



Wilson Stough, MD

September 23, 1930 - January 1, 2018

Wilson Jefferson Stough passed away on Monday, January 1, 2018 at his residence. He was born in Newark, Ohio on September 23, 1930 to Mildred (Furbee) and Ervin Stough. When Wilson was 6 years old he moved to the Welsh Hills outside of Granville. He attended Granville schools graduating in 1948. He entered Ohio State University and graduated in March of 1951 with a degree in Bacteriology. He entered OSU College of Medicine and graduated with a medical degree in 1954. He interned at St. Rita's Hospital (Lima) in 1955 and started practice in McClure, Ohio in 1956. Around 1960, he opened an office in Napoleon with a general medicine and surgery practice. During his time as a practicing physician, Dr. Stough did whatever was required for his patients, including making house calls and delivering hundreds of babies, the first of which was his son Jeff. He practiced in both towns retiring from the Napoleon office in 2001.

Dr. Stough was Henry County Coroner for over 30 years. He was appointed Henry County Commissioner of Health in 1976. While serving as Henry County Health Commissioner, Dr. Stough, along with a fine and forward thinking staff, established many programs including; The Henry County Well Child Clinic and Home Health and Hospice of Henry County. He also served as the Emergency Medical Service Coordinator. He retired as Health Commissioner in 1986.

Dr. Stough married Barbara Hedge in 1949. Together they had four children, Jeanette (Dennis) Verhoff, R. Eric Stough, Jeffery (Vilma) Stough and Ellie (John) Cichocki. They later divorced. In 1992, he married Brenda Badertscher McMillen. He is survived by his wife, Brenda, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Constance Koontz and brother, Ervin "Jim" both of Newark, step-daughter Alisa (Larry) Pegis and 2 step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Eric and sisters Norma Cortese and R. Maxine Glatron.

As a boy, Dr. Stough worked with his father and brother in their family apple orchard. This love of the outdoors and woods continued all of his life. He owned and maintained beautiful wood lots, planted hundreds of trees and planted and maintained a fruit orchard. Wilson and Brenda planted a large vegetable garden every year. Wilson was known far and wide for his blueberries and delicious fruit. In 1987 Wilson and his grandson Ben Cordes were awarded the Conservationist of the Year by Wood County Soil and Water Conservation District.

A Memorial service in memory of Wilson Stough will be held at 11 a.m. On Saturday, January 6 at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio. Memorial gathering will be held on Friday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Napoleon Public Library Foundation, 310 W Clinton St, Napoleon, OH 43545 or Salvation Army of Napoleon PO BOX 783 Napoleon, OH 43545.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear this news, you have my sympathy on the loss of your Father/Husband/Grandfather. Doctor Stough was my families Doctor. As a child I Loved going to his office and looking at all the waiting room pictures, especially of the dogs and clowns. He commanded respect and you always knew you were in very capable hands. He delivered my first child, actually got called away from the farm to come for the delivery. I live very near his farm and would see him out working through the years. I had the pleasure of picking his blueberries. I appreciate his years of dedication and service to so many people.

Linda Babcock Boulton - January 09, 2018 at 07:37 AM

BW

“ Dr. Stough was a good friend as well as doctor for my family. He cared for my parents for years before delivering our son at Heller Memorial Hospital. We really appreciated his down to earth care. Your family is in our prayers.

Bengy Willford

Bengy Willford - January 07, 2018 at 10:37 PM

DH

“ My family started seeing Doc Stough in McClure, then followed him to Napoleon when that office closed. Doc was not only a top notch physician, but a friend as well. My father told me of a time when one of us kids had a extremely high fever on a Sunday, and on the way to Heller Hospital, he saw Doc riding his horse on the farm. He stopped, and Doc hopped off the horse and provided care. My prayers go out to his family.

