



## Dr. Virgilio Valdecanas

December 2, 1939 - June 7, 2026

Virgilio Quintos Valdecanas, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, physician, and friend, passed away peacefully after a life defined by faith, family, and service to others.

A public visitation will be held Friday, June 12, 2026, from 4 pm until 6 pm at Williams Funeral Home.

Born in Bataan, the Philippines, Virgilio came to the United States to pursue his medical residency, beginning a lifelong commitment to caring for others. For nearly 40 years, he served the Milledgeville community as a general surgeon, caring for his patients with dedication and humility. Throughout his career, he built lasting friendships with colleagues and patients, and was known not only for his skill but also for his compassion and steady presence.

A devout Catholic, Virgilio grounded his life in faith and lived it through quiet acts of kindness and generosity. Outside of his work, he found joy in tending his garden and traveling the world with his beloved wife, creating a lifetime of shared memories.

He was a good man who was fortunate to be surrounded by good people—friends, colleagues, and loved ones who enriched his life as much as he enriched theirs. In his final months, he was cared for by a devoted circle of

friends whose kindness and care meant a great deal to him and to our family.

Virgilio is survived by his wife of 61 years, Erlinda Luciano Valdecanas; his daughters, Mimi (Bradford Priddy) and Tina (Doug Aitkin); beloved grandchildren, Olivia and Nicholas; his siblings, Leticia Dizon, Antonio Valdecanas, and Maria Lourdes Valdecanas; and countless cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Dominador and Natividad Valdecanas, and his siblings Dominador Jr., Rudolfo, Nicanor, and Leonila Valdecanas.

A private Mass and celebration of life will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor his memory by doing a good deed for someone in need.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family and close friends of Dr. Val. He was an extraordinary person and physician.* ”

Carole Marchman - June 14 at 08:05 PM

WK

“ *Dr Valdecanas was a gifted surgeon and a caring physician. He was my mentor and friend. In the 30 years I worked with him I can only remember his grace and kindness and love toward those of us that he served. Milledgeville is a much better community due to the life of Dr Valdecanas. When others were suffering or frightened he offered his skill with gentleness. He was blessed with a healing touch.* ”

Wes King - June 13 at 03:14 PM

RL

“ *Great doctor with a heart of caring and compassion for ALL. He was most definitely one of a kind. My condolences to the family.* ”

Rongelyn Hogan, LPN - June 13 at 10:21 AM

AN

“ *I first encountered Dr Van when I was in 1st grade, he sutured my foot and then years later we worked together at the hospital. He was a nice person and dedicated physician. He will be missed. Prayers for his family in this difficult time.* ”



Angelina Newman - June 13 at 06:48 AM

WB

“ *Wright Banks lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas*



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**Wright Banks** - June 12 at 10:26 PM

DH

“ *Dr. Val was the most gifted physician I have ever met. Both he and his family gave so much to the Milledgeville community. Countless individuals share your profound loss. May his legacy live on in both Mimi and Tina and his precious grandchildren. May God grant you the spirit of faith and the courage to meet the days to come with thankful remembrance and the joyful expectation of eternal life with those you love.*

*Dawn Gladin Hampton*

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**Dawn Gladin Hampton** - June 12 at 08:28 PM

JB

“ *My Deepest condolences to the family and friends. You all are in my heart and prayers. Such an Awesome Dr. and gentleman.*

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**Jane Brantley** - June 12 at 04:26 PM

SL

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him and through the mercy of God, may Dr Val rest in peace.*

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**Shannon Lowery** - June 12 at 02:56 PM

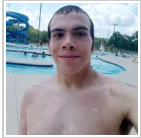
LM

“ Sorry for your loss.  
Prayers 🙏. Sending hugs from Luther and  
Berta  
and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



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**Luther Minor** - June 12 at 02:06 PM



“ I really hate to hear this. Dr. Valdecanas  
performed 4 surgeries on me, the first when I  
was very young. I have many good memories  
of him as he was always joking and trying to  
make his patients feel better. I use to see him  
around town even after he retired and we would talk. He wasn't just  
a good doctor, he was a friend to all. My deepest condolences to his  
family and many friends. He will be missed.



