



## Harry Lan Tucker MD

November 24, 1935 - April 6, 2014

Harry Lan Tucker, MD., died on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at his home in Winter Park, Fl., ending his lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 78.

Dr. Tucker is survived by his wife of 30 years, Eileen "Renee" Tucker, their son Lawrence Tucker, his daughters DeLan Gilliam and Dr. Luci Saha, their husbands Dr. Michael Gilliam and Dr. Sukamal Saha, and his five grandchildren, Cameran, Michael, Luke, Joshua and Matthew.

Dr. Tucker did his undergraduate studies in physics at Georgia Tech University. He graduated from Emory University School of Medicine, and began his surgical residency at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. After leaving Atlanta, Dr. Tucker served in the Air Force for three years, achieving the rank of Captain. He served as flight surgeon at Wright Patterson AFB and later as a staff surgeon in Phan Rang, Vietnam. During his military service he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, Dr. Tucker completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Orlando Regional Medical Center and went on to receive specialized training in hand surgery at Vanderbilt University and hip surgery at Wrightington Hospital in Wigan, England.

Dr. Tucker served the Orlando community as an orthopedic surgeon in private practice and as director of the orthopedic residency training program at Orlando Regional Medical Center from 1972 to 1990. He was tireless in his pursuit to bring the highest quality care to his patients, and an exceptional educational experience to the medical residents he trained.

Upon retiring in 1990, Dr. Tucker relocated with his family to Tallahassee, FL., where he volunteered at Neighborhood Health Services, a needs-based clinic. He returned to the Orlando area in 2013.

Having never met a stranger, he was known for his great stories and witty sense of humor. He loved fishing and playing golf with his son and buddies, but his true love was sailing, and it inspired him to learn how to navigate by the stars.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Winter Park, FL., 125 N. Interlachen Ave., on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 11am. A reception will be held at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 W. Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Condolences can be sent online at [www.acommunityfuneralhome.com](http://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Winter Park  
125 N. Interlachen Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
(407) 644-2906

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ Renee and Del - It's taken me this long to try to find the words to express how deeply saddened I am and how much I am hurting for you both. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Harry's shadow stood tall enough for me to see all the way here in NY and I have always been aware of what a special man he was. My sincerest condolences.

*Love, Eric Redlefsen*

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**Eric Redlefsen** - May 14, 2014 at 11:15 PM

ST

“ You have my deepest sympathy and empathy in you loss. During such a time I was greatly encouraged by a promise I found in the Bible at Revelation 21:3, 4 where a time will come when we will not experience the suffering that come from this type of tragedy. With this thought in mind I invite you to visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org), there you will find more information on Gods promise of the resurrection.

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**Steve** - April 16, 2014 at 07:42 AM

MR

“ Dear Renee & Del,

*My thoughts are with you. You were both truly blessed to have Harry in your lives. The world seems a poorer place without him based on the fact that he healed and touched so many. Rest in peace Harry.*

*Love,*

*Mark Redlefsen*

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**Mark Redlefsen** - April 13, 2014 at 11:16 PM

JK

“ A great caring soul has passed on and will be missed. Dr. Tucker operated on both my children, for which I will be eternally in Gratitude. First my son, Michael received his tender care in repairing a break of his elbow at the growth line, then years later my daughter, Eve, cut 9 tendons a nerve and artery, in her little 5 year old arm, and he again gave love, care and exceptional surgery. Blessings will follow you forever. J.Kazaros

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**Julia Kazaros** - April 11, 2014 at 01:34 PM

MD

“ Dearest Rene and Del,  
I received the news about Harry this morning. You and your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. I think of you often and pray that one day our paths will cross again, if only briefly, face to face. I will always treasure the perfect life memories that we shared on St. George Island when our children were young and so carefree in God's gracious playground. Lani and Kenneth Hampton join me in sending you love and blessings...Marcie

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**Marcie Dews** - April 10, 2014 at 07:12 AM

DF

“ Hello, I would like to express my condolence at this time to your family. The Bible is a great source of encouragement at times like this, a comforting thought is at Revelation 21:3,4 where it states "...And he will wipe out every year from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning not outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." This scripture gives us hope for the future! For more information please visit our website at [jw.org](http://jw.org)

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**dyona frederick** - April 10, 2014 at 06:02 AM

RC

“ Renee, I'm so sorry about Dr. Tucker. He was such a sweet man, a real gentleman. I will always remember him warmly. You are in my prayers, Rosalie Carlin.

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**Rosalie Carlin** - April 09, 2014 at 03:29 PM

CS

“ Dear Renee,

*We read in the paper about Harry's passing and just wanted to send our condolences. It has been years since we have seen you two but have fond memories of you, Harry and your son being on the same ski trips as us. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family and wish you the best o- may God provide you with strength at this time of grieving.*

*God Bless,*

*Chuck & Pam Shields*

*St. Marks, Florida*

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**Chuck & Pam Shields** - April 09, 2014 at 01:14 PM

DG

“ It was an honor to be Harry's son in law. It remains an honor to be his daughter's husband. I have always enjoyed being a member of the family. Harry always did "it" first class. Whatever "it" was. Thank you.

*Dr Michael Gilliam*

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**Dr Michael Gilliam** - April 08, 2014 at 09:01 PM

CR

“ *Harry Tucker: The very definition of a Southern gentleman. Memories returned to golden times spent on St. George Island and the warm hospitality of the Tuckers. The loving devotion shown by his wife during their shared ordeal is nothing short of exemplary. Harry was a true Son of Florida and a great Humanitarian. I am sorry that I cannot be physically present but I am currently residing in an Assisted Living Facility.*

*Love,*

*Carol Redlefsen*

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**Carol Redlefsen** - April 08, 2014 at 01:25 PM

RH

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Please find peace and comfort in Psalms 65:2*

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**Rhonda** - April 08, 2014 at 07:19 AM

DM

“ *David And Sandra Mooneyham lit a candle in memory of Harry Lan Tucker MD*



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**David and Sandra Mooneyham** - April 07, 2014 at 11:20 AM

DM

*Our heartfelt condolences and fond memories of Harry.*

*David and Sandra*

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**David and Sandra Mooneyham** - April 07, 2014 at 11:23 AM

JM

“ Dear Renee, Delan, Luci, and Dale.

*I wanted to let you'll know your in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry to hear of Harry's passing but he fought a good fight and the battle is over.*

*I have a little poem that was sent to me many years ago when my mother passed away. I hope it will be a comfort to you as it was to me. Your husband-father is still with you....He never left your side. He still is close about you; His spirit is your guide. For the blessed memory of Him will lead you through each day and the tender thoughts you have of Him are in your heart to stay.*

*Please remember the darkest hour is just before dawn and there is light at the end of the tunnel.*

*May God give you Peace, Love, and Comfort during this difficult time. My prayers are with each of you.*

*Love you'll much.*

*Joe Mooneyham*

*3605 Hwy. 69*

*Greenwood, Florida 32443*

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**Joe Mooneyham** - April 07, 2014 at 11:17 AM

JM

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**Joe Mooneyham** - April 07, 2014 at 11:05 AM

JM

“ *James & Kitty Mooneyham lit a candle in memory of Harry Lan Tucker MD*



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**James & Kitty Mooneyham** - April 07, 2014 at 10:44 AM

JK

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love James & Kitty*

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**James & Kitty** - April 07, 2014 at 10:45 AM