



Dr. Michael F. Stratton

October 13, 1953 - December 24, 2025

Michael F. Stratton, D.O., 72, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on December 24, 2025.

Dr. Stratton was born on October 13, 1953, in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Dr. Emil and Marion Stratton. He attended elementary and middle school in Muskogee. His family belonged to Wauhillau Outing Club where he enjoyed life on the Baron Fork. He graduated from Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault, Minnesota in 1971 and attended the University of Oklahoma receiving a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In 1974 he married Wren Stratton and had three sons whom he was extraordinarily proud of. He went on to receive his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from Oklahoma State University. A lifelong OU fan, he loved the irony of ending up an OSU graduate. In 2016 he married Cheryl Brown-Stratton and was blessed with her family. A friend of Bill's for 16 years, his commitment to the program and its principles was unwavering and he shared this support with others whenever he could. He was a devoted member of Grace Episcopal Church and loved his church family.

Dr. Stratton began his medical career joining the pediatric practice at the Children's Clinic of Muskogee in 1992. He took over his father's practice with his mentors Dr. D.I. Wilkinson and Dr. David Watson. From the beginning of his practice, he had a passion for children who suffered abuse. He specialized in forensic pediatrics helping and protecting victims of child abuse and often served as a state's witness for exam findings in these difficult cases. In 2012

he was the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association Outstanding and Distinguished Service Award Physician of the Year. Governor Fallin appointed him to sit on the Board of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, and he sat on the Child Death review board for Oklahoma. He served on the boards of Kids Space and Women in Safe Homes. He was a long-time clinical faculty for Oklahoma State College of Osteopathic Medicine and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. His legacy of mentorship will leave a lasting impact on the health of Oklahoma's children for generations.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Brown-Stratton; sons Michael Slade (Betsey) Stratton and grandchildren Graham, Claire, and Bennett; Scott Fielden (Kelin) Stratton and grandchildren Eden, Killian, Declan, and Teddy; and Destin Samuel (Stacey) Stratton. In addition, he is survived by Zack Dillon Brown; Tanner James (Amber) Brown and grandchildren Hunter and Sophia; Sydney Marie Brown and grandchild Charlie. Michael was preceded in death by his parents and sister. Mike is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends cultivated over his lifetime, who will miss his growls and jokes.

A memorial service will be held on January 17, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Grace Episcopal Church, 218 N 6th St, Muskogee, OK.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Grace Episcopal Church or Kids' Space

The soul is healed by being with children.

Previous Events

Family conducted memorial service

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church
218 N. 6th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *The world is a lot worse off without Dr. Stratton in it. Loved and missed by all*

Stephanie Wildoner - May 21 at 11:24 PM

CC

“ *Dr Stratton was a very smart very nice man. He put me in the hospital in second grade and saved me. I had scarlet fever from an infected chicken pox that went into my glands. He was the only one who took care of me after my mom took me to 4 other drs including the er. He saved my life and I am forever grateful for that. He also took care of my daughters and always had a joke or two. He will be missed and we very much appreciated him. Condolences and prayers to his family.*



Casey Caudle - March 27 at 02:33 PM

AR

“ *I shadowed Dr. Stratton a few years ago and he was extremely gracious with all his patients. His ability to be real with them and connect on a deep level was truly inspiring and his staff seemed to love him for that. Truly one of the good doctors.*

armond - March 10 at 10:11 PM

FU

“ I, too, was a HS schoolmate of Mike’s. We were pretty close friends but really have not had any contact since graduation as I returned to MI and he was always an “Oakie from Muskogee”. There were a number of Okie’s at Shattuck and they were a close bunch. I did follow his successful career in the yearly updates from Shattuck. I have a funny memory of us wrestling and a pencil tip got lodged in my knee and never could extract it so I think of him time to time with that minor injury where it is still lodged. We were a small class of about 50 and sad to say many in our class are no longer alive—both my 2 roommates, Nelson Loftis and Cy Swanson, are long gone. I know he was a serious doctor and sure looks like he lived a good life and know he was proud of his boys. Quite the picture from how I remember him at Shattuck.

