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Dr. Tom Mack Brady, 87, of Monticello, Georgia passed away on October 21, 2023 at Jasper Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

Dr. Brady was born at home in McMinnville, Tennessee on June 30, 1936 to the late Tom Anderson Brady and Fluella Newby Brady. He was raised in the rural community of Lucky in Warren County. At age 7, he broke his hip not once but twice and for the next 7 years spent time under home health care and home-schooled by his loving mother and sisters. He was diagnosed with osteomyelitis and would spend his childhood in bed or at the Junior League with not much hope of walking. He persevered and was able to walk even with a leg that was 3 inches shorter than his other. He started back to school his sophomore year and graduated from Dibrell High School in 1955 as Salutatorian.

Dr. Brady was a very determined young man and his life’s dream was to attend college to become a dentist. He attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (Tennessee Tech University) in Cookeville, Tennessee where he received his undergraduate degree then traveled across the state to Memphis to begin his dental studies at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry where he endured yet another health setback. Dr. Brady spent 11 months with tuberculosis at West Tennessee Tuberculosis Hospital in Memphis. Due to the lack of modern-day antibiotics, he had a lobectomy. Determination set in again when Dr. Brady went back to dental school and ran out of money. He took a part-time dental assistant position at the TB hospital to earn money to finish his degree and that is where he met the love of his life in 1961, Betty McBryde. After a brief courtship, they married in February 1962 and started their marriage in Augusta, Georgia where Dr. Brady accepted his first dental position at Gracewood Home for Children, a home for disabled children. This is where he learned the art of gentleness, compassion, patience, and loving care that he shared with all his patients.

In 1963, Dr. Brady read a post on a bulletin board for a dentist in Monticello, Georgia. Knowing nothing about the town, they took a leap of faith and met with Mayor Lucius S. Kelly and immediately felt that this was the place where they would work, serve, and raise their family. Dr. Brady’s first practice was located in the Health Department located on Eatonton Street where he took appointments in 1 room with Mrs. Brady serving as his assistant. His practice expanded and he built the dental office, currently located on West Washington Street, in 1970. He practiced dentistry in this office until his retirement in December 1996. He not only was the dentist but served as office manager, personnel director, bookkeeper, mechanic, repairman and anything else that a self-employed individual handles. He was determined to provide the best care possible for his patients as well as provide for his wife and three children – Kim, Andy and Scott.

Dr. Brady was a member of Monticello Presbyterian Church where he joined in 1963. He served on the bank boards of Farmers National Bank, Bank South and an advisory board member of McIntosh State Bank.

Up until the decline in his health, his hobbies included golfing, fishing and hunting. He had many friends that shared their Jasper County ponds and woods with him. He was a member of the Blitz golfing group at Hunter Pope Country Club where he spent weekends developing friendships that would last decades. He looked forward to his bi-annual fishing trips with Dr. Jamie Mitchell to Crystal River, Florida. During retirement, the Bradys spent time visiting family in McMinnville and Memphis as well as enjoying their beach condominium in Isle of Palms, South Carolina. His greatest joy came with the birth of grandchildren who called him Papa. The grandchildren loved visiting with Papa at home, at the beach and the grandsons shared his love of golfing.

In January 2014, Mrs. Brady went to her eternal home and Dr. Brady remained in the home that they built and raised their family. He continued to support his grandchildren attending events and was able to watch 7 grandchildren graduate from high school. He could be found riding his golf cart in the yard with friends discussing life, current events, stocks and providing updates on grandchildren. Wheel of Fortune provided daily entertainment to any who entered his home around 7:00 in the evening. He would also cheer on the “other” Tom Brady during NFL football seasons and would snicker when noticing reactions from medical staff during doctor office visits. Dr. Brady went by many names – Tom, Tommy, Tom Mack, Doc, Uncle Tom, Uncle Tommy, Diamond Jim, Daddy, and Papa- and everywhere he went, he made life richer, brighter and warmer because he was in it. He touched many lives through hi34-year dental career in Monticello and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Lillian Medlen and Magnolia Jones.

Dr. Brady was the epitome of love, devotion, determination, a cherished father and grandfather and leaves behind his legacy, children: Kim (Jay) McMichael and Scott(Traci) Brady of Monticello, Andy Brady of Monroe; grandchildren: Brady(Mallory) McMichael, Brandi (Tyler) Seawright, Sydney Brady, Drew Brady, Grey Brady, Mack Brady, Owen Brady, and Harris Brady: great-grandson, Dutton McMichael; sister Geraldine Ritchey; special friends: Dr. Jamie and Suzy Mitchell and Joseph Gasses.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Monticello Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in West View Cemetery. Dr. Jamie Mitchell and Rev. John McCrosky will officiate.

The family will receive friends at Jordan Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 24.

Serving as pallbearers will be grandchildren, Brady McMichael, Brandi Seawright, Sydney Brady, Drew Brady, Mack Brady, Owen Brady and Harris Brady.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations be made to Monticello Presbyterian Church – Mini Capital Campaign, P O Box 308, Monticello, GA 31064 or Jasper Memorial Hospital, 898 College Street, Monticello, GA 31064.

Jordan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.