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Round Rock pays tribute to Dr. Peters

by Christine Bolaños January 13, 2012

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Updated Feb. 24, 2012: Dr. Peters was not the city's first doctor. At least one other doctor, Dr. Dick Gregg, predated him.

Dr. Robert Peters, a long-time Round Rock resident and physician, died Jan. 13, leaving behind a legacy and memory that will be treasured by his patients, community members and city leaders.

Peters treated generations of Round Rock children from 1972 to 2011 and served on the committee that helped bring the first hospital—St. David's Round Rock Medical Center—to town.

"He was a heck of a guy. It's hard to come up with a single word to describe him. If it's the word, 'icon,' 'legend,' words that you would use to describe him," Round Rock Mayor Alan McGraw said.

Friend and businessman Jon Sloan described Peters as a doctor genuinely committed to his Round Rock patients.

"He came here in the early [19]70s. At that time, we didn't have a doctor here in Round Rock. He came from a small town in East Texas, but he was working two or three days a week there and he would come here two or three days," Sloan said. "He became the town doctor. He also became the doctor for the football team."

Sloan said Peters was so dedicated to the Round Rock High School football team, he would attend not only all the home games, but also all the away games as well.

"He did a lot of work for people who couldn't afford it. Sometimes he'd trade stuff. He just took care of people in the old-fashioned way here in Round Rock," Sloan said. "Round Rock has grown to have four hospitals, but he was always the same. He took care of Medicaid and Medicare folks. He was practicing up until last week before he fell ill."

The community plans on showing its appreciation for Peter's dedication to his patients through a project that Peters got to be part of.

"We started a statue drive just a couple of months ago. We plan to build a statue of him," McGraw said. McGraw said the statue will be of Peters and his dog, Honey Bear, sitting on a bench.

"The one consolation with him passing today was that he knew about it, and he's leaving this place knowing that he made such a contribution that they wanted to honor him with a statue," McGraw said. "There's just not many people in the world that you can say that about, but he was one of them."

The statue is being made, though a location has not yet been chosen.

"The final decision has not been made, but it's going to be somewhere very conspicuous, though," McGraw said.

He said he hopes the statue will get new generations of Round Rock residents to ask questions about Peters' legacy in the community and about his medical contributions.

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"It will give the opportunity to tell his story about how he was recruited to Round Rock when no one else would come and how he took care of the community for so long," McGraw said. "It will offer an opportunity for his story to be told for years and years to come."

Peters was honored as a 2010 Local Legend by the City of Round Rock for his contributions to the community.

He served as chief of staff, vice chief of staff and chairman of the department of medicine and served on the board of trustees of Round Rock Medical Center. For nearly 40 years, he worked as the physician consultant for Round Rock ISD and as the doctor for the Round Rock High School football team.

He also served as physician for the Texas Baptist Children's Home.

In October 2011, after nearly four decades and serving thousands of patients, Peters closed his practice, Round Rock Medical Clinic. The closure came after a decision by the corporation that purchased the practice several years before.

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Dr. Peters was an awesome doctor and he really cared how I was feeling and doing each time I saw him. A truly outstanding individual. I was sad when he told me he was closing his practice. Rest in peace Robert Peters...

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Dr Peters

Gig Em Doctor Peters

No words can truly express how deeply saddened we and so many other people are, he has touched so many people's lives and has made such a huge difference in the Round Rock community. Dr Peters was a great and amazing person with a huge heart and an infectious smile, and he will be remembered as such and we will miss him. He has been our family doctor since 1978.

We will never forget you.

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A true Angel

I meet Dr. Peters 6 yrs ago when I was doing work for his clinic. Dr. Peters, Mae Sliva and rest of the staff were always so nice, even honey bear! I found out the passing of Dr. Peters unfortunatley not in time to attend the funeral. Dr. Peters and I talked about cars quite often. I will miss that and miss him. He is with the other angels now in heaven. He will be missed.... My prayers go out to his family.

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Dr. Peters

Today I heard the sad news of Dr. Peters' passing with sadness. He was my doctor for over 30 years; and also took care of my parents when they visited us. Dr. Peters was such a kind, caring person and always available when you needed him. When I brought him Elgin sausage his eyes would always light up as he licked his fingers.

