



## Malcolm L. Denley, MD

May 20, 1924 - August 9, 2018

Funeral services for Malcolm Lamar Denley, M.D. will be held on August 18, 2018, at 11:00 am at St. James Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, with the Reverend Elizabeth Ratcliff officiating. He was born on May 20, 1924, in Coffeenville, Mississippi to Magdalyn Beadles Denley and Chester Lamar Denley and died at his home on August 9, 2018.

Dr. Denley is preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Dolores (Dee) Dupuis Denley, his parents, Magdalyn and Chester, his brother, Robert Denley, and his in-laws, Hilda Denley, Charlotte Dupuis and Thomas Dupuis.

Family members left to mourn Dr. Denley are daughters, Gale (Wayne) Colvin of Lafayette, LA, Diane (Troy) Vickers of Houston, TX and Patricia (John) Turnage, M.D. of Shreveport, LA; sons Wayne (Val) Denley, David L. Denley, and Thomas Lamar Denley, M.D., all of Alexandria; grandchildren, Jason (Danielle) Colvin, Anne (Charlie) Denley Clarke, Clay (Lindsay) Colvin, Wien Denley, Natalie (Kevin) Colvin Kelleher, Daniel Denley, Andrew Colvin, Mary Helen Turnage, Jack Turnage, Caroline Turnage, Anna Vickers and Maggie Vickers; great grandsons, Graydon Colvin, Bennett Colvin, Benjamin Clarke, Kane Kelleher, Jack Colvin, Cooper Kelleher and Rhodes Colvin; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

After a brief time in Cuba, where Malcolm's first words as a toddler were in Spanish, the family moved to Baton Rouge so the children could attend American schools. Dr. Denley graduated from Baton Rouge High School, LSU, and LSU Medical Center, New Orleans.

At Baton Rouge High he played the coronet in the band and was active in several sports. He was on a team relay from New Orleans to Baton Rouge and presented the final baton to the Mayor of Baton Rouge. While an undergraduate at LSU he served as president of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He trained at Charity Hospital, Tucson Medical Center and during the Korean War served in the new Epidemic Intelligence Office, Center for Disease Control of the U.S. Public Health Service stationed in Austin, Texas.

In 1954, Malcolm and Dee moved their family to Alexandria to join Dr. Albert Hensel in private practice of Pediatrics. Dr. Robert Culpepper, who was an intern under Dr. Denley at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, joined their practice in 1959. In 1963 Culpepper and Denley built The Pediatric Clinic on Jackson Street Extension in the middle of cotton fields in the expanding area of Alexandria. For more than 50 years, Dr. Denley treated thousands of children (often three generations in one family), and always made each patient feel special and welcomed. He retired in 2007.

Dr. Denley loved Central Louisiana and especially enjoyed visiting with his former patients of all ages. He was one of the original organizers and first president of Alexandria Country Day School. Most of his life he was a passionate and avid tennis player. His friends noted that he played with "heart". After retirement he began painting with Ethel Dixon. Besides his tennis, he loved music, the opera, golf, telling stories, writing poetry, traveling, LSU football game trips; and organizing family and friends to participate with him in activities.

He was very much loved and appreciated by his patients for his kind manner and their parents for his keen diagnostic talents and experience. He is remembered by many for his upbeat personality, caring smile, a bounce in his walk and whistling merrily as he went enthusiastically from one patient to the next.

Dr. Denley was always ready, willing and able to spend time with his many close friends and large family. His home was always open for conversation over a cup of coffee. You could count on laughter, gentlemanly conversation and warm friendship when around Malcolm.

His family extends a special appreciation for the care given by Dr. Craig Pearce.

Visitation will be at John Kramer & Son Funeral Home, 2905 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA from 5-7 pm on Friday, August 17, 2018, and Saturday at St. James Episcopal Church, 1620 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA from 9 am until the 11:00 am Funeral Service. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Episcopal Church, 1620 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA 71301.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

To extend online notes of condolence to the Denley Family, please visit [www.KramerFunerals.com](http://www.KramerFunerals.com).

