

WILLIAM BROWN, M.D.

Bill Brown spent his youth in Tipp City, in the Dayton area of Ohio, playing high school football and baseball. He had several strong influences in his life: his father, a local physician, his "Uncle Mutt", and his grandfather, Rev. Ralph Brown. These men all encouraged him to excel in school, to stay involved in sports, and to become a physician, all of which he heeded.



After attending Guilford College in North Carolina, where he played both soccer and baseball, he was admitted to the East Carolina School of Medicine, followed by the Lynchburg Family Practice Medicine program.

He carried his grandfather's inspirational words in his heart – "Work yourself into a position of selfless service to others." He has demonstrated this concept in his professional life with limitless generosity. He and his nurse practitioner provided the school's athletes with their annual physicals at nominal or no cost. Those who could pay a \$10 fee did so, and Brown then returned that money to the athletic program for supplies.

Brown served as physician for the football team, attending their games, being on the sidelines for immediate medical assistance, both for the Amherst team and for the opposing team, following up any care that might be needed, later that night or the next day in his office – always at no charge to the player.

His aid to the players came not only along the lines of medical advice and expertise, but also in his encouragement for persevering, giving their best efforts, striving for high goals. The football teams during these years reached many lofty goals, as a consistent winner at the state level. Among his treasured possessions is a state championship ring from the 1996 season. He was known on the sidelines as a strong and vocal advocate for the players; there were several instances of his having a confrontation with officials about what he deemed to be dangerous play that they were allowing to occur, and even his facing the threat of expulsion from one game. The revelation that he was "the team doctor" drew a hasty retreat from the offending official.

Brown further served on the Amherst County School Board and Amherst County Public School Educational Foundation Board. Knowing young people from the doctor's office and from the sports venue gave him a perspective that was welcomed, especially with his counsel involving disciplinary issues. Rev. Brown would be pleased to know his grandson lived the life of "selfless service to others" and made a difference.

William David Brown, M.D. – October 13, 1949

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Sports: HS football, HS baseball (class of 1968); Guilford College – baseball, soccer
- Education: Guilford College (1975); East Carolina School of Medicine (1983); University of Virginia Family Practice Residency Program, Lynchburg (1983-86)
- Medical Profession: team physician, ACHS football (1988-2004); Sweet Briar College MD (1992-2004); Lynchburg Emergency Physicians (1986-91); Amherst Family Practice (1992-2004); Amherst Lifesaving Crew Medical Director (1987-2004)
- Community involvement: Amherst County School Board, Amherst County Public Schools Educational Foundation Board