Dr.Peters you will never be forgotten!! You were a role model to so many!

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Dr Peters

A real doctor has left us. He was what all doctors should strive to be. He gave his all and cared for all, regardless of their situations. Donated his time, love, expertise and dispensed only quality, safe care. Dr. Peters will be missed by so many people. He was not a Corporate doctor. He was the peoples' Doc. Rest in peace Doc. Gig Em in Heaven

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my role modle

i cant believe i will never see him again. i ask my self everyday "is he really gone?" but then i look back in all the pictures of him in my memory and remember that one when he was laying there in the casket and then i wake up and realize that this is reality. i will miss you pawpaw, the grandpa i will never forget.

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Dr. Peters

He was my doctor as a little girl and I just adored him. He always made you feel comfortable and loved. We moved to Bastrop in 1975 but my mom would still drive us all the way to Round Rock to see Dr. Peters. Great man!

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Loved him!

Dr. Peters was my pediatrician my entire childhood. I remember the last time I had strep throat, begging him not to make me take the shot in my butt. He laughed and said, "Okay. It will take longer for you to feel better, but you don't have to get the shot." That was 26 years ago. I will never forget him!

Melanie more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

i will never for get you pawpaw

he was my grandpa and never in my life will he be just that. he was a doctor, a dad, a friend, a collector, a grandpa, a husband, a football fan, a hunter, and of course an Aggie. who else would have had john carter speak at their funeral. i never thought that i would see honey bear, Dr. peters dog walking alone without him. that old dog went with him every where and i mean EVERYWHERE! the statue of him will not stand alone. his favorite and best friend honey bear will be standing right there next to him. i am so proud to be his granddaughter. oh how i am going to miss him dearly. born 1933 and died in 2012. the gold medallion that went to heaven with him said, may the work i have done speak for me. and let me tell you something... it did. i will always miss you pawpaw and may you rest in peace and find your wings to heaven.

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A GREAT MAN

Since I was a little boy I idolized pawpaw, he was the man I wanted to grow up and be like, when I was in middle school we had to write cartoon book and in the back was a bio of the one who wrote the book, well in the back of this book that I still have and will cherish for years to come is a picture of my pawpaw and I sitting in that grey looking chair by the front door, I always wanted to be like him. I saw him help people and I have also seen the impact he has put on our community, you could go anywhere and mention him and people knew who he was and they always had a story to tell. When you read articles of him they call him a Legend, Hero, and more. This is exactly what he was. For the city to build a statue wow thats more than words, that just shows you how amazing he was. He had the most amazing wife too. My Mawmaw (Ruby) they loved each other soo much. I would have to say he had an amazing life with pages of accomplishments. He was A Great Man, Grandfather, Father, Husband, and Friend. He loved his wife (Ruby), dog (Honey Bear) and his family and friends, As well as his passion for hunting and his cars. You will be greatly missed pawpaw. rest in peace. We all love you ..

victor gage more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Dr. Peters (papaw)

In the three years that I have known you from the very first day we met and you welcomed me into your home I have grown to know how amazing of a person you are. I have seen a smile every now and then come from that stern face and we have shared words here and there. I have great respect for you dearly and know just From the stories I've been told that you were and still are an amazing Dr., friend, grandfather, and husband to so many people including my husband. I wish i could have gotten to know you better and that my children could have seen what a wonderful man you were. You will be missed deeply but i will never forget the impression you have left in my life. Thank you Dr. Peters

Barbara Gage more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

UNCLE BOB

My Uncle Bob was an incredible man, he always went far and beyond to help people. I can remember when he started his medical office in Round Rock, he still took every Thursday and would drive back and forth to Calvert, Texas, for years and years until they finally got a Doctor in town. That's the kind of man he was, always thinking about his patients, and putting their needs first. I know he did so much for the medical field, nursing homes, community, etc., but I knew him best as "my uncle", and the Pawpaw of my four beautiful Godchildren. Uncle Bob was loved by his family so much, and God blessed him with the best wife (Ruby), any man could ever ask for. I will always cherish my memories of him. I truly believe God will take care of my Uncle Bob in Heaven, he took care of so many people here on earth, way beyond what any one man would be expected of. Thank you for always being there whenever any of your family needed you, you were ONE OF A KIND! Rest in Peace my Uncle, my friend!!! I'll see you again someday! Love You Dearly, Sherry

Sherry Loftin Sivertson more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

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I wish I got a chance to know you better!