Fred Upton - February 18 at 04:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.



January 16 at 04:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.



January 16 at 07:15 AM

BD

“ Byron(classmate) & Pam Dunn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.

Byron(classmate) & Pam Dunn - January 16 at 07:15 AM

SK

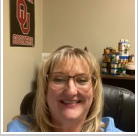
“ Doc and I attended Shattuck at the same time and we graduated in '71. We kept up through years afterwards and shared time together in Muskogee (he taught me bocce ball up at the Wauhillau Outing Club and introduced me to fellow graduates of Shattuck) as well as out here in Oregon. We believed in God, family and community. I will miss my talks and texts (last one in early Dec 25 about how long of a drive to Broken Arrow). We also got together at reunions at Shattuck. God Bless his soul as he is now in peace for eternity. Sam Keator '71

Samuel Keator - January 13 at 08:24 PM

B7

Mike graduated from Shattuck the year before I did. We knew each other from a distance and I always enjoyed his unorthodox sense of humor. It wasn't until the last year of Mike's life that I got to know him well. I was struggling with many aspects of my life and Mike and I would talk on the phone about being a man of God and working the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in every aspect of our lives. Mike helped change my life and I'm grateful. With the help of God and the fellowship of this program I haven't had a drink today. Mike knew an Angel had him by the end.

Bill Doucette 72 - February 18 at 08:29 AM



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Michael Stratton*



Monica Mabry - January 05 at 04:51 PM



“ *We got through so many life situations with his care that would have had such different outcomes without his knowledge, understanding, compassion, and willingness to teach. He promoted growth in all life aspects mostly with humble steps, and when needed fierce unbending advocacy. We spent many office visits past closing so my kiddos felt heard, understood, and genuinely cared for. He was there as soon as they came into the world and was invested in them thriving. He was a friend, a mentor, a support system in a world that is often too busy to make time. He was calm in crisis, even when I told him I checked my kids temp with the kiss test and he probably wanted to smack me, I'm pretty sure he knew every thermometer I ever owned had been disappeared, used to make sure the animals and baby dolls all had excellent well checks. I often read memorials and feel the ones people are most valued by (their grandkids) are left unacknowledged and lumped together in a generic sentence of many. He was proud of them, beamed about every new family member. We should all thrive to be more like him and his earthly presence will be greatly missed.*

Amy Burruss - January 03 at 11:00 AM



“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Michael Stratton*



Monica Mabry - January 02 at 09:31 AM

JR

“ *Dr Stratton was not like any doctor on this earth! He made this world a better place. He was my children’s pediatrician and in 95–96 he discovered what so many Drs had over looked in my son. I took him for over a year searching for answers but Dr Stratton listened to me and asked for tests that we couldn’t afford but he told them to do it anyway. My son had osteomyelitis at 3 years old in his bone in his foot, and they wanted to take his foot off but with the Lord and Dr Stratton’s wisdom he got better and grew up to play football and be normal. Our family is forever grateful to this great man. I’m praying for his family. I know he will be greatly missed.*

Janey Romine - January 01 at 09:29 PM

CJ

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Dr. Stratton was a very kind man passionate about caring for all children. He will be truly missed.*

Crystal Jackson - January 01 at 12:57 PM

JA

“ he was my primary care doctor and all of my siblings at children's clinic, he watched me grow since i was a little girl. He was the best doctor ever he was always kind to my family hearing that he retired without being able to say goodbye broke my heart he was the best doctor anyone could have asked for. May god watch over him as he rests in peace, prayers to your family 🙏

jasmin - January 01 at 12:10 PM

KR

“ Hi. I'm Krisi. Dr. Stratton was my oldest daughters pediatrician. I learned so very much from him!! My daughter had many ear infections when she was little. I asked what we could do. He said tubes for 3 months. It was the summer and I asked if there was some other way to help her. He put her on antibiotics for 6 months. She hasn't had another ear infection since!! He will always hold a place in my heart!!

