Burt Hightower; beloved husband of Patricia Reynard Hightower, devoted father of Leslie Ray Hightower, II and Patrice Hightower Williams (Winston); cherished brother of Katherine Hardrick, Birmingham, Alabama; Rannie L. James, Birmingham, Alabama; Helen H. Burns (Sylvester), Mentor, Ohio; Pauline Brown, Cleveland, Ohio; and Delores H. Barkers (Phillip), Birmingham, Alabama. Two siblings preceded him in death: Brother Nathaniel Hightower, Jr. and Sister Mrs. Camilla Kelly (Johnny).

Dr. Leslie R. Hightower was a native of Birmingham, Alabama and a resident of New Orleans for 44 years. He earned a BS degree in Biomedical Engineering from Vanderbilt University and a MD degree from Tulane University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Charity Hospital & VA Medical Center. He was the first African American Chief Resident of Neurology and Psychology of Tulane University. He practiced medicine in metropolitan New Orleans for almost 40 years. He devoted his life to the care and well-being of his patients. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Young Men Illinois, New Orleans Medical Association, and incoming President of the Southern Clinical Neurological Society and Past President of the New Orleans Medical Association.

Officers and Members of Omega Psi Phi, Young Men Illinois, N.O. Medical Association, Southern Clinical Neurological Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Inc., HIPO, The Links, Inc., and employees of St. Charles Hospital, Ochsner Medical Center and Bayou Equity Mortgage are invited to attend the funeral services of Friday, October 26, 2016 at the Historic Second Baptist Church 2505 Marengo Street at 10:00a.m. Visitation is from 8:30-10:00a.m. Reverend Robert Jackson officiating: Interment at West Lawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum 1225 Whitney Avenue, Gretna, LA. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

1225 Whitney Ave.
Gretna, LA 70056

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Dr. Hightower's passing comes as a great shock. I was one of his patients for several years. He was a kind and caring physician , a rarity in today's medical world. May he rest peacefully. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.*

Mary Licausi - November 06, 2016 at 12:28 AM

CK

“ *Howard joins me in sending our deepest sympathy to you, Pat, and to your family. We have appreciated your friendship at Southern Clinical so very much over the years. Les will be greatly missed by all of us. Carol Kirshner*

Carol Kirshner - November 03, 2016 at 09:35 AM

TB

“ *I remember Dr. Hightower from many years ago. He was a very kind doctor with a beautiful spirit and wonderful demeanor. My condolences to his family and all who loved him from Terry Bartholomew and family.*

Terry Bartholomew - November 01, 2016 at 03:13 PM

GS

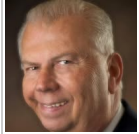
“ *To the Hightower family: we will always be indebted to Dr. Hightower. My wife suffered from headaches for years. Went to several doctors; underwent several tests; no one had the answer. Dr. Hightower found the cause and we were able to correct the problem. She made a full recovery. What a gentle man; the world has lost a great doctor and a great person!
Nora and Glenn Scheuermann*

Glenn Scheuermann - October 30, 2016 at 06:02 AM

DS

“ *Our prayers are with you.*
-Anna & Roland Reynard and family

deasia shannon - October 29, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Pat and the entire Hightower family. We have lost a wonderful man. Fred Young*

Fred Young - October 28, 2016 at 08:38 PM

SC

“ *Leslie's passing came as a surprise to many of us. Leslie had become part of the fabric of our society. We were looking forward to his presidency and to being able to share many more moments with him and Patricia. Leslie was an outstanding professional, colleague, friend and more than anything human being. We will truly miss him.*

May our condolences bring you comfort and may our prayers ease the pain of this loss.

The Southern Clinical Neurological Society Family

SCNS - October 28, 2016 at 05:38 AM

BP

There are people & sacred people; Leslie Hightower was one of those sacred people. I'm unsure who I met first, Leslie or Patricia, but it was easy to see they would marry and become one. My family will forever be grateful to Dr. Hightower for the incredible care he provided our mother after she was diagnosed with Parkinson. I remember Leslie and I enjoying lunch at Commander's Palace. I remember thinking, what a beautiful soul. Leslie is safely home. His memories will renew all who knew and loved him. A good man a safely home in the presence of our God.

*Bill Preston
Independence, MO*

Bill Preston - October 29, 2016 at 11:28 AM

BH

“ *To the Hightower Family: Dr. Hightower was a humble, caring person. May God's grace and fond memories of Dr. Hightower be with you always.*



Barbara Hamilton - October 27, 2016 at 01:49 PM

GB

“ *To Dr.Hightower's family
I only new Dr.Hightower a short time at St.
Charles Parish Hospital where I work. But he
left an impression of being a kind and friendly
man, and a good neurologist . He was always
friendly to the staff and good to his patients. My condolences to his
family.*

Gerie Voltz Bourne RN



Gerie Voltz Bourne - October 27, 2016 at 12:13 PM

TM

“ *As a member of Leslie's extended family- we've been brothers since
being baptized together at First Baptist Church Graymount in
Birmingham; shared every year at Parker High School, and were on
the same pledge line together for Phi Alpha, our high school
fraternity- I didn't expect this. We'll miss you "Slick". Pat, so sorry for
your loss.*

Tony McTyer

Tony McTyer - October 27, 2016 at 08:16 AM

DE

“ My condolences to Dr. Hightower's family. He was a sweet man. God has gained another angel. He will be sadly missed.

Donna Guice-St. Charles Hosp. employee - October 27, 2016 at 05:19 AM

FC

“ My deepest condolences to the Hightower Family. Dr Leslie was my doctor for many years until Hurricane Katrina, my heart hurts for your family. Dr. Leslie will truly be missed...REST IN PEACE

FRANCES C. WASHINGTON - October 26, 2016 at 11:58 PM

RS

“ Rebecca and Steven Snatic would like to express our condolences upon the loss of Leslie, a respected neurologist and friend.

Rebecca and Steven Snatic - October 26, 2016 at 04:46 PM

RO

“ Rose lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leslie Ray Hightower



Rose - October 26, 2016 at 04:39 PM

VR

Leslie may you Rest In Peace. Leslie Rest In Peace. Condolences to the Hightower family. Vanessa Roussell

Vanessa Roussell - October 26, 2016 at 08:45 PM

VS

My condolences to the Hightower family. Dr Hightower will surely be missed by everyone he came in contact with be it friend or patient. Rest In Peace Dr Hightower.

*Velda Sylvia
St. Charles Parish Hospital*

Velda Sylvia - October 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM

MH

“*When the sun sets on your beloved husband it may seem as if the family will walk in darkness in days to come. God is the father of the fatherless and husband of widows, and may His strong arms carry and protect you and your children now and ever more.*

Maryann Hubbard

Maryann Hubbard - October 26, 2016 at 04:14 PM