# Cemetery

---

# Events

---

**Greenwood Memorial Park**

LA,

**AUG Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**

**17**

---

Kramer Funeral Home

2905 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

**AUG Second Visitation 09:00AM - 11:00AM**

**18**

---

St. James Episcopal Church

1620 Murrary St, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

**AUG Service 11:00AM**

**18**

---

St. James Episcopal Church

1620 Murrary St, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

# Comments

---



“ My condolences to Dr. Denley’s family and friends. What a difference he made in my life and so many others. I was surprised his obituary ran in my Lafayette paper until I learned he has a daughter living here. I was thankful to learn more about him. Every time I drive by his office on Jackson Street I think of his calm nature, gentle touch and infectious smile. As a child I developed a cough he couldn’t cure with medicine. He suggested my mom mix honey, lemon juice and a drop of bourbon for me. It worked like a charm and still does.

**Dona Renegar** - October 21, 2018 at 09:18 PM

---



“ Dr. Denley was my pediatrician and also to my son and daughter. I remember one of my early appointments with him when my mother drove me to his office. It was just about the only office building in the area. When I was 9 he diagnosed me with Rheumatic Fever. I was in the hospital for 3 days, and then he sent me home on complete bed rest for 6 weeks and antibiotics. How my parents managed to keep me, a nine-year-old in bed is beyond me! He was a very kind and patient doctor. I remember another time I brought my daughter for an exam and I had the "sniffles", a little. He wanted to prescribe something for me! I will always remember him. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers to his family during time of loss. May God bless his soul.

Giselle G. Richards  
Colfax, Louisiana

**Giselle G. Richards** - August 20, 2018 at 10:54 PM

---



“ Remember that smile and old hat he always wore when playing tennis. Should have not retired. Too good of a doctor. Ike Muslow.

**ike muslow** - August 20, 2018 at 10:26 AM

---



“ Dr. Denley was my pediatrician and both of my boys pediatrician. He was someone you could call in the middle of the night as a frantic new mom. He played tennis with my husband. Condolences to Val and Wayne and the rest of the family. Heaven certainly gained an angel.

Kathy Flor  
Raleigh, NC

**Kathy Flor** - August 19, 2018 at 11:52 AM

---



“ Our sincere condolences to Wayne, Gale and the Denley and Colvin families. Dr. Denley leaves a lasting legacy and will be missed by all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. We will always remember our beach trip with Dr. & Mrs. Denley and the Colvins. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Randy and Julie Hudson

**Randy Hudson** - August 18, 2018 at 03:00 PM

---



“ TO DAVID AND UR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WE WERE SADDENED TO HEAR THE PASSING OF DR DENLEY. HE WAS SO WELL KNOWN AND WELL LIKED IN THIS COMMUNITY. MAY GOD BE WITH U AS U SEND YOUR DAD TO HEAVEN AND OUR PRAYER IS THAT AS DAYS TURN INTO WEEKS, WEEKS INTO MONTHS AND MONTHS INTO YEARS YOUR TEARS WILL TURN INTO SMILES AND THEN INTO LAUGHTER AS YOU REMEMBER THE FUN AND HAPPY TIMES SHARED WITH YOUR DAD. MAY GOD BLESS EACH GRAND CHILD AND GREAT GRAND CHILD HAVE THE MEMORIES OF A LOVING AND KIND MAN THAT LOVED ALOT OF CHILDREN IN THIS TOWN AND BROUGHT THEM COMFORT WHEN THEY WERE SICK, BUT THEY GOT THE PLEASURE OF BEING ABLE TO CALL HIM GRANDPA.

GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH YOU DAVID!

SHELLEY AND ED ATWOOD (BEN JENKINS MOM/DAD)

**SHELLEY ATWOOD** - August 18, 2018 at 01:51 PM

---



“ I grew up with Dr. Denley as my pediatrician. I remember his kind smile and gentle demeanor even though it's been around 60 years ago since I was his patient. Then when my oldest daughter was 2, 40 years ago, I had just moved back to Alexandria and didn't have a pediatrician yet. He agreed to see me without an appt. and diagnosed her with pneumonia. I was so grateful to him and remember it clearly to this day.