Krisi - December 31, 2025 at 11:35 PM

MB

“ Dr. Stratton was a real good friend. We did a lot of trout fishing on camping trips with Dr. Stuart Woods and family. Camping became a annual trip for us. I think the highlight of the camping trips was when his son threw his tennis shoes in the camp fire. He will be missed.

Mike Borum - December 31, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DM

“ At the age of 46 I had retired from the foster parenting but God has a sense of humor and I was asked to Foster twins that were cocaine positive at birth. I resisted but the case worker was one I had worked with in the past and I agreed to temporarily take these girls on. Needless to say I adopted them by the time they were a year old. Dr Stratton had been there at their delivery which included no prenatal and at the time of their birth the birth mother was on drugs. Of course you know he's a champion for children in situations like these so he immediately bonded with the two. The birth mother named them heaven and Nevaeh. Well he was surprised when I brought them in for their first visit I insisted on him being their pediatrician Doctor Hoos was training with him at the time and he had also been there at the time of delivery. The babies were four pounds and were going through withdrawal but the minute he touched them they calmed down and felt familiar with him. From that day on that they saw him quite a bit and he always jokingly called them heaven and hell LOL and I asked him why would he call them that and he said because Nevaeh is Heaven spelled backwards what's the opposite of heaven then he let out one of those loud laughs. They are now 19 graduated early with high grades they both have full-time jobs their own Apartments and new cars. These are the children that at birth were told they would never do anything because of their drug addiction and the damage it caused. Thanks to the care Dr Stratton gave them and us raising them with the belief that they could be anything they wanted they proved everybody wrong. A while back I ran into Dr Stratton and told them how great the twins were doing and showed him pictures he let out one of those great laughs and said we knew our girls would make it didn't we that was my last memory. He will be missed.

Dee McBride - December 29, 2025 at 11:54 PM

LG

“ *Dr. Stratton brought my two children into the world. 1988 & 1990. Katherine & Aaron Grounds. Sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

Larry Grounds - December 29, 2025 at 09:44 PM

AS

“ *You will be missed Dr. Stratton, I loved our conversations and considered you a friend. Thirty plus years, you always left me laughing or ready to go to war for our kiddos.*

Angela Standifer-Voigt - December 29, 2025 at 07:57 PM

MA

“ *I have a rare brain disease he discovered when I was only 16 years old from saving my life in multiple way way back then to ups and downs of parenting my own daughters under his professional care I have recently found myself in the same place as when I was 16 re diagnosed n struggling my first thought was I had to talk to Stratton he had held my hand not telling me he wasn't feeling well over the past few months I'm unfortunately not well enough to attend service for him but I will be tell my now adult and teen daughters about the man that had saved me and them in too many ways to speak on forever in my heart doc*

Mallory - December 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM

AT

“ Dr. Stratton was my doctor and then doctor to 3 out of my 4 children. I KNEW if I brought something up, he'd listen. He was a precious man and a one of a kind doctor that you just don't find anymore. When I was little he always reminded me of a big, cuddly grizzly bear. I always looked forward to seeing him at my appointments and my kids did too. I can still hear his deep, gravelly voice right now greeting us and asking how everyone in my family is doing. We took this picture with him on his last day at the Children's clinic before retiring. We sure love him and will miss him until we all see each other again some day in Heaven. ❤️



Allyssa Toyebo - December 29, 2025 at 02:54 PM



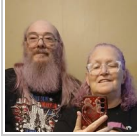
I worked in the ER (nights) as a UC, answered the phone, EVERYTIME he was on call and got paged, he would call and simply grunt/growl after I would say “MRMC ER! I was completely caught off guard the very first time it happened. He would give me an hard time evrytime I saw him after that. After the initial phone call I would just smile and say “Hi Dr Stratton”! Prayers for the family!