Dawn Hoops - January 07, 2018 at 12:39 PM

BM

“ *Berdina Mathena lit a candle in memory of Wilson Stough, MD*



Berdina Mathena - January 07, 2018 at 01:59 AM

FP

“ *An incredible physician and man. He came to the small town of McClure to fill a need for a local physician. He embraced the community and the community embraced him. It didn't matter what the medical need was....cuts, scrapes, illness....he took care of all of us when needed. He was a wonderfully personable man making every patient and family he served feel like he was not only a doctor, but a friend as well. He was there for so many, from birth until the final breath. While I may have left McClure and Ohio long ago, Dr. Stough will always hold a place of honor in my memory. May God bless him and his family.*

Frank Pittman

Frank Pittman - January 05, 2018 at 01:08 PM

NH

He was an amazing man that was loved by many. My brother was driving a tractor that overturn on top of him. I was in the wagon the tractor was pulling & I jumped off & ran to the local elevator & my uncle & cousin came & other men too. But my uncle & his son lifted that tractor off him & Dr Stough had been called to the scene & done a trach & got air into his lungs & rode in the back of the ambulance to hospital. My brother survived but he would not have had Dr. Stough not been there. He was my Hero that day & has been every since. He was a wonderful doctor and dear friend. Nancy Hatfield

Nancy Hatfield - January 06, 2018 at 01:08 PM

BG

“ To Brenda and Wilson's children::

Wilson and I were classmates in Granville schools from first grade through our graduation in 1948. He was such a good friend all through school, and we especially enjoyed being together at several of our class reunions. I know how much he will be missed by all of you in the family, and especially by those in the community. What a great man he was!

RIP, Wilson. Betty Young Goodridge

Betty Goodridge - January 05, 2018 at 12:25 PM

CL

“ *Just by whim I looked at the Northwest signal on my iPad today. I am sorry to learn of Dr. Stough's death. So long ago I felt part of his family. My friendship with Eric brought me close to Jeanette, Jeff and Ellie along with Barbara and even baby Ben. So much time has gone by but my memories are vivid. So sorry for your loss, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm grateful to have known the family. Cindy (Ritter) Linder*



Cindy Ritter Linder - January 05, 2018 at 12:23 PM

SW

“ *To Brenda and family. You have our sympathy for your loss of your husband and father.*

Rob and Shirley Walker

Tonya Walkers Parents

Shirley Walker - January 05, 2018 at 09:24 AM

JS

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. So very sorry for your loss.
Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - January 05, 2018 at 09:13 AM

SF

“ We have lost a great man whose presence was a blessing to our community; he was as much a friend as a doctor to most of us. His kindness and generosity of spirit will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to Brenda and the rest of the family.

Sue and Dean Flightner

Sue and Dean Flightner - January 04, 2018 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ Family of Dr Stough Sending my sympathy on the loss of your father.

Jackie Sautter - January 04, 2018 at 11:17 AM

RC

“ Dear Brenda and family. I got to meet Wilson at where I worked at Lowes. I helped them with some projects that they was working on. I talked to Wilson when Brenda was picking out items for their project. I only knew him for a short time of his life but we had some great conversations. I will miss him even though I only knew him for a short time. Please make sure Brenda reads this and tell her if she needs anything where I work at to please let me know. Ron Comden

Ron Comden - January 04, 2018 at 09:55 AM

CM

*To the family of Dr. Stough..
If I remember correctly from my grandmother, Gladys Joy my identical & I were the first set of twins delivered by Dr. Stough, although I think he delivered almost all of Henry Countyians for many, many years. I remember the last time I saw Dr. Stough was at the hospital and he stopped to chat and of course to tell me a joke. He to me was bigger than life, a man who I always admired and respected and one who continually gave to his community. He will be missed. Connie Maassel*

Connie Maassel - January 05, 2018 at 08:19 AM

MS

“ *Michael Shumaker lit a candle in memory of Wilson Stough, MD*



Michael Shumaker - January 04, 2018 at 08:37 AM

SJ

“ *Such a great family doctor when I was growing up. So sad
Loved him as he took such great care of me*

steven jacskon - January 04, 2018 at 08:26 AM

LM

“ *Dear Brenda and family, Very sorry to hear of Wilson's passing.
Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you! Lyle W, Miller*

