



James K. Richter, M.D.

October 9, 1929 - March 28, 2008

Dr. James "Kelly" Richter, born October 9, 1929, passed away peacefully at home on March 28, 2008, surrounded by his family and loving friends. He was the youngest of nine children of Herman and Regina Richter. He attended St. Anthony School, Central Catholic High School & St. Mary's University, before graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduating he completed his medical training at the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. Following his graduation from medical school he served as a captain in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 1952, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Reile. They made their home in San Antonio where he started his private medical practice on S. Presa St. For many years he practiced there before moving to his East Southcross office when Southeast Baptist Hospital opened. He practiced there until his retirement in 1998. For many years Dr. Richter was one of the few doctors who continued to make "house calls", often forgetting to send a bill. He was a dedicated physician who was tireless in his care for the Poor of San Juan and the Mission Road Children's Home. He was devoted to the welfare of all of his patients, but most especially for the children. This attitude was reflected in his favorite scripture verse in Mark 10:14:

HE SAID TO THEM, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE"

He volunteered many years for the Boy Scout organization, making sure that

they were all given physicals so that no child would be deprived of "going to camp".

Dr. Richter was an author, avid hunter, and took pride in training his prized English Pointers, especially his beloved "Ginger". He loved to fish and spend time with his family. He will be remembered for his gentle quiet manner, his taking more pleasure from giving than receiving, and the fact that he always put the needs of others before himself. Dr. Richter was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and the recipient of the "pro ecclesia et pontifice" award for zeal and loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church given by Pope Paul VI. He is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Dorothy, his son James "Jay" K. Richter Jr. and wife Angela, daughter Lisa Gambill and husband David, daughter Amy Clark and husband Allan. Grandchildren include Kelly and Andrew Richter; Lauren, Paul and Samuel Gambill; Julia, Ashley, and Faith McDonald, Emily and Lily Clark. Additional survivors are his sisters Regina Wilkinson and Mary Frances "Mimi" Richter. He is preceded in death by his son, John Adam, and brothers Herman, Bernard and William Richter, and sisters Emma Weakley, Virginia Richter, and Helen Clarkson. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Southeast Community Outreach for Older People SCOOP 1602 Goliad Road, Suite B
San Antonio, TX 78223

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear Dorothy and Family,

We will never forget the wonderful Christmas Eve's that we shared with you and Dr. Richter. Our visits were filled with so much laughter and joy. We looked forward to hearing about your grandchildren and children. It was evi

John, Joyce & Lauren Horner - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Our family wishes to extend thanks to all who have taken time to sign this guestbook and share all your kindness and condolence with us at this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness means a great deal to us and all of your thoughts and prayers are appreciat

The Family of Dr. James K. Richter - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ I am grateful to Uncle Kelly for the many times he answered health and medical questions "after hours". When my children, Carly and Reid, were little, it brought me great comfort to know what to do when they were sick. His advice reassured me that all wou

Suzanne - April 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dorothy, Kelly was a great neighbor for 5 years. All my children have something to tell about there loving relationship with him. I think he was the greatest. Love, Bob.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Drumm - April 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We were all saddened to hear of Dr. Richter's passing. We always enjoyed when he came into the office. Reading his obituary one could almost feel like this would have been someone we would have liked to have gotten to know better. He will be missed. O

Mark Simmons, DDS - April 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I had the good fortune to know Dr. Richter the last eight years of his life. I met him through his devoted daughter, Lisa. Thru Lisa I learned a lot about Dr. Richter and his loving wife Dorothy. I heard many stories about him from his daughter. Then whe

Bob Billa - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ My deepest sympathy for Dr. Richter's family. He was our family doctor for many years over 2 decades and even delivered me when I was born as well as 2 of my brothers. He was a great doctor and I measure all of my doctors against him. He was truly a kind

Sheryl Valadez - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ His love of God, Family and Country will live on through his loving and devoted family.

Rose M. Davison RN - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dear Mrs. Richter and family, This is Sister Elaine, Mother Elainethen. I taught Jay and Lisa at St. Teresa's Academy. I am so sorry for your loss, he was our Dr. and a great man. I always remember you all with fondness. I remember Dr. Richter giving me his

Sister Elaine - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Richter and family. Though I did not know any of you personally, I want you to know what a kind and caring doctor he was. I became his patient after I had lost my insurance and was very financially strapped. I have a chronic

Sherrie Hoffman - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy to the Richter family. Dr. Richter was not only our family doctor but a friend. When we moved to the Southside our mutual friends, Ross and Amy Owen told us about Dr. Richter. "best doctor in the city" We became his patient

Jerry and Clara Beauchamp - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to the Richter family. Dr. Richter delivered me 39 years ago in 1968. He was my family doctor for 18 years. He was a very kind and gentle man and cared deeply for his patients. I recall him attending my grandparents' O.B. and Cl

David Stallcup - April 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are being offered for the family. May God's inner peace and strength be felt during this most difficult time.

Gerald & Lady Ellen Clark - March 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Gerald & Lady Ellen Clark - March 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dr. Richter was my best friend's father. He was one of the nicest and most caring people I have ever known. I have so many fond memories on Pickwell Drive--swimming in the pool, riding the mini-bike through the trails in the woods, and running from the

Tonette Pollock Mulvaney - March 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ James K. Richter, M.D.

The Boyer Family - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Aunt Dorothy and family,

I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

If there is anything I can do for anyone, don't hesitate to let me know. I mean it.

*Love,
Jeff*

Jeff Stone - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dr. Richter was our family physician until his retirement. He was always there when we needed him. He took such good care of us and our daughter. We send our love prayers to the family.*

Jim, Sharon,& Linda Carson - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *He was the best Grandpa anyone could ever hope for, and the kindest and most generous person I have ever known.*

Julia McDonald - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *My deepest sympathy of the passing of Dr. Richter he was a fine man and a one of a kind Doctor.*

Tina Allain - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM