



## Dr. George Franklin Holitik

December 8, 1931 - February 27, 2019

A full and adventurous life ended Wednesday, February 27, 2019, for Dr. George F. Holitik, at his Little Rock home in the care of his loving wife of 29 years, Connie Russell Holitik.

He is also survived by his children Chris, Drew, Kay (Maris) and Melissa (Plato), grandchildren Ashley, Whitney, Rainey, Wylie, Katherine Ann, Robert, and great grandchildren Laura Kay and James, and his four-legged children Dewars and Sassy. He was preceded in death by sons George III and Robert Holitik.

Dr. George practiced family medicine in Little Rock for 56 years and was well known, loved and respected by his patients and peers. He was instrumental in the establishment of the ER at St. Vincent's infirmary, and also manned several emergency rooms in and around the Little Rock area. He was also an international travel physician and contact. One of his proudest moments was the establishment of the hyperbaric units in Little Rock.

George loved the outdoors, whether it was feeding his beloved hummingbirds and squirrels, fishing, or serving as President of Ducks Unlimited Arkansas. He felt it was his duty to help preserve the earth for the next generation to enjoy. Family and friends have said that Dr. George carried on his father's tradition of welcoming anyone and everyone into his home, and everyone always felt uplifted upon leaving.

There will be a private interment by family. The following is a personal quote to family and friends from George: "Multiple tales and other lies are to be related by friends over recreational beverages at Cajuns Wharf on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. (Do this on a Tuesday or Wednesday, so you don't mess people up!!)"

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Arkansas Autism, 322 Main Street, #501, Little Rock, AR 72201, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2000. Dr. Holitik's online guestbook may be signed at [www.littlerockfuneralhome.com](http://www.littlerockfuneralhome.com).



# Events

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**MAR**   **Celebration of Life**                      05:30PM

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Cajuns Wharf Restuarant

2400 Cantrell Rd., Little Rock, AR, US, 72202

# Comments

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“ Shayna Ison lit a candle in memory of Dr. George Franklin Holitik



Shayna Ison - March 18 at 05:10 PM

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“ Connie,  
My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. George was such an amazing person, I enjoyed listening to his colorful stories so much. And now he can teach the celestial choir the “Chiquita Bannana song “!

Jayne Kiefhaber - March 13 at 10:00 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Little Rock Funeral Home - March 12 at 12:12 PM

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“ Dear Holitiks:

You were all a very big part of my childhood, as was your Dad. I wish you all nothing but good thoughts and the best. I have nothing but the best memories.

C Michael Bailey - March 12 at 10:18 AM

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“ Growing up in Broadmoor, Dr. Holitik was my Doctor from age 13 until he retired he second time and I used to cut the grass at his office back then. One of my favorite memories (now) was running into him at the old SOB when I was probably 18 and having an adult beverage. He spoke in that booming voice of his "Sure you're old enough to have that drink?" I could have crawled under the table, and just knew any minute my Dad was going to get on me for drinking after Doc told him, but it never happened.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family, you have lost a very good man...

**Jeff Stephens** - March 08 at 12:41 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. George Franklin Holitik.



March 07 at 09:32 PM

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“ Bonni Hayes lit a candle in memory of Dr. George Franklin Holitik



**Bonni Hayes** - March 07 at 07:27 PM

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“ 3 words: A True Gentleman

**Jason Hackett** - March 07 at 07:24 PM

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“ Dr. George was my family doctor from the age of 11 until he retired the 2nd time (we all knew he wasn't ready to retire the 1st time). He was gruff, crusty, funny and the best doctor I have ever known. I worked for him in high school and loved every minute of it. He saved my life by diagnosing me with a kidney issue when I was 18

and sat with my parents the entire 10 hours I was in surgery and came to our home multiple times during my recovery. I loved him with all my heart. God has gained another angel. Say hi to Momma and Daddy for me, Dr. George. Rest in Peace

**Bonni Hayes** - March 07 at 07:22 PM

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“ Dr Holitik started caring for our family when I was 12 years old in 1960. My parents Odis and Ruby Wilkins for many years. He was always so very concerned and caring for all of us. It was a privilege to have him attend our medical needs. He was a very wonderful doctor and person. May GOD bring comfort to his family.

**David Wilkins** - March 06 at 06:52 PM

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“ What what a wonderful doctor! We live just a few blocks down the street and he was our doctor when we were kids. Got all my shots and he took very good care of our entire family!  
The Mote family



**Gary Mote** - March 06 at 06:25 PM

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“ George hired me as a young college student to work at the first Medi-Stat and then again at the hyperbaric unit after I graduated from nursing school. He was a generous boss, compassionate physician, and loyal friend. A “one of a kind” for sure. Very glad to have known him. My condolences to his family.  
Cindy Jones Huffer

**Cindy Jones Huffer** - March 06 at 06:19 PM

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“ George will be missed by So many. He was so welcoming and fun the few times John and I were in his home or at the beach. Connie so sorry for your loss! From the Langstons to the Holitic family our hearts are with you.  
Lauriei Langston Brookes

**Laurie Langston Brookes** - March 06 at 04:09 PM



“ Dr. Holitik was a good man. A very dear friend to our family. Prayers for his family now...