Lyle W. Miller - January 03, 2018 at 10:02 PM

MK

“ *Dr Stough was our family physician for many years up until he retired. He delivered all 3 of our babies in 1971, 1974, & 1978. He was always there for us when we had a family emergency. I had so much respect & appreciation for him. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I will always remember him. Mary Kieffer*



Mary Kieffer - January 03, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MA

“ *Our family Easter gatherings at your home have always been an anticipated blessing! I so loved talking with Wilson about politics, health insurance, blueberries, dogs, etc. He will be missed. My love and prayers are with you, Aunt Brenda. God's comfort to you as well as the rest of his family!*

Mindy Ackerman - January 03, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MB

“ *Doctor Stough was my first Doctor I could remember at 10 years old in 1965 and continued to be my doctor until he retired!he was a great Doctor and a very special person! He will be greatly missed!*
Mike Brown

Michael Brown - January 03, 2018 at 08:59 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to Dr. Stough's family. He was our family physician for many years and was always friendly and warm to us. May the Lord keep you in His grace and comfort you in the days ahead. -Ruth Blake-*



Ruth Blake - January 03, 2018 at 08:24 PM

DE

“ *Dr. Stough was our doctor for 4 generations. Dr. Stough and my Grandpa Otto Orwig talked about their horses. Dr. Stough took care of my grandparents Otto and Lola Orwig..my parents George and Lucille Wells. Dr. Stough was my doctor for the birth of my Sons John and Paul. He certainly will be missed for all he did for so many people. Thanks Dr. Stough. Diane Wells Elling*

Diane Wells Elling - January 03, 2018 at 07:21 PM

TG

I send condolences to the Stough family upon the loss of Dr.Sough. While I did not know him personally, he and Dr. Richard Gilson, my father, were colleagues professionally. Further I was aware of his leadership in establishing much needed care programs in the County. He leaves a major legacy and will be very missed.

Tamar Gilson - January 04, 2018 at 12:41 PM

JH

“ *Dr.Stough was considered a dear friend to our entire family as well as our Physician for many years. We are so sorry for your loss and Henry County lost a true caring person.*
With Sympathy,
Mrs.James Honeck (Janell), Jill (Honeck) Hausman and Juli (Honeck) Goetz

Jill Hausman - January 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM

AS

“ We have had the pleasure of living next door to Wilson and Brenda for the last 4 years. We will miss seeing Wilson in passing on his daily trips to the farm, hearing the chatter and laughter between him and Brenda coming from their back yard on warm summer days, and being able to look out of my window every morning seeing the two of them together. I'm not sure too many other people would tolerate my toddler always wanting to come to their front porch to admire the beautiful waterfall fountain and fish, but Wilson was always inviting. He is going to be greatly missed around here and my heart breaks for Brenda and his family. We are sending so much love and many prayers to his family. Love, Dustin, Allyson and Landon Smith

Allyson Smith - January 03, 2018 at 03:23 PM

VD

“ Dr Stough was a great man and physician. He was my doctor beginning in 1956 when he came to McClure and continued until his retirement. He delivered our 2 daughters at Heller Memorial in the 1960's He also made house calls for my mother in the 1990's. He always enjoyed farm auctions and in 2012 we bought a tractor that needed gas to be driven home. It was about 2 miles from one of his farms. He drove us there and gave us gas to be able to drive the tractor home. He will always be remembered as a quiet and gentle doctor, always treating his patients as family. Rest in peace Dr Stough. You have earned your reward. You are so deserving for all the services you contributed to Henry County. My sympathies are with all of your family. Vivian Dominique

Vivian Dominique - January 03, 2018 at 01:49 PM

KB

“ I will always be grateful for Dr. Stough's insight and support particularly during my first years as a young and inexperienced CEO. I so appreciated his direct style of communication and his constant concern for patients. Early on through his insight I learned where I needed to direct attention, and learn more about processes and systems at Henry County Hospital.
He supplied my mother with the best peaches I had ever had, and me with firewood. I am grateful to know him. Kim Bordenkircher

Kim Bordenkircher - January 03, 2018 at 12:26 PM

CR

“ Wilson and Brenda were our dear neighbors for ten years on Avon Place. We were so lucky to know them. Dr. Stough was our family Dr. and my mother loved his nurse, Connie. We offer our sympathy and prayers to Brenda and all of Wilson's family members. Wilson was an example of what a man could and should be. May he rest in peace. The strife is o'er, the battle won.

