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## DR. GEORGE G. ALEXANDER

Memorial services for Dr. George G. Alexander passed away Sunday, November 2, 2003 were held Thursday, November 6, at 1:00 p.m. at the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Bellville with his cousin the Rev. Sam Riccobene

officiating.

Dr. Alexander lifelong humanitarian was born in Kennedy March 18, 1926 to R.T. and Irene Alexander. Dr. Alexander graduated from Kennedy High School and attended the University of Texas in Austin, but his studies were as he entered interrupted WWII. Before his departure for service he married Helen Cunningham whom he met at the University of Texas. Dr. Alexander served in the Pacific Theater and was attached to General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila. After the war, Dr. Alexander returned to get his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, graduating from Baylor Medical School in 1951 and establishing his medical office in Family Practice in Pasadena where he began his lifetime of community service.

Dr. Alexander was chairman of the group of doctors that built Pasadena Bayshore Hospital. While there he served on the Board of Hospital Corporation of America. Some of his many achievements include his service of the Board of Managers of Harris County Hospital District from 1973-1992. helped establish the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and served as its chairman for many years, served on the Board of the Greater Houston Aids Alliance, associated with the Harris County Medical Society and was president in 1974. He also became president of the Texas Medical Association of the Texas Association in 1983 and -Chairman of the delegation to the American Medical Association afterwards. Dr. Alexander was instrumental in starting the J.P. McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science, serving on its Board and later chairman.

Dr. Alexander many community service awards included the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Baylor College of Medicine in 1989, Humanitarian of the Year for Hermann Hospital, Honored Lifegiver by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and the Medical Service to Mankind Award from the Leukemia Society in 2000. The Texas Medical Association honored him with its Physician of the Year Award and after retiring received the Retired Physician of the Year from that Houston organization. Dr. Alexander returned to Bellville where he continued to serve, fostering youth groups and through his Presbyterian Church activities.

Dr. Alexander connection with the Straughan family in Lovelady brought him to Houston County where he also reached out to fill community needs.

Among his survivors his wife of 58 years Helen Cunningham; daughter Diane Alexander, of Houston; three sons Dr. Raymond Alexander and wife Jane, George Alexander Jr. and wife Michele and Jeffery Alexander and wife Dawna; eight grandchildren all of Houston.