



**Dr. Mike Curtis Chesson**



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Newport News, VA

02.23.1930 - 11.01.2017

Dr. Mike C. Chesson died peacefully at The Chesapeake Assisted Living facility on November 1, 2017 in Newport News, VA at the age of 87.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Gail DeWitt Chesson of Newport News, VA; his children, Cindy Brigman (Ned) of Norfolk VA; Scott Chesson (Lisa) of Chincoteague VA; Ken Chesson (Patty) of Chesapeake VA; Doug Chesson (Donna), of Unity VA; and Anne Edwards (Rob) of Richmond VA; grandchildren, Zach, Caty, Hillary, Steven, Cristina, Haley, Lauren, Jaryd, Blair, Adam, Tyler, Abby, and Danielle; great-grandchildren, Weston, Mercy, Clover, and Holt and a brother, Stillman D. Chesson.

Mike was born on February 23, 1930 in Waverly, VA, to Maywood and Annie Chesson, and was one of eight children. He attended VA Tech before graduating from the University of Georgia, with a degree in Veterinary medicine in 1957. He married Gail, his college sweetheart, in 1955. After college, Mike settled in Ivor VA, where he began his private practice, providing veterinary services to the southeastern VA community. Over the next 10 years, the couple welcomed 5 children into their home and Mike and Gail set about teaching them about Jesus Christ. Family remembers Mike as a kind and gentle husband and father, who encouraged them to pursue their goals. Along with his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a brother, Maywood W. Chesson, Jr.; his sisters, Anne Chesson (infant), Evelyn Raines, Katherine Scott, Ruth Shaw, and Rebecca Jones and a granddaughter, Erin Brigman.

He was passionate about his faith and sharing it with those he met. When the children were grown and out on their own, he used his vocation to volunteer for the mission field with the International Mission Board, and he and Gail served faithfully for many years, both in South Africa and Mexico. He was an active and dedicated member of Ivor Baptist Church, Waverly Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist church in Yorktown VA.

A graveside service is scheduled for 11 AM, Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Waverly Cemetery on Spring Branch Road, Waverly VA 23890. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mike's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Gideon's International (<https://www2.gideons.org/donate> or the Galilean Home in Liberty Kentucky (<https://galileanhome.org/>). The family would like to thank The Chesapeake caregivers and staff for all of their care and love during this difficult time. R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home, Wakefield Chapel is serving the family. Condolences may be posted at [www.rwbakerfh.com](http://www.rwbakerfh.com).

### **Cemetery**

**Start Time:** Saturday, November 4, 2017 -

11:00am

Waverly Cemetery

Spring Branch Road

Waverly, VA 23890

United States

### **Google Maps Link**

[Directions to Waverly Cemetery](#)

### **Guestbook**

**Candy Nickert**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -**

**05:42am**

Doug, Donna & entire family,  
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of pop ,pop. We know he had been struggling for some time. You are all in our thoughts & prayers.

Candy Nickert

**JoAnn Hall**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
07:21am**

Thinking of you all this week, Cindy, Scott, Ken, Doug and Anne. Dr. Chesson was a pillar of Ivor for many years and I often say he was our primary care physician as far as Russell West was concerned. :) I'm so glad I got to have lunch with him and with Cindy not too long ago and he still had that same great smile I will always remember. Love and sympathies to all of you and to Miss Gail at this difficult time.

JoAnn Hall

**Mary-Catherine  
Slaughter**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
09:41am**

What a wonderful testimony that was shared in this obituary! Blessings and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Even though you rejoice in his homecoming, he leaves behind family and friends who mourn his loss. May God give you strength, comfort and peace.

Mary-Catherine Slaughter

**Debe Chesson  
Jordan**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
12:12pm**

What a blessing it has been to have this man and his family as part of my life. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to visit with him a couple of weeks ago to say my goodbyes. He made a great impression on me with his many kindnesses and love over the years, as did my Aunt Gail. May God bless this wonderful family in their walk through life these next few weeks. Even though we know he is home, we can't help but miss that smile:) xoxox

Debe Chesson Jordan

**Nancy, Phyllis &  
Family**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
02:25pm**

Dear Chesson Family.

We are sorry to hear of such a great loss. Although it has been years since seeing Dr. Chesson, we all were thankful to have such a great person in our community. We are certainly sure you all will miss him. Please lean on each other for comfort and know that we all have you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Nancy C. Scott  
Phyllis C. Bryant  
and Family  
Ivor, VA

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**Don and Karen Wade**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
06:58pm**

Our prayers are with you, Anne, and Rob, your mom, and the rest of your family and friends as you grieve and celebrate your dad's life . It sounds like he was a deep and effective Christian with many ministries even after his vocation! God bless you all with His strength, comfort, and guidance through His Holy Spirit.

Don and Karen Wade

**Joyce Carr**

**Fri, 11/03/2017 -  
07:56pm**

To the family, I am so sorry for your loss I will always remember Dr. chesson . He was a really nice and good man. Will always remember him fondly and for being a wonderful vet for years. May God grant each of you peace and comfort in knowing he is with the Lord,

Joyce Carr

**Melissa Neave  
Darden**

**Sun, 11/05/2017 -  
08:11pm**

Dr. Chesson was a blessing to our family many times. Whether it was cats, dogs, cows or putting down dear old Mr. Duke, he was always kind and reassuring. May God hold you close during this time. Love to you all.

Melissa

Melissa Neave Darden

**Cheryl D.**

**Mon, 11/06/2017 -  
11:24pm**

I am sorry for your loss of your dear Dr. Chesson. May you receive comfort from one another, loving friends, and God's Word. It is through the privilege of prayer that we can experience God's love and comfort in the most intimate way.

May you find comfort as you pour out your heart to God in prayer, because he cares for you. (Psalm 46:1)

Cheryl D.



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