Kim Jones - December 29, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JS

“ I had a friend whose baby girl was sick. She used a doctor in another town. When I saw the baby, I knew she had to be seen. I called the on-call service for Children's Clinic, & Mike was on-call. We met at the ER. Mike immediately hospitalized that baby- she had RSV. After 5 days, baby girl went home with her mama. Mike could've told us to take her back to her own doctor, but he didn't. I am forever grateful for that!

Joeline K Starkey - December 29, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ *Debi Deborah Crandall-Hill he also saved your grandsons life from his milk allergy. KaralynnandStephen Resch*

Debi Crandall-Hill - December 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *I will always believe he saved my daughter's life. She had cat scratch fever in her neck. She had a golf ball sized knot in her neck that was still growing bigger every day. He decided to do surgery and drained it. I believe if he hadn't it would have kept growing, slowly cutting off her wind pipe. Thank you again Dr Stratton.*

Debi Crandall-Hill - December 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Dr. Stratton was very close to my family. He was the medical director for Kids Space when my mom was a SANE A/P there so we knew him very well. One of the best stories I think I have to share was when I was a baby and was shooting up in height but couldn't keep any weight on. At about 2 years old I looked a lot more like an emaciated 4 years old. Dr. Stratton's solution was pretty easy. So he wrote me a prescription for milk shakes! He assured my mom I would eat when I was hungry and not to keep it from me when I was but to give me what I could stand to eat and try to entice me other with with sweet treats like ice cream.*

So I have to thank for all those trips to Brahms and Sonic after day care. And him to thank for growing up to be a healthy 6'9" 330lbs.

I think it's safe to say Stratton was the best we gad.

Jay Smith - December 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

KL

“ Dr. Stratton was my first born's pediatrician! He was so gentle and kind with me being a first time mom. I was literally so new to everything about motherhood. I will never forget going to her first 6 week check up after her being born and he asked how everything was going. I remember telling him that I wake her up every two hours for feedings and he said, "Listen, don't ever wake a sleeping baby!!! She will let you know when she is hungry!!!" That has been an ongoing funny story over the last 25 years and counting! He impacted so many lives positively and he will always have my respect! His personality was the best! He liked to be funny while still teaching a new mom how to be a mom!!! He was an AMAZING doctor and he will be missed! Grateful for the memories he leaves behind!!! My deepest condolences to his family!!! ❤️

Kassie Luzader - December 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM

BT

“ My daughter was only 6lbs 1 Oz. And he was always a call away if I needed him . She loved him so much! Thank you for taking such good care of her!!! You will be greatly missed!! 🙏❤️

Brenda Torix - December 29, 2025 at 09:00 AM

ER

“ There was one time I was giving some antibiotics by a different doctor and I ended up being allergic to them , Dr.Stratton tested my mom continuously asking if I was any better or if I was doing okay! He melted my heart in more ways than one always upfront and honest, very very helpful. Sweet soul may you rest 😊

erickajane - December 29, 2025 at 06:16 AM

BB

“ Dr. Stratton helped deliver me into this world and I was his patient all the way up until he retired. He never once called me by my actual name, only “Brookster”. Most people hate going to the doctors office but I was always so excited to go, even to the point I was willing to pretend to be sick, just because I know I would be seeing him. I always looked forward to his growling voice saying “what are you doing Brookster” when he would see me. Every appointment I ever had with him, he would make sure that I was his last patient of the day so that we could talk way past closing time. The amount of times my mom and I left out of the children’s clinic the back door with all of the lights turned off is more than I could count. When I was 4 years old, I was diagnosed with OCD. Most of the time, when people hear that, they think “cleaning” and “organizing”, when it is actually much more than that. I struggle with intrusive thoughts and anxiety, especially in regards to my health. I always felt like the weird kid, but Dr. Stratton made me feel like I was normal and loved, despite being different. I wrote him a letter when I was 18, thinking that I wouldn’t be able to see him anymore because I was considered an adult. He, knowing that I struggle with trust and health anxiety, wanted me to still stay with him. I continued going to him in my 20s all the way until he retired. When he retired, we became friends on Facebook (I bet he regrets that because of all the times I messaged him in regards to my health anxiety haha). When he retired, Although he deserved the rest, I was upset because he was all I ever knew, but I took comfort in knowing that he was still there for me regardless. I am truly heartbroken because not only did I lose the best doctor ever to walk the face of the earth, but I lost one of my biggest advocates, and most importantly, my friend.