**Carol Morgan** - August 18, 2018 at 01:17 AM

---



“ Great father. I'll miss him dearly. RIP Dad, sincerely, your son, Dr. Denley.



**Thomas L. Denley, M.D.** - August 17, 2018 at 11:27 AM

---



“ Words cannot express what Dr. Denley meant to me. He was my pediatrician first, ok I hated going to his office..normally meant a shot was coming. Loved seeing him on the tennis courts with my Daddy. Loved to hear his voice. Such a loving friendly man. We spent many vacations at the beach and loved spending time playing games at their home. He was always there in sickness and health. Dr. Denley, so many greats have passed before you. Game well played here, now you join the large heavenly tennis game. (It must be one heck of a game going on!!) My condolences to all of the Denley children, so many fond memories with all of you. I am sad that I will not be with you to celebrate his life. My thoughts and prayers are with you this weekend.

With Love,  
Ann Walton

**Ann Walton** - August 17, 2018 at 10:34 AM

---



“ Words cannot express what Malcolm and Dee have meant to the Holt family . He was our DOCTOR for my children, grandchildren, and grant grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. They attended weddings, ball games and other family gatherings. He was a faithful care giver for Dee. Was a great friend, and was always there for us in sickness and health. He will always be in our hearts and prayers.  
Helen Holt

Helen Holt - August 17, 2018 at 07:23 AM

---



“ Dr, Denley was our neighbor on Stimson St about 1953. The neighborhood Doc to all. Such a charming man and mentor. Our deepest condolences to his family and the legions of friends and grateful patients. We were so honored. Love ya Doc

Robert Lynn Williams - August 16, 2018 at 10:43 AM

---



“ I am saddened to hear of Dr Denley's passing. I remember him well from the old days at the Aquatic Club on the tennis court. He was always such a cheerful person. My sincere condolences go out to the family. While its been years since I have seen you, I still have great memories of your family.

Carl Jeansonne

Carl Jeansonne - August 16, 2018 at 07:56 AM

---



“ Dear Denley children, your dad was my pediatrician until I moved to Monroe to go to college in 1979. I had one of those mothers that panicked over medical things and your dad always knew the right thing to say to calm her. She was especially appreciative when your dad met her and my older brother at the ER so he could be the one to give him rabies treatment over the weekend when he was bitten by an unvaccinated pet of a friend. I remember him just like his photo and can still "smell" the office and see the jar of, I think, balloons on the desk in the exam room. I ran into one of the pediatricians currently in his building at a meeting and hope he conveyed my good wishes and fond memories of him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Susan Tanner Seanor, RN, FNP-C

SUSAN SEANOR - August 15, 2018 at 08:53 PM

---



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dr. Denley's passing. When I was little I was so scared to go to the doctor and he always made me feel comfortable. He was always so good to our family. Truly one of the great ones. May his soul forever Rest In Peace.

**Reagan Chenevert** - August 15, 2018 at 03:15 PM

---



“ Heartfelt sympathy to all the family. We are "Terry and Fred's kids", and I live in North Carolina, so I didn't see the family often, but we certainly heard stories and could easily tell how special Malcolm was to so many. I have appreciated his efforts to be at the Denley reunions and the family's efforts to stay connected. I know he will be treasured by many, and we salute a life well-lived!

**Tamara Lewis** - August 15, 2018 at 11:52 AM

---



“ To Wayne (& Val) and all the Denley family:

Growing up down the street, I have fond memories of your Dad out for his walks. He was truly a special person who loved his ministry as a Pediatrician and lived out that oath, "Do no harm!" Central Louisiana was truly blessed by his presence!

Todd Marye

**Todd Marye** - August 15, 2018 at 09:17 AM

---



“ Our children loved their Dr. Denley, as we love and respect his outstanding family, his lasting legacy for our community. Our thoughts and condolences are with you in this time of loss and grief. Hank and Jo Anne

**henry bruser** - August 15, 2018 at 06:44 AM

---



“ Dr. Denley was my pediatrician beginning in the 70's and lasting through the 80's. I can vividly remember his clinic/office off of Jackson St., the aroma of the place. I was usually scared when I went to see him because of my fear of needles (HAHA!!), but my mom trusted him and that's all I needed to know. RIP Dr. Denley. Thank you for keeping me well.