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**John Walden** - June 12 at 10:14 AM

RM

“ He was one of the kindest man that you can  
ever meet. My heart go out to the family.  
Rochee



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**Rochee Mosley** - June 12 at 09:25 AM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas*



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**Debbie** - June 12 at 06:59 AM



“ *I'm so sorry. Prayers for all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Dorcas Jones** - June 11 at 03:54 PM

JD

“ *My heart breaks for you and your family. Dr Val was one of a kind Doctor and friend. He will be deeply missed.*



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**Julie Deason** - June 11 at 08:28 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther and Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.*



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**Luther Minor** - June 11 at 07:47 AM

KS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Valdecanas. Our family is forever grateful to him for his compassionate and dedicated service in the quality of healthcare he provided. Sending prayers of comfort and love...

Kimberly L. Simmons - June 10 at 10:55 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your family's loss. He was a special person. RIP 🌹

Debra Brown ( Mitchell) - June 10 at 10:41 PM

JF

“ Dr Val and daughters. My heart goes out to you. Dr Val was a wonderful man. He treated his patients with compassion. Milledgeville has been better off because your family settled here.  
Janet Ferguson

Janet Ferguson - June 10 at 10:05 PM

GP

“ GwynNett Phillips lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas



GwynNett Phillips - June 10 at 09:41 PM

EV

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Val's departure. I first encountered him when I was approximately 15 years old, at which time he served as my physician. He was an exceptional individual. My late grandmother was very fond of him and Mrs. Thompson.

ERICAL VEAL - June 10 at 05:14 PM

CS

*Dr Val performed surgery on me in 1974 when he first started his private practice. It turned out to be colon cancer. He performed a new procedure that he learned at Emory and avoided a colostomy. That was over fifty years ago and I have been cancer free since. He and his wife became my friends. He leaves a great legacy to those who had the privilege of knowing him.*

**Carlene Smith** - June 11 at 02:34 PM

LB

*“ I worked with Dr Val on the Med Surg floor when it was Baldwin County Hospital. He was always available when we needed him. A great man.*

**Louise Burgamy** - June 10 at 04:18 PM

DS

*“ Dr. Val (Erlinda), I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Val. I always enjoyed being around the two of you. I could see the love you had for each other. I always felt like family when I was with yall. Praying God gives you and the girls comfort and peace in the days ahead. Love you*



**Debbie Sanders** - June 10 at 04:09 PM

KN

*“ So sorry to hear of Dr.Val. passing  
Prayers for the family.*

*Kathy, Karen Nolan*

**Kathy Nolan** - June 10 at 03:32 PM



GG

*Prayers for the family in this sad time.*

**George Griffin** - June 10 at 09:00 PM

JH

“ *Dr. Val was a wonderful surgeon and a pleasure to know with his wife Dr. Erlinda. You gave your all to our town hospitals and many patients. My thanks and prayers for you & your family.* 🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺🌺  
*Joann Hartley*



**jo ann. hartley** - June 10 at 03:10 PM

JW

“ *Dr. Val was one of the finest people I have ever known. He was an excellent doctor and a thoughtful person. His sense of humor was a delight. It was a joy and privilege to have worked with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*  
*Judy Williams*

**Judy Williams** - June 10 at 01:56 PM

FW

“ *Fhine Watson lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas*



**Fhine Watson** - June 10 at 01:30 PM

LD

“ It was so wonderful to see you both a few months ago. We were so sad to hear this news but pray you and the girls will find comfort in all your wonderful memories.

*Dr Val a very gentle, caring man who will be missed but fondly remembered by all who knew him.*

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**Linda & Bahman Daneshvar** - June 10 at 01:08 PM

KD

“ Kay Dunn lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas



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**Kay Dunn** - June 10 at 01:01 PM

JG

“ I so enjoyed working with him. He was humble, funny, and an excellent physician. My dad was a patient of his. He told me how he loved to "hang out" at the shop of Mr McFaddens on N Jefferson st and talk with the mechanics and customers. I also remember the delicious egg rolls he and his wife gave at Christmas. You will be missed!