Brooke Barrett - December 29, 2025 at 01:40 AM

BA

“ He was all 3 of my kids Doctor i knew him for over 30 years. he always shared pictures of his weenie dogs because he knew we had weenie dogs one day. I took my son in there to see the doctor and he asked my son how his weenie was doing. My son had the weirdest face because he didn't realize he was asking about his weenie dog. It was so funny. I don't know if he did that on purpose or not, but he did it a couple times and it was hilarious he was a great person and Doctor. And will be missed.

barb - December 29, 2025 at 12:25 AM

SW

“ One of the best doctors. I was actually one of his fathers patients that he and Dr. Wilkinson took over. He also seen my daughter when she was small. I will never forget him always having a smile on his face. Praying for all of the family.

Samantha West - December 29, 2025 at 12:14 AM

KH

“ I was a patient of Dr. Emil Stratton so when my son was born in 92 it made perfect sense to use Mike Stratton as his doctor. At less than a month old my son would stop breathing and turn blue and Dr. Mike as we knew him sent him to okc and we found out he had severe gerd and he had to be put on very strong medication to help. I would have not only lost my son but my mind had "doc" not been there for us both. Later in the 90 I was honored to work with him asa deputy on a few child abuse cases. My son is now 33, father of four, and a lead investigator in a small town and cross deputized with homeland security with his specialty working child crimes. "Docs" legacy of helping advocate and work to stop child crimes will live on through my son's work. God's speed Doc..you meant so much to so many and the world was truly a better place with you in it!!!

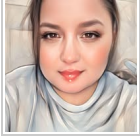


Kristi Hardesty - December 28, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MA

“ Ill never forget Dr. Stratton. My oldest daughter had been bitten by a spider. It was a serious bite that landed her in hospital for four days. She was seven years old and so scared because the ER doctor had told her she might loose two of her toes. The following morning Dr. Stratton came in her room looked at her toes made jokes about staying away from creepy crawley things. She asked him if he was gonna take her toes away. He looked at her and asked where would I take them to? The park? Vacation? She laughed and he reassured her that she would leave the hospital with all her fingers and toes. He such a blessing durung our stay. He was great man that will be truly missed.

Michelle Andrews - December 28, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ I'll never forget Dr Stratton. I was a first time momma and my baby was sick. He had to be hospitalized and Dr Stratton was very calm with me and my baby. Told me all the steps that were gonna be taken from the begining till the end of the stay. He was a great doctor. I'll never forget him telling me I was doing good as a 1st time momma. And to just hang on, it's getting better. He will definitely be missed by all. My prayers are with all his family, friends and patients.

Lacrechia Scroggins - December 28, 2025 at 09:54 PM

DF

“ I was so sad to read that Dr. Stratton had passed away. Dr Stratton took over the care of my kids when Dr Watson retired. He also took care of both of my granddaughters. I had to take my daughter in one time because my son threw a VHS tape in the case and hit her and split her lip under her nose which they put butterfly strips on. The next time she had to go see him he comes in gets up on the table beside her leans over and looks and ask how her lip was healing. She was so amazed that he remembered that and I didn't have the heart to tell her it was in her chart lol. He was definitely a good doctor and I'll miss that belly laugh and growl.

Diane Few - December 28, 2025 at 09:22 PM

LG

“ Our family loved having Dr. Stratton as our daughter’s pediatrician. On one visit, we were sitting in exam room waiting our turn. Dr. Stratton walked in the next room over and in what sounded like a gruff voice said “What are you doing in my chair?” The child in the chair just started giggling....wasn’t the least bit scared of him. My daughter has a chocolate/black lab that we received from Dr. Stratton. We love her to pieces.