Dr. Bob is my girlfriend's uncle ! Sherry would always tell me how special Dr. Bob and Aunt Ruby really were. I only met Dr. Bob two or three times . He was always friendly to me! And of course , Ruby was always her funny and upbeat self . I really had no idea how special of a man he was until I read The article above. A statue is deserving to Dr. Bob . I wish I really got to know you better . Rest in Peace , Dr .Bob!

Dennis Gebhart more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Robert Peters, DO

The medical profession has lost a truly great physician and advocate for patients, the osteopathic profession, his beloved Round Rock and friends. He has always been an inspiration to me and know that I am not alone. We will all miss him and we wish peace to Ruby.

Monte Troutman,DO more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Bob Peters, D.O.

Over the many years Nancy & I have known Bob & Ruby, we have had some great experiences, especially fishing in Canada. Bob & I served on the TOMA B/T; the old ACGP B/T (now ACOFP); & the AOA B/T together. I never went to an Osteopathic mtg where I didn't see them both. He was always supporting the profession he loved. There is no way anyone can measure the amount of good he did for his patients, the City of Roundrock, the State of Texas, or the Nation. He was a family man, and his patients were family, too. There is no way anyone will ever come close to him in what he has done for the practice of medicine. He was a good TEXAS AGGIE and an outstanding Kirksville graduate. He carried on his father's practice in east Texas before moving to Roundrock where he then did so much good on his own. He was devoted to the Highschool athletic teams and probably didn't miss a home game or any out of town. He worked hard at everything he did, especially getting a hospital for his town, as well as civic activities. I loved him, admired him, enjoyed working with him, and being his friend; and knowing him all these many years. I can hardly wait to see the statue they are building of him. We were close to each other and were a good team in the political arm of the profession. Our heartfelt condolences go to Ruby and family and to his office staff. Goodbye, Bob, old friend.

T. Eugene Zachary, D.O. FACOFP, Dist. more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Dr. Peters' passing

It is with great sorrow that you have lost such a caring and dedicated physician. The Osteopathic background gave him the edge to be above and beyond in his dedication to the medical profession. What an honor to have a monument of him and his dog in your city and to have known him and his many accomplishments.

Laura S. Stiles D.O. more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Doc Bob, Rest in Peace

Our family was saddened to hear about Bob's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of this man who served his community, friends and family. A giant pillar of the community, and a strong, but gentle soul. When we heard the news, I just kept saying, "no, Bob will never really leave us." I imagine he will take a few minutes rest in the Glory of our Lord, and then Bob will ask Him, "what in Heavens name am I going to take on here in Heaven where all is well and at peace?" The Lord will become weary with this man and his unwillingness to rest forever, will then issue Bob his biggest pair of angel wings, and declare him the 'Healing Angel' and send him where he is needed most. Just as in life, Bob will be forever our Healing Warrior Angel.

Our sympathy goes out to Ruby, Becky and all of the family of Bob. Our heart goes out to a community who has lost not only a dedicated health provider, but a wonderful, fun-loving friend.

With Love,

The Gary Robertson's

Becky Zinser Robertson more than 2 years ago | [reply](#)

Pawpaw

This man was my grand father and he was incredibly awesome. His work ethic was unreal. He was the man that I most looked up to in this respect. Even when he got sick he still got his ass out of bed every...single...day and did everything he could to keep pushing. He was a patriot. I was stationed on a US Navy submarine for a few years and I used to use the example that he set to keep pushing myself to be better... keep moving... don't stop... never quit. I miss him. I love him. This dude was a man...I mean a, REAL MAN. I think that it is awesome that they are going to build a statue of him, but I can promise you this... there is no way that it will be big enough.

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