Carolyn Rebar - January 03, 2018 at 12:12 PM

JC

“ Our neighbors for many years.He and Brenda were a fun couple.Sympathy to all of the family.

Judi cotter - January 03, 2018 at 08:18 AM

SL

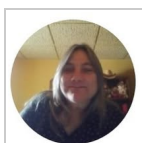
“ Wilson was a very nice man,I loved talking to him and Brenda at church and at the farm.Grandma Ruth and Mom (Graceann) love and respected him. I will miss this kind man.Thinking of you Brenda and his family,He will be greatly missed.
God bless your family at this difficult time.
Love,Sarah Luzny.

sarah jo Luzny - January 02, 2018 at 09:15 PM

AF

“ Doctor Stough was also our family doctor for many many years, He was there for us when mom was so bad and walked in, then when dad also was so ill. He and dad worked on remodeling his office. I can remember dad saying it was the most beautiful cherry cabinets he had ever made. He was a good man...
Anita(Moorhead) Frodl

Anita Frodl - January 02, 2018 at 04:49 PM



“ I remember the weekly hay fever shots I had to get in alternating arms when I was young. I also remember when I broke my nose playing backyard baseball. I remember the 40 some stitches I got in my wrist when I crashed through a glass door. I also remember my first child born in the old hospital downtown in 1981. But mostly I will remember how much Dr. Stough meant to the Boyds on Strong St. We would wave at him as he passed our house in his car. He was there for us when we lost my dad, and he was there for me when i lost my mother. He will be greatly missed, He was a wonderful man.



Denise Boyd - January 02, 2018 at 12:31 AM

EC

“ My grandma Ruth and my mom Graceann thought highly of Wilson I will miss seeing him when he was working at the farm as I drove home from work. I always waved hi even though I don't think he knew who was driving by. Thank you for letting our family pick blue berries at the farm. My mom always looked forward to that each spring. So many good memories. Thank you for all the memories.
Emily Collins.

Emily collins - January 01, 2018 at 08:14 PM

RR

My family and I send our deep sympathy and prayers to Brenda and all the Stough family.

Wilson and Brenda were our neighbors for all the years we lived on Avon Place. We enjoyed their delightful company throughout those years.

Wilson's blueberries and peaches so generously shared, Brenda and Wilson's chili suppers and fun holidays parties are just some of the many things we remember, but Wilson's love of life, of family, his caring ways with his patients, and of the simple pleasures of his farm and woodworking are a testament to the kind of man he was and are what we will always remember. Rest In Peace, good Doctor Stough.

Rosemary Ritter and family.

Rosemary Ritter - January 04, 2018 at 11:05 AM



I started working for Doctor Stough in 1956 at the McClure Office. His wife Barbara worked with me and trained me for the first couple of weeks. The training and friendship continued with them to the day they passed. I worked for him for a total of 31 years. They were not consecutive years, but each time I returned after getting married and having my babies he always needed help at the office.

He not only was my boss but he was truly my teacher and mentor. He always had time to explain why he was using new technology and drugs, plus what he thought the prognosis might be. He did many firsts in his practice. He hired his first nurse practitioner in 1980. We conducted some sessions for women, on menopause, for several years.

When he purchased his first farm the new lessons began, not just medicine, but tree's of all kinds, animals, (horses, dogs, cats) and nature. To near the day he passed away he drove to his farm to 'feed the live stock', mostly cats recently.

He shared many fun activities at their farm with all the staff and their families from both offices. What fun memories of Summer's with his family. Picknicking and swimming.

God Bless his wife Brenda, Jeannette, Jeffrey, Ellie Lisa and all the immediate families. May the memories we all shared with him soon overshadow the loss we feel at this time.

"They are not lost who find the light and sun and stars and God"

Rest in Peace WJS.

Connie and Dick Cobb.

Connie Cobb - January 05, 2018 at 06:08 AM