



Dr. Victor Hugo Feske, Jr.

October 17, 1929 - May 16, 2021

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 11:00 AM in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette for Dr. Victor Hugo Feske, Jr., age 91, who passed away on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at his residence in Lafayette. The family will receive guests on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service.

An only child, Victor was born in Lafayette on October 17, 1929 but grew up in nearby Franklin. He was an active member of the first Boy Scout troop to be formed in the state of Louisiana, eventually earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Victor and his best friend, Thomas Kramer, were co-valedictorians of the Franklin High Class of 1946. He received a scholarship to LSU that included a four year fee-exemption and a stipend of \$20. While studying to become a physician he married Beauford Terry of Childersburg, Alabama in December 1951 in New Orleans. This union produced a daughter and 2 sons. In 1954 Victor graduated from LSU Medical School and entered the U.S. Navy as an ensign soon thereafter. He qualified as a flight surgeon at Pensacola Naval Air Station where he completed a one year medical internship. He was then assigned to Chelsea Naval Hospital near Boston followed by a stint at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst, New Jersey. Dr. Feske remained in the Naval Reserves after leaving active duty in 1957, advancing to the rank of Lieutenant Commander prior to retirement from the Navy. Returning to his home town, he then opened a solo medical practice. He remained a family practitioner in Franklin for two decades, setting an innumerable number of broken bones, delivering hundreds of babies, performing dozens of vasectomies, serving as deputy coroner, establishing Franklin Foundation's first coronary care unit and gaining certification in EKG interpretation. At one point he learned hypnosis to help out a friend who needed dental surgery but was allergic to anesthetic medicines. An avid hobbyist, Victor operated a Ham radio, learned locksmithing and safecracking and even acquired a rudimentary skill at bricklaying. Later he also learned to crab including making his own crab traps and provided crabs for boiling with friends on numerous occasions. Despite a busy medical practice he found time to take on the role of president of the local Little League, to umpire scores of baseball games and to serve as team physician to the local high school football team.

In 1979, Dr. Feske closed his medical practice in Franklin and began working as an emergency department physician at Our Lady of Lourdes in Lafayette. He then became Medical Director of the ED and concurrently Medical Director of Acadian Ambulance as well as Lourdes Intensive Care Units. His first retirement was in 2000. He jokingly said he was not Y2K compliant. Throughout his 58 years as a physician he was both a student and a teacher. He became Board Certified in Family Medicine, not through a residency program but through his own study and passing of a rigorous exam. In 1984 he became a Fellow in the American College of Emergency Physicians. Neither was this a residency program but was again accomplished through his desire and determination to reach the highest level of qualification. Dr. Feske came out of retirement to become the Medical Director of Hyperbarics and Wound Care again at Lourdes. As was typical of him he sought out the best educational opportunities to ensure he was qualified for the job. He was never one to remain idle. After his retirement from hyperbarics, he then worked several years as an occupational medicine physician until his final retirement in September 2012.

Throughout his career he was greatly respected and trusted to know what to do in any situation by other physicians, nurses and medics. His clinical judgement was impressive even before the days of CT's and MRI's. His ability to remain calm in chaotic and critical situations was a comfort to staff and patients alike. He also saw these times as an opportunity to teach. During his last 2 days there were staff members of Hospice of Acadiana who commented that they had either worked with him or he had delivered them. He was known to be a fount of all information. Living with him was like living with the Encyclopedia Britannica. He will be missed. His passing is as the end of an era. The family thanks Drs. Christopher LaGraize, Jacob Landry, Frank Bacque, Henry Kaufman, Dana Dicharry, Michael McGiver, numerous hospitalists, staff of ED, PCU, Rehab, Surgery and Hospice of Acadiana.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Barbara Marcotte Feske; his daughter, The Rev. Dr. Millie Feske and her husband Buddy; his sons, Dr. Victor Feske, III and his wife Dr. Anne Pinfold, and Dr. Steven K. Feske and his wife Dr. Carlee Blamphin; and his grandchildren, Kate, Samuel, Joel, Gillian and Liam.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor Feske, Sr. and Charlene Lovin Dickey; his first wife, Beauford Terry Feske; his sons, Jason Hunter and Matthew Feske; and his grandchildren, Carl Steven Feske and Alexandra Margaret Hunter.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Marine Corps League Acadiana

Detachment, P. O. Box 51703, Lafayette, LA. 70505 or Hospice of Acadiana, 2600
Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA. 70506.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

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Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Martin & Castille - SOUTHSIDE
600 E. Farrel Rd, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel
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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 19 at 01:00 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute of honor this was an amazing life lived ...it was an honor to have worked with him I learned so much he was a great teacher he made me a better person ...so sorry for your lossMary Bertrand

Mary bertrand - May 20 at 11:48 AM



“ What a beautiful video in honor of Dr. Feske. He was my very first doctor I went to as an adult. My sincerest condolences sweet Millie and my sincerest sympathy to his family. Joy Toney Aprill June 23, 2021

Joy Toney Aprill - June 23 at 04:30 PM



“ My condolences to Dr. Feske's Family. God speed my friend. George F. Bentley

George F. Bentley - June 15 at 12:55 PM



“ My husband [Dr. George Smith] and I [Dr Ethel Smith] were surgeons practicing in Lafayette for many years. Though most of our practice was @ Lafayette General we did work with Vic on many occasions. I had great respect for him and enjoyed counting him as a friend. He was an excellent physician. My sympathy for your loss.

