



Dr. Martin J. Kreshon Sr.

November 11, 1929 - June 20, 2021

Dr. Martin John Kreshon, Sr., “Doc Doc” died June 20, 2021 on Father’s Day, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Martin was born in Beaver Falls, PA on November 11, 1929, the son of the late James and Elizabeth Kreshon. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Yolanda Mae Jerome (Jerri), his sister, RoseMarie Keeler, and many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Martin was born during the depression and remembers the struggles his family and others went through during those times. As a boy, he would sing on the street corner near the bus stop hoping the workers would throw him pennies to help his family. Always a hard worker, he put himself through school, and always felt getting an education was the key to success. He graduated from Geneva College in three years with honors and applied to medical school at Marquette University. Once he was accepted, he came back to Beaver Falls to marry his sweetheart, Jerri. Martin graduated from Marquette and did his Internship in Erie PA. After Erie, he joined the army, and worked as a general physician for two years. During his time there he realized that he wanted to specialize in eyes. He was accepted to Duke University and studied Ophthalmology. He established a longstanding fellowship at Duke. Once he graduated from Duke he was invited to a partnership at The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in Charlotte, NC. The EENT hospital has grown to over 100 doctors throughout the Charlotte region. Many of his patients still ask about him and tell stories about how he saved their eyesight. He was president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in the early 70’s and wrote many chapters in Medical journals on Ophthalmology. His accomplishments are many: Doctor, Fellow, Husband, Father, and Son. Martin and Jerri were very involved with Charitable Works throughout their lives. After Jerri died of Melanoma, Martin started the Melanoma golf Tournament through Carolinas Healthcare Foundation raising over one million dollars for Melanoma Research.

Survivors include, his brother James Kreshon (Connie); his children: Kathy Carver (Danny), Susan Boynton (Mark), Karol Ann Kreshon (Mark), Martin John Kreshon, Jr. (Kathy), Amelia McMaster (Britt) , Michael Kreshon (Delaine), Elizabeth Kreshon, and John Edward Kreshon (Kelly). Martin is also survived by his grandchildren: Richard,

Andrew and Robert MacKelfresh, Angela Carver Martin, Steve Boynton and Christie Hansen, Benjamin, Alexander and Cecilia Radmard, Mary Sewell, Sarah Owens, Christine Hinds and Martin John Kreshon III, John Simms and Creighton McMaster, Caitlin and Carmen Kreshon, John and Elizabeth Kreshon; and 23 great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 11:00 am with visitation one hour prior.

St. Gabriel will have the service live streamed on the Church's website at Public Link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/funeral-for-martin-john-kreshon-879978>

This can also be viewed on the Church website at: <https://stgabrielchurch.org/livefunerals>

Start time: Thursday June 24th at 10:55am

Memorial donations can be made to the Carolinas Melanoma and Immunotherapy Fund at Atrium Health Foundation at www.AtriumHealthFoundation.org/tribute or 208 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.heritagecares.com.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Gabriels Catholic Church

3016 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, US

JUN **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Kreshon family for your loss. He lived a long and accomplished life, clearly leaving a lasting impression on many people along the way.

Keith Brunnemer III

keith brunnemer - June 23, 2021 at 11:10 PM



“ What an amazing man, he is going to be missed. I loved going to see Dr. Kreshon. He meant the world to me and my family. Love to all of you, The Kreshons hold a very special place in my heart. Anna Osborne Midgett

Anna Midgett - June 23, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin J. Kreshon Sr..



June 23, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin J. Kreshon Sr..



June 22, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Kreshon family, especially Amy, Britt, Tay and Simms, for your loss. I consider myself fortunate to have known "Doc Doc"- although for but a fleeting moment in his incredibly full life. The short period I got to spend with him, Amy and her family only served to emphasize why he was held in such high esteem. We are all poorer for his absence, but the world was far richer for his presence.

-Roy Scarbrough

Roy Scarbrough - June 22, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ My husband had been an eye patient years ago of Dr. Kreshon. We are both patients of his son Martin, now. I see where his son gets his compassion, caring manner. We are so sorry for the loss of Dr. Kreshon. It was rewarding to read his obituary and see all the wonderful things this man has achieved in his life time. I am sure his children are very proud of the legacy Dr Kreshon has left them. We send our condolences to the family. May God comfort them in their time of grief. Sincelerly, Troy and Nettie Dean Gamble

Nettie Dean Gamble - June 22, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr.kreshon. My heart goes out to the family. Will keep all of you in my prayers.

Debbie Templeton

debbie templeton - June 23, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr.Kreshon. The family is in my prayers

debbie templeton - June 23, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Kreshon family- may God embrace each of you in peace and comfort during this time.

Jennifer Hughes

jennifer hughes - June 22, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Martin J Kreshon was not only a doctor. He was “Doc, Doc”: THE Doc as far as we were concerned. My wife was a patient for many years. Dr. Kreshon did corneal transplants in both eyes. She has always been grateful for the improved vision, because of the touch of this Master Ophthalmologist. We remember trips to Duke with Doc Doc. I remember when he was seeing Daryle in his office and he wanted me to see something. He whistled and called out “Boy David, boy David come here”. We still laugh about that. We remember him holding our infant son (Brian) on his lap to examine him. We thought that Brian had a detached retina. After much prayer, a return visit revealed no detachment. R.I.P. Dr. Kreshon.
We are praying for the whole family as you navigate this great loss. May God walk with you and comfort you each step of the way. May He carry you when necessary.
David & Daryle Hines

David Hines - June 22, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin J. Kreshon Sr..



June 22, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ Janet Bennett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Martin J. Kreshon Sr.



janet Bennett - June 22, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ Dr. Kreshon was my doctor from when I was 12 until he retired several decades later. He was that rare combination of brilliance, kindness and humor. I loved being his patient. He will be greatly missed by many people. Sincerely, Candice Williams Redhead

Candice Williams Redhead - June 22, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ Prayers for the Family RIP SIR

Eddie Wallace - June 22, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. He was one of a kind. I remember playing football with him in Smith's field. Never a dull moment. And he was our family eye doctor, too. A great doctor and a wonderful, colorful human being.

Kathy Ross - June 22, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Dr. Kreshon was my eye doctor and was the best doc doc ever! There are rare times when certain folks may cross your path that make a huge difference (a life changing difference)! Sometimes it's almost like they are an angel fulfilling a very important mission. I believe Dr. Kreshon was one of those folks in my life. While he was not family or related to me in any way, you'd never know it with the way he believed in me. Too many folks nowadays just look out for themselves, but Dr. Kreshon was one of those that loved serving others and was willing to put his own name on the line when he had faith in somebody. The impact you can make in someone's life by just believing in them, will go way further than you can ever imagine. If you choose to take any example from his life, choose to truly believe in someone going forward with nothing to gain on your end, no matter what.

My life would have looked totally different if Dr. Kreshon had not been a part of it. For that I am forever grateful.

Oh how he loved playing his trumpet, especially to the tune of "When The Saints Go Marching In". I can see him now, blowing it loudly, with the biggest smile on his face.

He will be greatly missed. Praying for his family and all those he touched in a special way.



Brian Hines - June 22, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ So sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. Sincere Sympathy to the family. We both are patients of Dr. Martin Kreshon, Jr. and have great respect for him, as a doctor and friend. Seems that he is a "chip off the block" so the saying goes. Haven't met the other family members, but feel they all are wonderful people, after reading about having been raised by loving Mom and Dad. You all will be in our prayers, asking for comfort and peace, now and in the days ahead. God Bless Always. Sincerely, Billy and Brenda Agerton



Brenda and William T Agerton Sr. - June 22, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ My late parents were friends with Jerri & Dr. Kreshon and I have a really fun memory from the mid sixties that will always stand out. We lived n Lake Norman and Jerri & Martin came over in a cabin cruiser (I think they had borrowed from a friend) with their dog. It was decided that we would all join them n their boat and go up the lake to a fish camp for dinner. With our family of five along with Martin & Jerri and their dog we were cozy to say the least! In the middle of the main body of the lake the boat broke down. Lake Norman was still a very new lake and did not have other boats around like it does today so we had to drift until we got close to civilization. Finally at 11PM we came upon a pier where a family was eating watermelon on their dock. They helped us to get to their dock and piled as many of us as they could into their car and gave us a long ride home. It took another trip to get everyone back to our house and finally at midnight we all enjoyed scrambled eggs and bacon instead of the fish we had planned. It turned in to a fun night with lots of laughs and great fellowship. Never once was there a negative vibe. This is what I vividly remember of the Keshons. Martin & Jerri remained good friends to my parents until we lost them.
Susan Reid Cook in memory of Harold & Kathryn Reid

susan reid cook - June 22, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Dr. Kreshon was my eye doctor many years ago. He was one of those doctors you never forget. He was a force of nature and made you know you were in the care of an exceptional physician. On one visit his office was backed up, making me late to return to work, I complained and on my next visit he walked by the door and saw me, he called me back and told me he didn't want me to be late again. He cared about his patients. Sympathies go to all of his loved ones

Betsy Sanders Canari - June 22, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ My brothers and I all have wonderful and often funny memories of growing up as neighbors with the Kreshons. Dr Kreshon treated us like we were one of his kids for better or worse, whatever we deserved at the time. When I've seen him over the years, he has been so kind and adoring to my own children. All of the Kreshon family will be in my prayers as you go through this difficult time of loss. I will treasure so many memories of your dad, father-in-law, grandfather, a remarkable man.

Sherri Snider Rea - June 21, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ I Pastor elderly men that were his patients and still have fond memories of him years ago. Dr Kreshon, Jr is my heart Dr in Monroe and such a caring person and we all feel a great Dr that God had used to build an enormous flow of heart patients in his office here. May God use Dr Kreshon, Sr life and death to His glory. Pastor Bobby L Leonard

Pastor Bobby L Leonard - June 21, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you all in the passing of your dad...I wish I could be there in person with you all on Thursday...please know you're all in my thoughts and prayers ...I will never forget all my memories of him from the Fitness Ctr and JB at Carmel...he will ALWAYS hold a special place in my heart
With love,
Janet Patterson

Janet Patterson - June 21, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Dr. Kreshon was my mother's eye doctor from a long time ago in the 80's! I remember taking my mother to the eye doctor and thought that Dr. Kreshon was a very caring person not just as a doctor in eye care but cared for my mother's overall health issues! May Dr. Kreshon "Rest in Peace"!! May all that knew him find comfort and peace in the days ahead!

Jodi Stamp Turner - June 21, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Dr. Kreshon was truly a gift to so many , I was one of his patients some forty year ago. One of many fond memories of is waking up after corneal transplantation surgery and seeing his smiling face. Dr. Kreshon's legacy will live in his family and the many patients like me, who thank God for allowing him to be our doctor.

Diane B. McCluney

Diane McCluney - June 22, 2021 at 03:03 AM



“ Dr. Kreshon Sr was my eye doctor for many years. It was always a pleasure to go visit his office. He made my visits an adventure.

Dr Kreshon Jr is my cardiologist and he is a pleasure to work with just like his dad.

I am so sorry for your loss and I will be praying for your family during this time of bereavement.

William P Nance

parks nance - June 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Dr. Kreshon was definitely "one of a kind" and "one in a million". He was geniune. What you saw, was what you got. He took the most marvelous care of my mother (LaVonne Jolly) that a doctor could ever have taken. It was a delightful show going to see him with my mother. Thank you for everything you did for so many, Dr. Kreshon. The world has lost a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. I am so sorry for your loss.d

Jo Ann Jolly Sizer

Jo Ann Jolly Sizer - June 22, 2021 at 04:48 PM