**Randy Allen** - March 05 at 11:34 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

The staff of Richards Honda Yamaha

**Richards Honda Yamaha** - March 05 at 09:41 AM

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“ Chris and Kay, I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad passing he was a great man and I have some great memory of him going way back to Chris B-Day party out in the country. Please know i'm for for you and your family. May God Bless

**JAMES BALDWIN** - March 04 at 06:34 PM

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“ Connie, my heart breaks for you. I will miss our little living room chat sessions with George. May your memories bring you peace at this time.  
Kelly LaMure

**Kelly LaMure** - March 04 at 05:27 PM

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“ Chris, Melissa, Kay and Drew and Family : May God Bless you at this time of loss and celebration of a life well-lived ! I have heard so many people recount their personal experiences of how Dr. Holitik helped them with their medical issues. Dr. Holitik was a brilliant doctor who had a gift for diagnosing diseases and illnesses when others could not. May he rest in the Peace of Christ with George and Robert and all of our loved ones who have passed away to Heaven. Reg Rogers Catholic High Class of 1977



reginald rogers - March 04 at 02:57 PM

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“ To George's family:

George was my doctor since I was about 7 years old when he sewed up my face. My mother said he was so impressed that I didn't cry. Later on, sometimes he could just look at me and tell me what was wrong. He was very wise and completely compassionate and empathetic. I always felt treated like I was one of his own kids. I won't ever forget his deep voice and comforting way. Going to the doctor is never fun, but I would go in nervous and scared, and when I left I would feel at ease, whatever was to come. A friend of mine said he was a prince, and I had to agree. RIP George.

-Julie Lensing

julie lensing - March 04 at 02:16 PM

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“ So sorry to hear the news of George's passing. Connie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I will remember George putting up with the craziness of the Raspberry Queens in his home and always having a smile! May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Love, Mary Ann and Steve.

Mary Ann Holt - March 04 at 01:36 PM

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“ Treva Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dr. George Franklin Holitik



Treva Roberts - March 04 at 11:26 AM

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“ Dr. Holitik was a wonderful friend (my family just called him "Buddy", as did most of the people in Waldron who knew and remembered his father and him). I wish I could have seen him in recent years, just to tell him how much I appreciated everything he did for me in the past. He was there for me when I needed someone the most and I will be eternally grateful. My love and prayers are with you all, now and always.



**Dianna Harvey Williams** - March 03 at 05:18 PM

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“ Knew George from long ago Waldron. Can't recall all the times I tried to be "cool" like him. Always failed.

Jerry Hoyt

**Jerry Hoyt** - March 03 at 05:14 PM



“ Weren't you all in class of 57 just ahead of me 58? We all had a lot of fun. He was a gret guy Jeanne R Bonar MD

**Jeanne Rae Bonar** - March 03 at 07:05 PM

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“ George hired me to work the ER at SVI in 1977 . He was kind and compassionate to a young Doctor without much experience.  
I thank him for that patience and opportunity. We will miss George.  
May he Rest In Peace.  
David C. Jacks,MD

**David C. Jacks, MD** - March 03 at 01:26 PM

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“ Dr. Holitik was my doctor for 45 years . Such a fine man and competent physician ! I was fortunate to see him , not too long ago, at Does during lunch . I will miss him !  
God bless and keep you dear George . Margaret Wyatt

**margaret wyatt** - March 03 at 12:17 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I have so many wonderful memories of my years working with Dr Holitik in the ER at Saline. He was always so kind to us and would not hesitate for a second to defend us against an ubusive patient or family member. He stood up for what he believed was right even if it ruffled a few (0r alot) feathers. I'm so thankful I have so many funny George Holitik stories to

cherish. I know everyone who loved him will miss him terribly.

**Rhonda Camp** - March 03 at 11:58 AM

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“ George and I worked many years in the ER's of SVI and Doctor's - he saved many lives with his intuition, quick thinking and incredible medical skills. He was my friend.  
Charolette Paul

**Charolette Paul** - March 03 at 11:45 AM

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“ Our prayers are with the family George along with Charlie Mac probably saved Gail's life they also had good hunting days God Bless Gail and Ann Matthews

**Gail Matthews** - March 03 at 11:16 AM

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“ Dr. Holitik pierced my ears when I was going to southwest junior high. I remember him being very gentle and helping me put on my very first pair of pearl earrings!! RIP  
Dr. Holitik

**doris greer reeder** - March 03 at 11:00 AM

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“ Conine our thoughts are with you . George was one of my closest friends. He was most giving person I have known. I will truly miss him. As I know you will.  
David Perry

**David Perry** - March 03 at 08:56 AM

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“ Everyone at Doe's Eat Place loved George Holitik. We always will. George, you will be missed by us. Our condolences go out to our sweet friend Connie.

**Maggie Cordell** - March 02 at 09:25 PM