Ethel S Smith, MD,MS Surgery,FACS

Dr Ethel Smith - May 27 at 02:44 PM



“ My deepest condolences on this bitter-sweet day. It was a privilege to work with Dr. Feske and know you Barbara. Those days were a wonderful part of life. God's blessings and comfort during this time. Love Maria Chavez

Maria F Chavez - May 23 at 04:21 PM



“ Dr. Feske was indeed larger than life and his influence extended far and wide. I grew up literally across the street from his excellent family. He and other past giants are probably what led me to med school. He even provided tuition assistance to me via the med society. Our careers followed similar paths a generation apart. Private practice in Franklin, ER medicine in Lafayette, then I was honored and fortunate to succeed him at Lourdes in Hyperbarics for 10 good years. Dr. Feske was both an idol and mentor to so many. Deepest sympathies to Barbara, Millie, Victor, and Steve, as well as their families. May doc RIP.

Greg Robicheaux - May 22 at 03:22 PM



“ There are so many childhood memories of my sister Betty and I playing with our cousin Boots growing up in Franklin. It was years before we even knew his name was Victor.

We looked at the moon for hours waiting to see the witch fly by on Halloween night. We counted the cars of the freight trains as they went by and whoever came closest to the correct number of cars got a full cup of coke! A big deal in those days!

He showed Betty the magic button trick, sticking the button in her nose, but forgot to tell her not to inhale! Not the greatest start to his medical career!! We spent lots of time that summer having fun and getting into trouble, but having a great time together. Some of our favorite times were just fishing for tadpoles in the ditch in front of the old Feske house our grandfather had built.

Lovingly,
Ruddie Feske

Ruddie Feske - May 20 at 06:21 PM



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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 20 at 04:08 PM



“ Oh Barbara, I just heard about your loss of Victor. I am very sorry for this loss. I will be out of town and therefore cannot make his services. I will reach out soon and visit. Please do take care of yourself during this most difficult time.
sincerely, Dianne D. Geoffroy

Dianne Geoffroy - May 19 at 08:55 PM



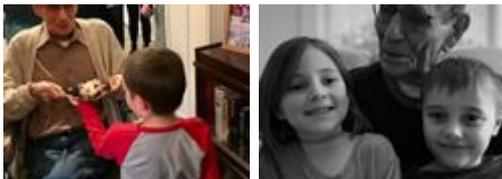
“ Dr. Feske saved my life when I was 25 from a serious auto accident. I was very Grateful to work in the same hospital at Lourdes for 25 years. I was able to thank him weekly for what he did for me .
Love You Dr. Feske and of course his wife Barbara.



stephen hicks - May 19 at 04:44 PM



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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 19 at 12:55 PM



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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 19 at 11:32 AM



“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Feske. He was a dedicated professional who served as Acadian Ambulance’s medical director from 1980-1992. While at Acadian, he worked diligently to standardize the emergency medical protocols used in Lafayette Parish and the surrounding parishes. This was crucial so that our medics could use the same protocols across parish lines, rendering a higher, standardized level of care for their patients.

He accomplished this at a time when Acadian was transitioning from a basic life support ambulance company to an advanced life support company, requiring a lot more sophisticated training and equipment.

The result of his work and dedication allowed Acadian to positively affect the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients during his tenure. The foundation he helped to create also allowed us to provide high-quality emergency medical services to almost 12 million patients since our founding on September 1, 1971.

Medics have told me that Dr. Feske was a very patient individual and did a great job teaching medics how to save lives. In fact, I recall one medic saying to me that he was a “real crackerjack...because they don’t make physicians like him anymore”.

I shall always be very grateful for his patience and guidance in training our medics to ensure they were providing exceptional clinical care to our patients.

Richard E. Zuschlag



Richard Zuschlag - May 19 at 08:22 AM



“ I didn’t work in the ED, I worked in the ICU. But he was always present and available to help and teach; always with a snide, sly remark! Those times are full of great memories. May he Rest now after years of devoted service to the sick and injured.

Anna Landry Meaux - May 19 at 07:37 AM



“ Dr. Feske was a joy with whom to work. His knowledge base was second to few and his direction during the time he served as Acadian's Medical Director was second to none. He will be missed. I will remember Barbra and the rest of his family and friends in my prayers.

Gene Salassi - May 18 at 02:49 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Dr. Feske while he was at the ER and with Acadian. He was a great Doctor and Teacher. I will miss him.

John Mrak - May 18 at 01:01 PM



“ My first encounter with Dr. Feske was as a 4 year old patient at Franklin Memorial. I still have the scar he gave me from that encounter! Years later, when I fulfilled my lifelong dream of being a medic, he was in the ER and soon became our medical director at Acadian. We had many a laugh and I learned so much from him. Our last meeting was by chance, not that long ago, in the grocery store parking lot. We stood and reminisced and I had the chance to thank him for all he had done for me throughout my life. So grateful I had that opportunity. Keeping those he loved in my thoughts and prayers. RIP, Dr. Feske. You will be missed.

Joan Howze - May 17 at 11:13 PM



“ Very sad to hear,lasting memories from my birth,to Dr Feske being our medical director at Acadian Ambulance,will be deeply missed,sincerely Hal Titus

Kerie Titus - May 17 at 05:43 PM



“ I have nothing but positive memories of Dr Feske. He always pushed us at Acadian to be the best we could be. He will be missed. Thanks to both Dr Feske and his wife for giving all of us at Acadian so much of their knowledge to help make us a great company focused on patient care. Im very thankful to have known Dr Feske.

Clay P Henry - May 17 at 05:25 PM