



Dr. Dennis Eugene Hite (Lebanon)

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Dr. Dennis Eugene Hite was born March 30, 1939, to Clarence Eugene and Velma Mae Garrett Hite. He was received into his heavenly home on Saturday, August 21, 2021, with Deanna by his side, in his earthly home, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-two years, four months, and twenty-one days. On June 22, 1962, he was united in marriage to Deanna Marie Miller, and they shared fifty-nine years of happiness and memories. This union was blessed with a son, Steve, and a daughter, Holly.

His parents and his brother, Dale Garrett Hite, preceded him in death.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife, Deanna, of the home; a son, Steve Hite, and his wife, Jennifer, of Lebanon, Missouri; a daughter, Dr. Holly Bondurant, and her husband, Dr. Charles Bondurant V, of Columbia, Missouri; four grandchildren, Garrett and Haley Hite, of Lebanon, Missouri, and Ruth and Charles Bondurant VI, of Columbia, Missouri; a brother, Mike Hite, and his wife, Jo, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a sister-in-law, Jeanette Whipple, of Lebanon, Missouri; four nieces and one nephew; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

Born in Olathe, Kansas and later moving from California, Dennis set up permanent roots in the Lebanon area at the age of five. He attended Lebanon R-III Schools and graduated from Lebanon High School in the Class of 1957. Dennis was an exceptional student, and after working for a local veterinarian, Dr. Joe Hughes, decided to go into the field of medicine after graduation. He completed his undergraduate and medical school education in seven years at the University of Missouri. While at MU, he was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Achievement Fraternity. During his surgical fellowship, Dennis published his research project "Archives of Surgery, Vol. 87, No. 6" in the American Medical Association Journal of Surgery in December of 1963. After graduating in 1964, Dennis served two years of residency in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dr. Hite began practicing medicine with Drs. Tom Beene and Jim Porter in the



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historic Joe Knight Building in downtown Lebanon in 1966, and soon joined several other local doctors in the Harwood Clinic. He continued there for almost twenty-five years before moving to the new Mercy Hospital in the Mercy Family Medicine Clinic, where he practiced until 2020.

Through his many years of service, Dennis saw numerous changes in medicine. When he began, he was whatever kind of doctor the situation needed. He delivered babies, performed surgery, set broken bones, and cared for patients in need. As time drew on, Dennis practiced medicine in a more preventative nature, but still maintained the same level of care and compassion. He loved his patients and cared for many generations of families.

Dr. Hite was awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal by Gov. Warren Hearnes while serving on inactive duty training at Weldon Springs, Missouri, with the 1st Battalion, 138th Infantry in 1968. Dennis arrived upon a military vehicle accident and tended to five injured men, taking charge of their care and following them to the hospital where he briefed the staff on their conditions and helped arrange further care. Dennis was also named a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice for showing competency in the field of comprehensive, continuing care of family through years of service and by passing certification examinations.

Dr. Hite had served with Laclede County Project Misdemeanor for a number of years, and received the Liberty Bell Award from the Missouri Bar Association for his work in the area of child abuse and neglect. He had served on countless forums, given numerous speeches and worked with many national organizations such as the Heart Fund and American Cancer Society. He was instrumental in bringing the Y.M.C.A. to Lebanon and served as the first Chairman of the Board. In February of 2006, Dr. Hite was honored by being the namesake of the Dr. Dennis E. Hite Honorary Society, which was originally part of the Mercy Heritage Foundation physicians giving platform. In 2014 Dr. Hite was inducted into the Lebanon Community Achievement Wall of Honor, an award given to individuals that helped shape Laclede County into what it is today.

Dennis was a long time active member of the First Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri.



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Dennis served on numerous committees and boards within the Lebanon community and Laclede County, and offered support and guidance throughout the years. He earned the respect and admiration of many throughout his years of service and had a lasting impact on every life he touched.

Of all the titles and honors Dennis had received over the years, his favorite one was Papa. He loved his family deeply and was proud of everything his children and grandchildren have accomplished. Dennis considered his family to be his most significant legacy.

Visitation for Dennis Hite will be held Friday, August 27, 2021 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Holman Howe Funeral Home in Lebanon, Missouri.

Funeral Services for Dennis Hite will be held Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Lebanon, Missouri. Graveside services will be held privately for the family. Contributions in honor of Dennis can be made to the Mercy Health Foundation or Ethnos 360 (formerly New Tribes).

The Hite family thank friends and family in advance for their willingness to attend both the funeral service and visitation while wearing a mask.




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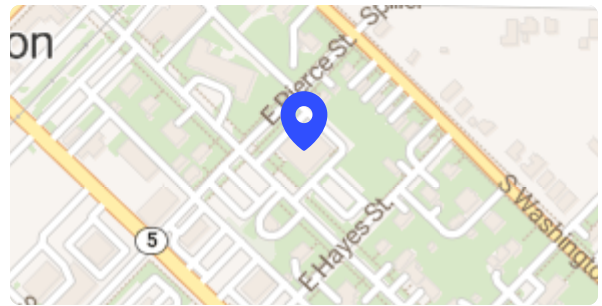
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Visitation

 **Friday**, August 27, 2021


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon**
320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon MO 65536

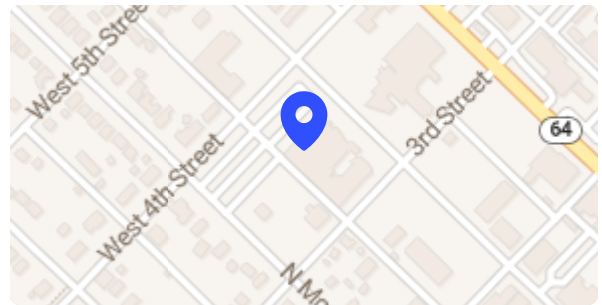


Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, August 28, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **First Baptist Church**
311 N Madison Ave, Lebanon MO 65536





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CG

Colleen & Bill Guinn posted:

The Guinn family would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Deanna, Holly, Steve & all the family. Dr Hite was such good, kind & gentle man. We appreciated him & all he did for us over the years. May he rest in peace.