**Brandon Trent** - August 15, 2018 at 12:58 AM

---



“ Loved working with Dr. Denley in the nursery at RRMC for many years. Always gentle and compassionate in his work and willing to share his expertise. Truly one of the "Good Guys". Sending prayers for comfort and peace for his family.

Terea McCarthy

**Terea McCarthy** - August 14, 2018 at 10:48 PM

---



“ Dr. Denley was a great physician and friend to all. My daughter from the time she could talk called him “Doc D”. My in laws lived one house away and Doc D would tell Shay to come over any time. She took him up on any opportunity she could. He will be greatly missed. My sympathy to the family. We loved him dearly.

**Sherry R. Burleigh** - August 14, 2018 at 03:45 PM

---



“ Dr. Denley was my children's Pediatrician. He was the best. It was a pleasure to have known him and have him care for my children. My thoughts and prayers goes out to his family and friends.

**Paula Solomon Bonnette** - August 14, 2018 at 11:56 AM

---



“ We have know Dr. Denley for over 58 years. It was a privilege to have him as the pediatrician for our 4 children. Seeing all 4 of them in the office on more than one occasion. His smile and pleasant disposition will remain in our memory.  
Chip and Linda Perot

**Chip & Linda Perot** - August 14, 2018 at 11:54 AM

---



“ Dr. Denley was truly a wonderful human being. It was a privilege to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with Wayne and his family.

**Chuck Jeffress** - August 14, 2018 at 10:26 AM

---



“ I knew him for over 35 years and he was one of the finest men I have ever known. I feel honored to have known him.

**Bart Schmole** - August 14, 2018 at 06:06 AM

---



“ I did so love Dr. Denley. He even came to the house to care for us when we were very ill. My siblings and I must have been among his first patients. We are 60+. My condolences to his family and friends.

**Judith (Nelle) Coston** - August 13, 2018 at 06:57 AM

---



“ Unlike others on this page, I came to know Dr. Denley only after his retirement (and my moving to Alexandria a decade ago). My primary connection was because of my business and personal friendship with Wayne Denley.

I was lucky enough to have many conversations with Dr. Denley, often at events-- films, etc. Later he became a habitué of Tamp and Grind and a favorite of the baristas. He and his friends were so open and kind to both young and old patrons at the shop. Seeing him and visiting with him always brightened my day.

Susan and I send our condolences to all of his family and friends.

Jim Clinton

**Jim Clinton** - August 12, 2018 at 06:21 PM

---



“ DR. DENLEY WAS MY PEDIATRICIAN AND WHEN I TURNED 18 HE SAID I COULDN'T BE HIS PATIENT ANYMORE SO I CRIED AND CRIED.....HE WAS VERY KIND ALWAYS WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.....WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THOSE MEMORIES BECOME TREASURES.....HE'S A TREASURE FOR SURE!

**LISA MERVILLE KRIZE** - August 12, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Dr. Denley was so loved by my family that my father, Malcolm Denley Dezendorf, was named after him. He was his Pediatrician as well as mine and my child. He was such a delightful man and he will certainly be missed.

**Stacy Dezendorf Leger** - August 12, 2018 at 01:34 PM

---



“ Our prayers are with your family. Such wonderful memories of Dr. Denley! I first met him upon the birth of my first child in 1971. She was a premie born at Cabrini. After an 11 day stay, we finally got the call from him that she could come home. From that July day on, it was Dr. D. Both my children's Pediatrician, and all three grandchildren's until he retired. A diamond in the rough, to this earth! Blessing SO MANY families with love and care for their most precious life treasure, Their Babies! I know where he is today, with many of those little ones around his feet! May God continue to bless your family in the future, like he has in the past!  
In Christian Love,  
Carolyn Elliott  
Pitkin, La.

**Carolyn Elliott** - August 12, 2018 at 06:42 AM