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**Jana Gilliland** - June 10 at 12:38 PM

SC

“ An amazing man and physician whose presence in this world will be missed. Condolences to his family.



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**Sarah Canon** - June 10 at 11:30 AM

DB

“ *Debbi Batchelor lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas*



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**Debbi Batchelor** - June 10 at 11:28 AM

KB

“ *Sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Karen/Kenny Babb** - June 10 at 10:30 AM

CV

“ *Harvey and I are so sorry for your loss. We both remember Dr. Val very fondly.*

*Harvey and Cathy Vinson*

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**Catherine Vinson** - June 10 at 10:29 AM

EI

“ *The Ibanez family sends our love and condolences to you Linda, Mimi, Tina, Lou and the whole family. We pray that the Lord grant you comfort , strength and peace as we continue to hold you in our hearts with gratitude for your kindness and care during our own time of mourning. May the Lord, our blessed mother and all the angels and saints welcome Vir into the light and peace of eternal rest. We celebrate and honor Vir's earthly life and service as we hold onto the hope of eternal life*

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**Ester Ibanez** - June 10 at 10:17 AM

CC

“ He was such a wonderful physician and my husband David Cardoso admired him greatly. He will be missed.

Carol Cardoso - June 10 at 10:01 AM

DP

“ The Valdecanas' family were significant members of our community for so many years. My family was treated, in various capacities, by Dr. Virgilio through the years. I worked with Dr. Val in my years at Med-Surg and enjoyed her knowledge, her friendship in Surgical arena. I'm now remembering her, the children, in prayer. May God comfort as only He is able.

Dianne Parker - June 10 at 09:48 AM



“ Wonderful memories came back to me when I heard about Dr.Val. (Virgilio) )....(Erlinda) Dr. Val I am so sorry. Those years working in Surgery together were some of life's good days. My love and prayers go out to you and your family. With Love, Ann

Charlie Ann Stewart - June 10 at 09:18 AM

RM

“ Dr. Val was a good friend to all. He was our surgeon for many years. He was kind and gentle with his words. God bless and comfort his family.



Robert &Joan Miller - June 10 at 09:18 AM

GB

“ I loved working with Dr Valdecanas, it made working in the operating room a better place. He was so caring about his patients when they came into the operating room. He could brighten any room he walked in. My prayers are with the family and friends of Dr Valdecanas

gail brooks - June 10 at 09:14 AM

CS

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Charlie Ann Stewart - June 10 at 09:06 AM

SI

“ So sorry for your loss. Many years ago, after a fishing trip, I had to visit Dr. Valdecanas as I had a fish fin stuck in my knuckle during cleaning, that I could not remove. He asked me how big was the fin. I indicated to him about an inch with my fingers. He deadened my finger and carefully removed the fin. He showed me the small, about 1/4" fin and just laughed and laughed. I laughed too. Said, "Well, it seemed much bigger in my knuckle!" He will be missed.

Steve Ivey - June 10 at 07:58 AM

AS

“ Mimi and family: we are so sorry for your loss. He was such a fine doctor. He will be missed. Comfort and peace to the family.

Angela Spillers - June 10 at 06:48 AM

VF

“ Vicki Franklin lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas



Vicki Franklin - June 10 at 01:46 AM

EB

“ Edith Brantley lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas



Edith Brantley - June 10 at 12:26 AM

KN

“ So sorry for the passing of Dr.Val . He was a great man an an will be missed. Your family be in our prayers.

Kathy , Karen Nolan



Kathy Nolan - June 09 at 11:47 PM

LW

“ Lori H Watson lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas



Lori H Watson - June 09 at 11:36 PM

CW

“ *c. Weasel lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdecanas*



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**c. Weasel** - June 09 at 11:23 PM

DB

“ *Donna Bloodworth lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdcanas*



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**Donna Bloodworth** - June 09 at 10:43 PM

SH

“ *Dr. Val was a joy to work with. He always had a corny joke to tell and was so kind to everyone. At Christmas, he brought us the best little egg rolls that his beautiful wife made. What a good man. May God bless your family.*

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**Shantee Henry** - June 09 at 10:13 PM

JJ

“ *He was so supportive of all the JMA band students. I loved knowing both his girls. He and his wife did a awesome job raising such wonderful children that were super intelligent and culturally well rounded. He did a great job as a doctor of my husband and a father to two sweet girls. I loved knowing both while at JMA. Sorry for the families lost. Jennifer Purcell Jones and Ted Jones*

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**Jennifer Purcell Jones** - June 09 at 10:03 PM



“ *I'm so sorry about Dr. Valdecanas  
Sending thoughts and prayers to you  
Mrs. Val Love you a lot* ”



**Karen Evans** - June 09 at 10:02 PM

RJ

“ *Dr Val touched so many lives. His care for my  
mom was unbelievably thoughtful and kind.* ”



**Ray and Peggy James** - June 09 at 08:48 PM

WE

“ *Wendi Elliott lit a candle in memory of Virgilio  
Valdcanas* ”



**Wendi Elliott** - June 09 at 08:37 PM

FL

“ *So sorry for the passing of Dr.Val he was a  
good surgeon and a friend to all who got the  
pleasure of those who became to love him.  
The family is in my thoughts and prayers. RIP  
Dr.Val.* ”



**Fay Leverett** - June 09 at 07:41 PM

JR

“ I had the privilege to serve in the ER with Dr.Val. His sense of humor was second to none. His skill as a surgeon was amazing. He was full of life and love. I will miss him terribly. I was just talking with another colleague , oh the funny stories we remember. We love you Dr. Val! You are a legend and fondly remember by all who served with you. You were one of a kind.

Judy Rathel - June 09 at 07:40 PM

DO

“ Donna Batson Oxford lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdcanas



Donna Batson Oxford - June 09 at 06:51 PM

PA

“ Linda, I will miss Vir and our little road trips. I always enjoyed going places with y'all, doctor appointments out of town, going to restaurants, getting shrimp in Savannah, being your tour guide in Jekyll. Such wonderful memories. He was such a sweet gentle caring man. I can see his smile! My life is sweeter just knowing him. I love you and asking God to give you comfort!

Pattie Alliston - June 09 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ Marie Spivey lit a candle in memory of Virgilio Valdcanas



Marie Spivey - June 09 at 05:58 PM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr Valdecanas when I worked in the Cardiopulmonary Dept at BaldwyCo Hospital/Oconee Regional. He was a kind and caring physician with a great sense of humor and wit. He always had a smile and a joke to tell. A great surgeon which I always brag on his surgical skill from being a patient once when he had to remove a cyst on my hand and you cannot tell there is a scar where he removed. Great skills!  
RIP Doctor Val. It has been an honor and privilege.

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**Jerry Huellemeier** - June 09 at 05:56 PM

CR

“ He was a great friend and doctor he will b missed

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**Connie Rachel's** - June 09 at 05:50 PM

JT

“ Such a huge loss in this community, thinking about his family at this difficult time, Jimmy Thigpen

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**Jimmy Thigpen** - June 09 at 05:50 PM

TE

“ Dr. V was a great doctor. I know milledgeville was glad that he helped our community. He will be missed. Prayers

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**Tina Eversole** - June 09 at 05:49 PM

LE

Dr. Linda, my condolences to you and your family and with fond memories.

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**Lila Epps** - June 10 at 04:17 AM

PJ

*Worked with the Valdecanas ' both at CSH and Oconee Regional. Sending virtual love and hugs. Dr Erlinda my heart ❤️ breaks for you and the Girls.*

**Peggy Johnson** - June 10 at 07:55 AM

WN

*Dr. Val thank you so much for sharing your wonderful husband with so many people. To know him was to love him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**W.B. @ Imogene NeSmith** - June 10 at 10:47 PM

GG

*Dr. Valdecanas performed the first surgery I had as an adult. He was retired before I needed anything else, but I remember him Fondly*

**Gene Gunter** - June 11 at 04:34 PM

VE

*Worked with the Valdecanas at CSH Sending hugs and love to Dr. Linda and the girls. Fond memories of the family.*

**Vivian Etheridge** - June 11 at 05:55 PM