



Dr. Robert E. Grogan

April 14, 1925 - June 28, 2013

Dr. Robert Edward Grogan

War Veteran, Doctor, Pioneer, Renaissance Man

On June 28th, 2013, Dr. Robert E. Grogan, Jupiter's first doctor, peacefully began his eternal life with his loving family by his side at his home of 57 years. He leaves an unrivaled legacy and lasting imprint on his family and the entire Jupiter-Tequesta community. He was 88 years old.

Dr. Grogan was born on April 14, 1925 in Galesburg, Illinois, to Dr. Edward B. Grogan and Charlotte Hartong Grogan.

From 1943 to 1946, he served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy after attending Officer Training School at the University of Notre Dame. During World War II, Dr. Grogan valiantly served his country in the Pacific aboard the USS Auriga, where he was the sole volunteer on a mission that helped save another Midshipmen's life. It would not be the only life he would eventually help or save.

Upon returning from the War, he attended Knox College, where he lettered and starred in four sports: football, basketball, track and golf. He graduated in 1948 from Knox with a B.A. in Education and continued his schooling at the University of Louisville, where he received a M.S. in Biology in 1950 and a Doctorate of Medicine in 1956.

After receiving his medical degree, "Doc" moved his family to Palm Beach County in 1956 to begin his practice. After a one year residency at St. Mary's Hospital, he opened Jupiter's first doctor's office and integrated his patient

waiting room, which was controversial at the time. Doc was also instrumental in the founding of the Tequesta Country Club, and was the last, living original member. He served on the original Board and played a major role in developing the Jupiter-Tequesta Athletic Association, and First Marine National Bank, Tequesta's first bank. He also previously served as Jupiter High School's Football Team Doctor and gave free physicals to every player for three decades. Arguably, his greatest professional achievement was his involvement in establishing Jupiter's first hospital, the Jupiter Medical Center, where he served on the Board for numerous years and as Chief of Staff in 1985.

Doc Grogan was an A to Z physician who cared for three generations of families in the area. He said he considered all his patients his friends. He was known for his open door policy, midnight emergency house calls, and his \$5.00 office visits. Often times, he was literally paid peanuts, or with other produce or lawn services for his care. Doc had an unending thirst for knowledge and was well versed in all subjects of life. He appreciated the small, intimate details of life that most would ignore. In his later years, Doc maintained an intellectual rivalry with his family's cellphones and computers, and often won.

One of Dr. Grogan's greatest passions was the game of golf, where in his prime he played with a 2 handicap. He also enjoyed the arts, writing poetry, playing the saxophone, telling good and bad jokes, and celebrating holidays with his family he so dearly loved. Doc had a core belief in always putting others before self, which is why he was beloved by so many of his colleagues, friends and family members.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Patricia Grogan, with whom he shared an unbridled love. He is also survived by nine of his ten children, Tim, Kathy, Tony, Sean, Linda, Rick, Carrie, Jenny and Danny, his brother Jim, as well as 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, his loving first wife of 26 years, Sara Proctor Grogan, his son Patrick, and his granddaughter Meghan.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. on Monday, July 1st at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St, Jupiter. A Funeral Mass will be held 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 2nd, at St Jude Catholic Church, 204 US Hwy 1, Tequesta, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the Grogan family requests that donations be made in Dr. Grogan's honor to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409.

Tribute Wall



“ I worked for the Grogans as a housekeeper in the early 70’s, enjoyed the job Dr. Grogan and Patty were kind and easy to work for, also enjoyed the children.

Margaret Banks - December 07, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dr. Robert E. Grogan*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ I only just last night learned of Dr. Grogan's passing and I am truly saddened by the news. He was and will always remain the greatest doctor I have or will ever work for.

His compassion, kindness, fairness and amazing sense of humor made him not only an incredible doctor, but an amazing man and one that I genuinely admired.

I know this is late in coming, but my sincerest condolences to Patty & the entire family for such a great loss.

Linda Erendson

Linda Erendson - Port St.Lucie, FL - Former employee - December 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dr Grogan cared for my family from the late nineteen sixty's to around the time that he retired.He always made my mom laugh ,he had a wonderful sense of humor I remember one time that I had a kidney stone,walked in to Dr Grogan's office,he immediately asked his nurse to drive me to Jupiter Medical Center.That is the way he was,a wonderful man that was devoted to helping people.He will be in my heart and mind forever,Good by Doc gone but not forgottenTerry CraneJupiter FL.

Terry Crane - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was very sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Grogan and know that he will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful doctor as well as a great family friend. Fondly Cindy Brewster Keim

A friend - July 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I remember the fun times as if it were yesterday. Spending time with Carrie, Dr. Grogan and the wonderful family on the weekends. He was our family Doctor for many years, and he will truly be missed!

Lena Clark - Conyers, GA - Longtime Family Friend - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ As a Patients of Dr. Grogan for many years Donna and I can true fully say, Dr. Grogan was everything you could ask for in a Doctor. Excellent Care, Diagnosis, Treatment and Follow up. My appointments to go over test results with Dr. Grogan were classic experiences I will never forgot. They were always very through and explained in a manner that was easy to comprehend and understand. There was never any doubt what was on his mind. You always receive a written copy of your results with his recommendations. His recommendation might say and I quote from my Sept. 14 1993 report Follow a strict low cholesterol diet and cut back on sweets and the goodies, play gorilla man and eat a couple of bananas and return in 3 months. The most Classic Characteristic in all Dr. Grogan's reports was how they always ended with, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARE FOR YOU. Dr. Grogan was a one of kind Doctor that I will probably only meet once in my life time. When God made Dr. Grogan he must have thrown the mold away, because I have never, ever met another Doctor like Dr. Grogan. He was a true Role Model for all other Doctors.MAY GOD BLESS DR. GROGAN MARSHALL AND DONNA NUNN

MARSHALL AND DONNA NUNN - CLERMONT, FL - PATIENTS - July 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Kathy, It is Maureen Mahoney from High School. My sister Faith saw your Dad's obituary and forwarded to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Believe it or not we were talking about your last week. I was in Fla. and we were reminiscing about High School. Thinking of you. Maureen Mahoney Piles

A friend - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Grogan, our family doctor since mom worked at RCA in 1960, the year we came to Florida. He always took us in through the back door for unscheduled emergencies. We will never forget him. Nellie & Rosetta Allen family Okeechobee, Fl. Judith Allen Palm Springs, Fl.

Judith Allen - Palm Springs, FL - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bob was a remarkable yet truly humble man.
We are all better for having known him.
Godspeed, Bob ...

Hugs to all of you on this very sad day.
Your Montana clan

Cathie Socolofsky - July 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I met Dr. Grogan as a young man when he was a resident at St. Mary's. He was a wonderful young man, doctor, Daddy and husband at that time and never fell off that pedestal. May he rest in peace. Billie Walsh RN.

Billie Walsh - Riviera Beach, FL - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Grogan family, I was very sorry to learn that Dr. Grogan has passed away. He was an inspiration, interesting, thoughtful and always entertaining. I am very grateful that he was my doctor and my friend.

David Dudenhoefer - Tequesta, FL - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM