



## Dr. Rex Courtney

September 25, 1927 - September 30, 2012

Dr. George “Rex” Courtney of Milledgeville passed away in his home on September 30th, 2012. He is survived by his wife Suzanne Pipp Courtney and 4 children; Audrey Courtney Letostak (David) and Theresa Courtney McMahan (Jayson) both of Milledgeville, Jule Courtney Hazel (Tommy Jr.) of Leesburg, GA and Robert Lyle Courtney (Audrey) of Charlotte, NC and three grandchildren, TW Hazel III, and Jennifer and Maureen Letostak. In 1969, he was preceded in death by his first wife Seenie Coody Courtney of Eastman, GA.

Dr. Courtney retired from Central State Hospital in Milledgeville in 1989. An accomplished scientist and optometrist, Dr. Courtney established the Eye Clinic at Central State and was the Director of the Research department. Dr. Courtney was a Navy veteran who served during World War II and during the Korean War, both as an enlisted sailor and an officer.

Dr. Courtney received his Bachelor’s and his Doctor of Optometry degree from Northern Illinois College of Optometry, and Master’s and Ph.D. in Neurophysiology with concentration in Physiological Optics from Indiana University. Very active in the Georgia Optometric Association, he served on the Board of Trustees, as President, and Chairman of the education committee for a number of years to help change the profession of optometry to be a primary care provider of ocular health. Dr. Courtney also served as a

Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

In 1959, Dr. Courtney established a private Optometry practice in Milledgeville in which he served the community until his retirement. As a dedicated health care provider, he continued to serve the clients at Central State Hospital as an Optometrist in the Eye Clinic until shortly before his death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his honor to the Helping Hands Society through Sacred Heart Catholic Church, The Wounded Warriors Project or another charity of your choice. Mass requests in his memory may be arranged through Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Services will be held on Friday, October 5, 2012 at 11AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A Prayer Service will be held on Thursday at Williams Funeral Home at 7:30 PM. The family will receive friends from 6Pm until 7:15 on Thursday.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 4. 7:30 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
staff@williamsfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhome.net>

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

Ken  
Common

“ Rex was my preceptor at CSH. He was a funny guy, and became a mentor and a friend. Sue, I'm so sorry, but I just learned if this nine years too late. Contact me if you get this.  
*Ken Common 206-498-0299. kdcrud@yahoo.com*

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**Ken Common** - January 21, 2021 at 12:15 AM

MG

“ Sue, Bob, Julie, Audrey and Terry,  
*Please accept out sincerest condolences in your time of loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Mary Ann (Grant) Scott Shirley Grant and Family*



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**Mary Ann Grant-Scott** - October 05, 2012 at 03:25 PM

MK

“ *Myers&linda Kurtz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Rex Courtney*



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**myers&linda kurtz** - October 05, 2012 at 12:35 PM

MK

*the news of rex's passing on to his heavenly home was a real shock. my heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to his wife, suzanne, and his children. he will be missed but the many outstanding accomplishments he provided to the clients of central state hospital, will be a standing monument to his memory. his dedicated community service will also leave a void. in addition to being a co-worker, i valued his friendship. we shared golf and friendly poker games on a regular basis. i can imagine rex joining e.l. tolson and tommy spivey in heaven arguing who was going to give strokes to whom.*

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**myers&linda kurtz** - October 05, 2012 at 12:40 PM

SP

“ Dear Sue,  
We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do to ease the pain, please let us know. We will always remember your kindness and beautiful music for our daughter Kris' funeral Mass. Your voice helps ease the pain for many who are fortunate enough to be able to listen to it. May God Bless you and your family. Sally and Bob Pratt

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**Sally and Bob Pratt** - October 05, 2012 at 08:29 AM

EL

“ Much love goes out to Sue and entire family. We will be leaving shortly to come down and be with you all. Prayers and love, Ellen

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**Ellen Joy Letostak** - October 04, 2012 at 02:11 PM

BC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



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**Bob Courtney** - October 04, 2012 at 01:37 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss our very dear friend.*

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**Danny and Donnell Brown** - October 03, 2012 at 10:31 PM

GJ

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gary and Sheri Johnson*

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**Gary V. Johnson** - October 03, 2012 at 08:51 PM

PE

“ *5 files added to the album Memories*



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**Pete** - October 03, 2012 at 07:39 PM

PE

“ 6 files added to the album Memories



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**Pete** - October 03, 2012 at 07:36 PM

TG

“ *" Joy and I were saddened to hear of Rex's passing. He was a good friend and he truly loved his family and the game of golf. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Terry Zane Greene** - October 03, 2012 at 07:03 PM

NG

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family over the loss of your loved one. My heart goes out to all of you.*

*Nathalie Goodrich*

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**Nathalie Goodrich** - October 03, 2012 at 02:33 PM

LK

“ *So, sorry to hear about your loss. Will be praying for all of you. Lynn Kirby*

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**Lynn Kirby** - October 03, 2012 at 01:22 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. We are all praying for you and your family.  
Love you. Rhonda McHan

Rhonda Lawrence McHan - October 03, 2012 at 07:28 AM



“ What a loss!! He was such a resourceful professional! He developed and provided optometric testing for many, many years to our profoundly disabled individuals (who could not communicate their needs) so that they could have quality vision in their lives. The legacies are his wife and children; whom have followed his professional examples. My sincere love and sympathy.  
Bobbie Davidson

Bobbie Davidson - October 02, 2012 at 05:49 PM

AW

“ When my son Lennie was 2 or 3 years I turned around with a knife in my hand and the point of it scraped his little eye. It was late in the day, but one phone call to Rex and he saw him right away. He didn't even charge me for the exam, I guess he saw how distraught I was. He was a gentleman and truly good person. I will delight in seeing him in heaven. Anna George Warnock

Anna G. Warnock - October 02, 2012 at 01:47 PM

LM

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Luther & Berta Minor and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



LUTHER MINOR - October 02, 2012 at 12:43 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Prosser lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
Rex Courtney*



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**Sandra Prosser** - October 01, 2012 at 06:22 PM