August 28 at 8:25 AM

LB

Lloyd Barton lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

Prayers to the Hite family.Lloyd and Helen Barton

August 27 at 1:24 PM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 27 at 8:44 AM



JB

Jerry Brooks posted:

Such an honor to know and to have a friend like Dr. Hite., My thoughts and prayers are with you all, as they always have been and will continue to be,May God continue to bless you all and take care of you.Jerry Brooks.

August 27 at 8:33 AM

BD

Bob & Patti Dozier posted:

Prayers for the Hite family in the loss of this great man.Bob & Patti Dozier

August 27 at 6:48 AM

Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 27 at 4:08 AM





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Jerry Chastain posted:

So sorry for your loss Deanna & family. Prayers to all of you. Much love Jerry

August 26 at 5:45 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 3:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 2:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 12:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 11:03 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 8:23 AM



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Melaine Engsberg-Good lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

Dear Steven and Family, So very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was always so kind and a friend of my family for many years. Love and prayers to you, my Brother Teeb. Melaine Engsberg-Good Salt Lake City, Utah



August 26 at 6:29 AM

AR **Audrey Reed, Rn** August 28 at 5:09 AM

It was my great honor to provide care to this loving, kind, generous healer. His strength, laughter, and tenacity will never be forgotten. Deanna and Doc will forever carry a place in my heart. Go rest high on that mountain my good and faithful servant. God's comfort to all friends and family.



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 26 at 5:09 AM



Bonnie Steele posted:

Deanna, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am thankful that you and your family have lovely years of memories. God Bless. Bonnie Bolles Steele

August 25 at 9:44 AM



Leann Mather posted:

We are so sorry to lose Dr. Hite. His service to the community is unprecedented and he will be missed. Love and hugs to his family. Dr. Curtis & LeAnn Mather

August 25 at 9:00 AM

LW **Linda Weyrauch** August 25 at 10:12 AM

Deanna, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Hamilton Weyrauch.



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The Ringdahl Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 25 at 4:09 AM



Tiger Pediatrics sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 24 at 11:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 24 at 10:30 AM



Rita Carr posted:

Deanna and Family, please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Rita Carr, Granbury, Texas

August 24 at 6:02 AM



Rita Carr, Granbury, Texas lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

August 24 at 5:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 24 at 5:34 AM





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Betty Lamar lit a candle in honor of Dennis.
So sorry for your loss! Prayers for you and your family!

August 24 at 4:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 24 at 4:11 AM



Chris And Sally Tegtmeyer sent a Large Basket Garden to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 24 at 2:10 AM



Rita Hufft posted:

I am so sad to hear of Dr. Hites passing. I remember when my dad passed he was there at his funeral. He was a great person. Prayers

August 23 at 12:12 PM



Tracy Curry sent an Arrive in Style to the Hite (Lebanon) family.

August 23 at 11:42 AM



Dana Barton lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

August 23 at 10:19 AM





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Hila & Ross Prock & Family lit a candle in honor of Dennis.



August 23 at 5:18 AM



Carol Gideon lit a candle in honor of Dennis.

Sorry for your loss. Dr. Hite was a good man. He was my doctor for several years. Prayers for the family. Carol & Jerry Gideon



August 23 at 5:07 AM



Margie Winfrey posted:

Deepest Sympathy to you Deanna and your family at this sad time. Margie Winfrey

August 23 at 3:04 AM



Virginia Jones sent a virtual gift in honor of Dennis.



August 23 at 1:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 22 at 5:12 PM



Donna Scott posted:

Dear Deanna and family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers for our Heavenly Father's comfort and peace. Donna (Murrell) Scott

August 22 at 2:27 PM



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Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 22 at 12:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 22 at 6:40 AM



Karen Adams lit a candle in honor of Dennis.



August 22 at 3:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Hite (Lebanon) family.



August 21 at 2:22 PM



Katie Hilton posted:

We are deeply saddened to hear of Dennis' passing.He was a great man and will be sorely missed.We are praying for comfort for the Hites.Steve and Katie Hilton

August 21 at 2:16 PM



Joyce August 24 at 12:46 PM

Deanna, I am sad to hear of Dennis' passing. I am so grateful, though, for the time we had together two summers ago to reconnect and visit. You and your family are in my prayers.Joyce (Dennis' cousin)



Gloria Enstrom-Marlow August 22 at 6:08 AM

Deanna and family, so sorry to learn of Dennis' passing. Prayers for all of you.



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Sherlyn Hobbs posted:

Deanna and family Dr. Dennis was a great doctor and friend to our family. He was so helpful many different times the boys were sick. He will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Sherlyn Dampier Hobbs

August 21 at 1:44 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dennis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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