



Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover

March 8, 1926 - June 6, 2015

Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover, a long time Greens Fork resident, passed away peacefully at the Haven Hospice Center in Lake City, FL on Saturday, June 6, 2015, after a short illness.

He was born March 8, 1926, to Virgil and Olive (Rodrian) Hoover. He graduated from Greens Fork High School in 1944 and was a lifetime educator, having received his B. S. degree from Ball State University and his Doctorate degree from the University of Florida. He lived in Florida for many years, but loved his hometown of Greens Fork and visited there several times a year. He was a member of the Greens Fork Christian Church and was on the Board of Directors at the Clay Township Museum. Sonny was an avid traveler.

He is survived by nieces and nephews: David, Jana, John, Shannon, Kelli, Danny and Susie; nephew-in-law, Owen Ramsey; and a special friend of fifty years, Larry Elshoff.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Evelyn (Hoover) Allread and Mary Jane (Hoover) Laymon; nieces, Cathy (Shoemaker) Ramsey and Jill (Laymon) Ullery and nephew Timothy Allread.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Culberson Funeral Home in Hagerstown. Friends may call one hour prior to

the service. Burial will be in the Greens Fork South Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Greens Fork Christian Church, 116 East Pearl Street, Greens Fork, IN 47345; Clay Township Historical & Preservation Society, Box 5, Greens Fork, IN 47345; or Haven Hospice Center, 6037 West U. S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL 32055.

Cemetery Details

Greens Fork South Cemetery

31 Washington Rd
Greens Fork, IN 47345

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
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Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Mr. Hoover was very instrumental as a teacher in New Knoxville where he took an avid interest in youth. He was very instrumental in starting a Youth Center which gained a reputation in the area for innovative and effective programs. He taught a student with polio to type with her good hand, and to this day she remembers hem and is very grateful. Several New Knoxville graduates attended Ball State as a result of his influence and mentoring. He was only in New Knoxville a short time, but he was well liked an respected.*

*Daniel Meckstroth
New Knoxville High School
Class of 1961*

Daniel Mekstroth - June 18, 2015 at 02:51 PM

PG

“ *I will certainly miss Mr. Hoover. I met him through First Presbyterian Church in Lake City and saw him when I worked at a local pharmacy and he came in to pick up prescriptions. He was such a kind, pleasant man who always had a hug for me. I will surely miss him.*

Pam Graves

Pamela Graves - June 11, 2015 at 09:41 AM

KS

“ *Kathleen S. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover.*



Kathleen S. - June 11, 2015 at 07:30 AM

HE

“ I got to know Owen through my church and the Art League here in Lake City, Florida. He was always a very thoughtful person who was well informed. I was surprised to learn after his passing that he was about 15 years older than I had assumed. I will miss him.
Herb Ellis

Herb - June 10, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ Ronda Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover



Ronda Davis - June 10, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover.



June 10, 2015 at 10:48 AM

MW

“ Matt Wire lit a candle in memory of Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover



Matt Wire - June 09, 2015 at 06:05 PM

MW

A kind and gentle soul, he will be missed.

Matt Wire - June 09, 2015 at 06:06 PM

MD

“Owen was a great friend for over 20 years and will be terribly missed. Having met through mutual musician friends when I first started college at BSU's school of music we shared more laughs than I could begin to count. He was a kind, warm, and intelligent man who never lost his zeal for life and love of continuous learning. I am so thankful we had a wonderful weekend at the Auburn Car Show last year. Here's a great picture of course he was more than happy to pose for once we spotted the opportunity following the parade...we both especially liked the antique car driving past in the background. All of the family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Michael Davis.



Michael Davis - June 09, 2015 at 05:43 PM

SA

“Susie Allread lit a candle in memory of Dr. Owen A. "Sonny" Hoover



Susie Allread - June 09, 2015 at 11:17 AM

SA

He will be missed. He was a wonderful Uncle and very kind. We all loved him. Rest in Peace Uncle Sonny, and may you be watching out for us from Heaven.

Susie Allread - June 09, 2015 at 11:19 AM

NL

“ *I will always remember Owen as a quiet intellectual gentleman, who cherished his family and friends. When I first met him around 1966, Owen was an educator with public schools of north Florida. As I got to know him through connections at Lake City Community College (now Florida Gateway College), Owen impressed me with his kindness, compassion, and dedication to serving his students and community. Over the years, I came to know Owen as a patron of local arts and civic causes. I was guest in his home on numerous occasions, and I relished his stories of growing up in Indiana, especially the vocabulary and foods. Owen was also a guest in my home and even learned to appreciate some classic Southern dishes and phrases. Although Owen was not a star athlete, he did attend some of my weekend volleyball games back in the 1980s. More than once I was privileged to meet guests of his from Indiana. Owen also attended First Presbyterian Church of Lake City, and for many years loyally served as an usher there, though he resisted joined our congregation formally.*

When I last saw Owen a few weeks ago, he was cheerful and optimistic as always. I will miss him. We do not have enough of his sort...a gentle soul who cared about people.

Noah Lindsay - June 09, 2015 at 10:34 AM

SA

Thank you for your post. My Uncle Sonny was a very kind and generous man. I also shared many of his loves, including the town of Greensfork. It was very special growing up there, nothing like here in Ohio. Uncle Sonny was a gentle soul who was very special, and oh how he loved to travel, I got postcards from about everywhere in the world. It was always a treat to hear from him. He is flying with the Angels now. I love you Uncle Sonny!

Susie Allread - June 09, 2015 at 01:33 PM

JA

It's hard to find adequate words to describe how sweet and caring Owen was. I met him through our local Art league and Art Gallery here in Lake City several years ago when I was president of the Art League. In my capacity there and later as President of the Gallery, Owen never refused my request for help with any project. He was an active member of the league and the gallery. He was devoted to his friends in a most caring way. He added that special ray of sunshine to our meetings and get togethers. We will all miss him terribly. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family. We would like to make a contribution to the organization of your choice in honor of Owen. Please be in touch with me at: artsyjeanne@gmail.com or by phone at: 386-288-8898.

*Sincerely, Jeanne Van Arsdall
Pres., Gateway Art Gallery
Lake City, FL 332055*

Jeanne Van Arsdall - June 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM