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John Gilbert "Gibb" Combs, December 23, 1940 - July 11, 2020



John Gilbert Combs, JR, M.D. (Gibb) 79, passed away peacefully at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Saturday, July 11, 2020 after a short illness.

A native of Selmer, TN, he was born on December 23, 1940, the only child of the late Mary Nell and John G. Combs, SR. He grew up in Selmer, TN.

He received his undergraduate degree at Memphis State University. He then entered the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis where he received his medical degree. His externship and internship studies took place at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. He met his future wife, Ann Webb a registered nurse at the hospital, and they married in 1966. He was the love of her life.

Gibb volunteered for military service and served as a Lt. in the U.S. Air Force as a general medical officer for two years. He was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, SC. Following the Air Force, his radiology residency took place in Memphis at Methodist Hospital.

Upon moving with his family to Wilmington, NC in 1972, Gibb began his radiology medical practice. He loved his work and served at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Cape Fear Hospital, and Pender Memorial Hospital in Burgaw, NC. We are blessed that a colleague kindly stated that Gibb was a vital, energetic, and compassionate radiologist. He practiced medicine for 30 years.

His fondest memory of High School was playing on the Selmer High School football team which went undefeated (9 wins – 0 losses) in regular season play his senior year. He and his parents were avid Tennessee football fans and he carried that love with him all through his life.

His real passion was held for the University of Tennessee team in Knoxville, TN. He routinely wore a Vols orange and white visor when playing golf or relaxing at the beach.

He was a left-handed golfer and tremendously enjoyed playing regularly with friends. Some of whom were fondly known as the Riff-Raff. On the 15th tee of the course he

most-often played, he shanked his tee shots so often hitting a tree

that the greens keeper put an orange and white bird house on that tree and a sign that said, "Gibb's Tree".

He was an avid jogger. A little girl who lived nearby would see him and tell her mother, "here comes the runnin' man"! He completed several 10K runs and a local marathon, finishing within a very decent time frame.

Loyalty comes from the heart and is motivated by love. Gibb had a tremendous sense of loyalty to his family, his medical practice, and for his friends all of whom he truly loved, admired, and enjoyed.

Gibb grew up with a special pet dog, but never had any experience with cats. That is until one wandered into the yard and adopted him, her name was Gracie. She was his lap companion for sixteen years.

Gibb's life was anchored by faith in God. He was a committed Christian and a Godly man with strong principles and a deep sense of responsibility. He influenced his family in what was good and right. Gibb was greatly loved by his family as he was a loving and devoted husband and father. He was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church and worshiped there for over forty years. He was faithful in his reading of the Bible and read it from cover to cover several times.

Gibb is survived by his wife, Ann, of fifty-four years, a son Todd J. Combs (Kyle) of Mooresville, NC and a daughter Susan Combs Segui of Mt. Pleasant, SC. He was blessed with six precious grandchildren; Ashley Anne Combs, and Culler Combs of High Point, NC; Chandler Combs of Mooresville, NC; Olivia Segui, Cameron Segui and Ward Segui of Mt. Pleasant, SC. A sister-in-law, Marsha Lanham (Fred) of KY. He is also survived by first cousins, Ann Combs Kimzey, TX, Hugh Prather (Kay), NM, Ralph Prather (Dolores), NM, Tommy Prather, PA, and Camille Vanderslice (Rick), TX.

We are so grateful for Coastal Cove Nursing Home of Wilmington and the faithful and loving care bestowed by their wonderful staff. They made it possible for us to visit him and take him out to restaurants and enjoy his company regularly. We talked to him on the phone several times every day. While he was at Coastal Cove his family had a loving and kind relationship with him.

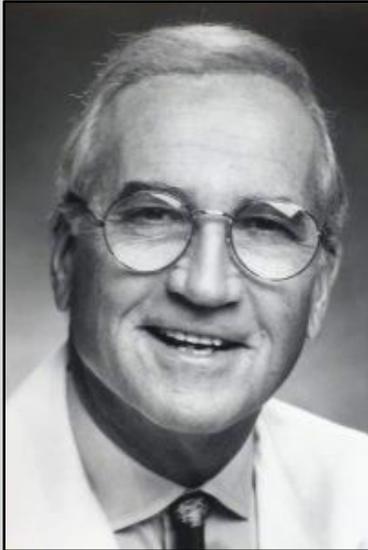
We feel that the doctors and nurses at NHRMC who ministered for Gibb were greatly compassionate and worked **far beyond being tired. As we were not allowed to be with him in the**

hospital, one very special nurse held his hand the last hour and reminded him that his family loved him very much. We are much indebted to her and grateful for her devoted concern and care.

A private worship service to celebrate Gibb's life was held for the family at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 125 South Third Street, Wilmington NC 28401, the New Hanover Humane Society, 2405 North 23rd Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, or to the charity of one's choice. Please share memories and condolences with the family by clicking on the "Post a Condolence" tab below. Wilmington Funeral & Cremation, 1535 S. 41st Street, Wilmington NC 28403 910.791.9099

Dr. James A. Maultsby, July 15, 1932 - December 30, 2020



Jim Maultsby left this earth to join so many of his loved ones in the everlasting life he was granted. Some called him a modern-day disciple as he lived out his faith so naturally. To know him was to love and trust him. He held the welfare of others before his own, especially when it came to his family. He appreciated every gesture of friendship

offered to him and he was always there when anyone needed him. He lived a life full of love, joy, and service, accomplishing so much. He was brilliant, creative, and thoughtful; a hero to many, a friend to all.

Jim grew up in eastern NC, graduating from Jacksonville High School. He spent three years at Wake Forest, then graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1956. Jim served his internship in San Francisco and returned to the East Coast to serve as a Navy physician on the USS Cadmus and at the Portsmouth Navy Hospital from 1958-1960. He spent three years of his residency at the University of Virginia and finished his orthopedic residency in Chicago.

Dr. Maultsby became a pioneer in the field of thermography, a technique for evaluating and measuring pain levels. He began focusing on a more holistic approach to medicine, advocating strongly for the importance of daily exercise, inspiring many friends and family to join him.

Throughout his lifetime, Jim went on several mission trips that were dear to his heart. He volunteered with Pine Valley United Methodist Church and other medical mission trips and had a deep concern for those in need. He was the medical director for Saint Mary's Health Care Center until his death.

Jim shared a life-long love of coastal activities with beloved friends and family. He won several marathons and was hoping to compete at age 90. He was still going to the gym just weeks before he died.

Another love of Jim's life was gardening. He inherited a green thumb from his mother, and enjoyed sharing his passion for plants with family, friends, and patients alike. He was always an educator who embraced every opportunity to share his knowledge and wisdom with any eager student with the hope of bringing to others the same joy he found in life.

In addition to education, Jim's faith was a big part of who he was. Pine Valley United Methodist Church was at the center of his Christian family here in Wilmington. Jim enjoyed participating in many aspects of church life, music, in particular, brought him joy. Jim was well known for welcoming new friends, patients, and even strangers into his PVUMC community.

Jim will be sorely missed by so many, but especially by his loving wife Laurel Radner Maultsby of 40 years, and their sons and spouses: Laurence (Emily), Daniel (Karissa), and the four children and their spouses from his first marriage to Joan Propst Maultsby: Lisa Angell White (John), Cynthia Ross (Tim), Lex (Polly), Gary (Amy), 16 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. His brother Ken (Peggy), his two sisters; Ruth Coleman Best, and Ellen Williams (John), 10 nieces and nephews and their spouses, and many great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Garland Eugene Maultsby and Eleanor Maultsby, his brother Gene (Kit), his brother in law Harry Coleman, and his niece Allison Coleman Nardi.

A celebration service of his life will be planned when it is once again safe to gather.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's name to Nourish North Carolina, Pine Valley United Methodist Church, and the St Mary Health Center of Wilmington, NCShare memories and condolences with the family by clicking on the "Condolence" tab. Wilmington Funeral & Cremation 1535 S. 41st Street Wilmington, NC 28403 910-791-9099

