



Dr. James Ross Shiveley

February 16, 1939 - June 13, 2015

On Saturday, June 13, 2015 Dr. James Ross Shiveley (Doc) went home to his heavenly father while vacationing in his favorite home away from home, Coronado, CA.

He was born February 16, 1939 in Ogallala, NE and became a lifelong resident of Albuquerque in December, 1941. He loved sports, and in grade school he was the batboy for the Albuquerque Dukes. He graduated from Highland High School.

He joined the Navy in 1956. After the Navy he found his passion for medicine by becoming a Lab and X-ray Tech. He obtained his Doctorate degree from Osteopathic Medical and Surgery School in Des Moines, IA. In 1969 he opened his medical practice in Albuquerque and never retired.

He was a Club Master Bridge player and baseball player throughout college and an avid golfer at the Albuquerque Country Club during his adult life. In the early 1970's he began his lifelong love of horses. He was a member of the NM Horse Breeders Association for over 40 years. His contribution to the sport in this state was substantial. He bred over 300 NM Bred horses and won over 200 races in his career. He was instrumental in shaping today's NM Bred incentives. He was honored in 2005 by induction into Lineage Legend. Doc also served as the attending physician at the Albuquerque Downs Race Track as well as several local sporting venues for many years.

He is survived by his loving partner and soulmate of 17 years, Annette Arrigoni; his mother, Viola Shiveley Christman, 94; sister, Ruth (Sissy)

Shiveley Colwell (Jim); nephew, Doug E. Johnson; niece, Susan Johnson; great-nephew, Royce E. Slawson; great great-nephew, Axel R. Slawson, all from El Paso, TX; ex-wife, Patsy Lemon of Albuquerque; and very close friend, Ken Corazza. He was preceded in death by his father, Denzil Wright Shiveley, and brother, Denzil Wright Shiveley, Jr.

Celebration of his life will be held Friday, June 19, 2015 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Albuquerque Country Club, 601 Laguna Blvd. SW, 87104. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Casa Angelica Foundation, PO Box AA, Albuquerque NM 87103.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Albuquerque Country Club
601 Laguna Blvd SW
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *God speed Doc a true friend thanks for giving me a shot at life*

Pete carabajal - June 17, 2015 at 08:40 PM

PC

“ *Doc, I will cherish all the times spent with you in Albuquerque and Las Vegas.*

You impacted so many lives, mine included. Rest in Peace. Phil Chavez

Phil Chavez - June 17, 2015 at 04:20 PM

RL

“ *When I was just a kid, I found Doc Shively's wallet on the ground near the paddock at the state fair racetrack (he was the track physician at the time). I returned it to him and he wanted badly to give me a reward. I told him my parents had always told me that if I found something of someone else's and returned it to them, to never accept a reward because maybe if I ever lost my own wallet or purse, someone would do the same for me.*

Even though I was nothing more than just some face in the racetrack crowd, the good doctor never forgot me and always made a point to take the time to sit down and visit with me each day I got to the track. He'd give me pointers on handicapping and we'd chat for a bit about some of our favorite NM-breds, and my then-aspirations to become a jockey. As a teenager, it always made me feel special to have someone as wonderful and important as Dr. Shively remember me, make time for me, and treat me with such kindness. I won't ever forget him. Good journey, Dr. S--I know somewhere in the universe, you are standing in the winner's circle with a dancing Thoroughbred.

Rebecca Lowry - June 16, 2015 at 04:51 PM

PC

God speed Doc you were my friend thank you for giving me a shot at life

Pete carabajal - June 17, 2015 at 08:36 PM

PB

Good bye Doc, in the almost twenty years I knew you I remember being intimidated upon our initial meeting as Doctor and patient. As the years went by I came to know you as a sweetheart. Always looking over your glasses and not through them, what can I do for you he would say. In the last decade or so my appointment would always end with a hug. Gonna miss you Doc. Condolences to all , especially his good friend Ken Corazza. Sincerely, Patty Brito

patty brito - June 17, 2015 at 10:56 PM

CJ

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Chris Jogi - June 15, 2015 at 02:12 PM