Our daughter had a mysterious infection that Dr.Stratton couldn’t pinpoint. He kept at it until he figured it out and got her the help that was needed. He truly be missed..

Lawrence Greuel - December 28, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ My daughter (now almost 20) used to tell people her doctor was Santa Clause. Dr. Stratton was an awesome pediatrician! He will be dearly missed!

Crystal Ryburn - December 28, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SG

“ Dr. Stratton was both of my children’s pediatrician. My son Brady was born at 30 weeks and he cared for him until Brady decided his was “too old” for the Children’s Clinic. When Brady was around 2 months old, I took him for a check up and he was wearing a heart/breathing monitor. Dr. S introduced my son to one of the interns (in his scruffy voice) “Ever seen one of these robot babies?” I will miss him dearly!

Shalyn Gallaway - December 28, 2025 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ The best doctor! My son was in the hospital at 6 month old with a virus anyways Dr. Stratton was making his rounds that morning and I heard someone way down the hall hollering Bronson where you at ? You must be all the way to Checotah! 🤔🤔 because that where we are from . And we was way down the hall . He was always so cool calm and funny at the same time . Another time he hurt his leg playing football and X-rays was done but at that time nothing showed a week later and playing more game he was barely running ion it so back we went another X-ray done Dr Stratton opens the door and comes in and says That Boy got a broke leg !! 🤔 we just loved him he was common as the day was long ! RIP Dr. Stratton!

kim baker - December 28, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and a wonderful doctor. He took care of my babies when they were little. I knew your grandfather as well. Also a great man.

Lois Gibson - December 28, 2025 at 07:36 PM

AH

“ My daughter was born July 1992, maybe a month or so after he joined Children's Clinic. She was so sick and had gotten worse. In December 1992 in his office he said I'm not real sure what's going but I know it's not good and I've called the people I trust that will know. We left there and drove straight to Children's in OKC and he was in fact correct! They had a whole team waiting on us and within hours we had a diagnosis and procedures and all the things ! We truly believe that he is the reason she's 33, a wife and mother to 3 and finishing her BSN!

Angel Hughey - December 28, 2025 at 07:36 PM

KM

“ One time my son who was probably 2 at the time got a splinter in his foot. I took him to Dr Stratton right as he was fixing to numb his foot with a needle my son kicked and it made the needle point directly at me and squirt me right in the eye lol we all laughed. He was a great doctor and will be terribly missed.

Karen Mock - December 28, 2025 at 07:36 PM

SA

“ My son Alexander, who has autism, was terrified of doctors. We decided to make an appointment with Dr Stratton, and he came into the room with a big, booming voice and said “Alexander the Great!” I immediately winced, expecting Alex to cry or panic, but to my shock, he went straight to him, and held his arms up, asking to be picked up. Alex was a great judge of character then (and still is now, as an adult) and he loved Dr Stratton. ❤️

Sara - December 28, 2025 at 07:23 PM

KJ

“ To Dr. Stratton family He was a wonderful asset to Muskogee. With our deepest sympathy Ken and Linda Johnson

Kenneth Johnson - December 28, 2025 at 06:39 PM

RS

“ Dr. Stratton helped my granddaughter when she became very sick. I worked in the Operating Room when the hospital was Muskogee General. I worked with Wren Stratton at that time. With a Sunday night phone call Wren Stratton was able to get my granddaughter into see Dr. Stratton the next morning. He was so awesome and took great care of her. She recently had a baby and wanted Dr. Stratton to care for him but discovered he retired. We will miss him so much. God bless a great Doctor and friend. Robin Sawyers Smith RN

Robin Smith - December 28, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ He was a wonderful Dr I took my son 2 him, me and my son just loved him. He was the only Dr that my boy like 2 go 2. He will be greatly missed.

Velma Welch Rider - December 28, 2025 at 06:28 PM

TD

“ Dr. Stratton was such an amazing Dr. For all 3 of my kiddos. But especially my daughter Cindy Sue Dutton who had cerebral palsy. He discovered a medical issue that 2 other pediatricians never found. Thank you for allowing me to share this post. We Loved Him.

Trish Dutton - December 28, 2025 at 06:21 PM

SL

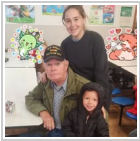
“ Dr Stratton took care of my children and grandchildren their entire lives. He was absolutely amazing. Couldn't ask for a better Dr, mentor, teacher, or friend. He loves children to no end and would absolutely go to war for them. I'm so sad to hear he is no longer here:(My condolences to his family.

Stephanie Lanning - December 28, 2025 at 06:20 PM

TK

“ I went to Jr.High with him he was so funny and acted silly, I couldn't believe he was a doctor. He just didn't strike me as being a doctor but it takes all kinds. He was really nice and if I ran into him at the hospital or homeland he still remembered me. Super nice guy I know he will be missed. So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏

Teresa Estep King - December 28, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ Dr. Stratton was always such a loving and caring man. He was my sons first doctor and always took amazing care of him. He also made sure that I was well taken care of and took every bit of my mental health struggles after my pregnancy seriously. He paved the way for my son to love going to the doctor instead of fearing the visits. He kept us, as first time parents well informed. I remember calling him in a panic during a formula shortage asking what I could use to feed our baby and he immediately jumped into action when churches and food drives were no help. He saved me, he saved my child, i will song his praises till my very last breath. He was a man of pure devotion to all his patients and treated each one like his own. Rest easy kind soul, I know you're holding all the babies in heaven.



Katelynn Olaughlin - December 28, 2025 at 05:57 PM

LS

“ Dr. Stratton and I worked many child abuse and neglect cases that were extremely difficult but he never faltered or backed down. He was such an advocate for children and it showed daily in his work. It's been a blessing to have worked with you my friend. God bless your family during this most difficult time. Amen

Lisa Shoemake - December 28, 2025 at 05:56 PM

SW

“ I never knew Dr Stratton, I knew his dad.
A patient for years. They had taken care of thousands of little kids in
this area. Prayers for family and friends.

Sharon Washington - December 28, 2025 at 05:41 PM



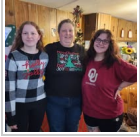
“ Dr. Stratton was my pediatrician my whole childhood. Fast forward
to LPN school, I'll never forget walking into the Children's Clinic for
clinicals, introduced myself, & he said "oh I know who you are. I'll
never forget that red hair. You're Scott Brackett's daughter!" He
remembered me after all those years and it made my heart so warm
🥹❤️🙏

Samantha Baylee - December 28, 2025 at 05:35 PM

CM

“ My son's grew up with Dr Statton being their dr. One time there was
a situation where my son was in his carrier and tipped it over
causing him to fall and hit his head. I was so scared and crying
when I called the answering service, Dr Stratton called me
immediately even though he was out on a dinner date, asking
questions and talking in such a calm voice. He assured me my son
was going to be okay and not beat myself up. He became kind of
partial to my youngest son, saying he was a "hoss" and was going
to be an OU football player which he did play but never quite made
it to OU. Was one of the best and will be missed. A wonderful man.

Cindy McNamara - December 28, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ From my teens until my grandchildren you have been a part of our family. Muskogee lost a brilliant doctor and an amazing man. I will never forget how wonderful you were to the struggling teen mother when my oldest was hospitalized. To the amazing way you cared for the rest of my children over the past 30 years. Heaven gained an angel. Until we meet again. Rest in peace Dr you have definitely earned it.

Trina Barrus - December 28, 2025 at 05:20 PM

KC

“ One of the most memorable memories I have of Dr. Stratton is when we were at a child abuse prevention conference and was staying at the USPS Employee Development Center. Well late into the first night the fire alarm kept going off, so of course we all had to evacuate to outside the building. Well after some time, I saw Dr. Stratton outside and went over and said "man, I was beginning to worry about you". He responded in his true fashion, with a dry tone " ya know, I was laying there and heard the alarm and had been sleeping good and I thought for a minute.... awwww hell, I'll just lay here and burn up." Then he laughed and smiled and said but the damn thing just never shut off, so I finally got up and come out here too! Lol

Most of my memories of Dr. Stratton our of how well he treated my kids(they both have a rare auto immune disorder). They are 9 yrs apart and they told us our son was 1 in a million, but then when I noticed symptoms in our daughter and asked what he thought, he had one of his nurses attend to my daughter. He took me into his office and said, go ahead. I said, go ahead, I don't know what you mean. He said cuss, cry, scream, trash my office, throw a fit, do whatever you need to do to let it out because I am pretty sure you are fixing to go thru the same testing and stuff with your daughter thar you have your son, cause I am fixing to call his specialist. Dr. Stratton was one of a kind and I appreciated him as a Dr. and his friendship.

Kim Center

Kim Center - December 28, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MH

“ Dr Stratton helped my grandson. Rorey was born a preemie and had many obstacles one was no one took note of my daughter and I concerns with Rorey mobility and how stiff he was she just kept getting comments or your just worried cause he was a preemie or he will grow out of it. We finally got Rorey into to Dr Stratton and he said right of the same thing we had be seeing without even having to explain it. Rorey loved Dr Stratton and was always so at ease with him. Dr Stratton got Rorey on his disability and to the specialist he needed. Rorey is now 8 years old and can now walk a step or 2 and is on his way to finally being able to walk some all because Dr Stratton diagnosed and followed his treatment and never let it be and that Rorey got the therapy and treatments he needed to live his best life. We will always be forever grateful for all he did for our family.

The Hunt Family

P.S. I loved Dr Stratton sense of humor and joy.

Michelle Hunt - December 28, 2025 at 05:16 PM

JH

“ Dr. Stratton saw me as a patient shortly after he joined the Children’s Clinic practice. He listened, was caring and compassionate and often hilarious. I struggled with pain in my joints from a young age that was chalked up to growing pains. He wasn’t satisfied with that answer and he pushed to find the cause. Later, in my teen years I suffered from kidney infections and would be hospitalized. I was so sick I didn’t feel like eating. He told the nurses whatever I said I would eat, get it for me. He would pay for it. He truly cared, he kept up with my activities asking how I was doing in school and such. Later, at the age of 19 I had a little girl. He saved her life. He listened to a scared teen girl who said something wasn’t right with her baby. Everyone else had said she was fine. He ran tests and found that her esophagus wasn’t attached to her stomach and immediately called OU children’s hospital. She had her first surgery at a week old. He listened when no one else would and he went the extra mile to get you or your child the care they needed. The world truly lost an amazing man! Thank you to his family for your sacrifices for him to be able to help so many others!

Jessica Hebb - December 28, 2025 at 05:06 PM

CH

“ Christine Hankins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Michael F. Stratton



Christine Hankins - December 28, 2025 at 05:01 PM

TR

“ My dearest memory of Dr Stratton was as a brand new nurse. I was so intimidated by all the things I needed to learn and all the experienced staff. Dr Stratton went out of his way to make me feel comfortable and part of the team with his fantastic (and sometimes naughty!) sense of humor! He will be missed. ❤️

Tracey Rowan - December 28, 2025 at 04:53 PM

KF

“ Dr Stratton was by far the most awesome doctor ever. He had such a kind & caring soul. He was my kids Dr for many many years until he went down to just a couple days a week at the clinic. I had a son that was born with a rare disease called JOBS Syndrome and Stratton tried everything he could to figure out what was wrong with my son. He was in and out of the hospital often and there was one time he was sending him to Childrens Hospital in Tulsa and I didn't have the gas to make it there so he personally wrote me a check to get up there. There's was another that I was severely sick and couldn't go to the doctor due to no money or insurance and he had his nurse do X-rays on me & he checked me out and come to find out I had walking pneumonia In both lungs but he knew I had no one to keep all 4 of my babies so he gave me medicine to get better. He would personally call and check on me & my son to see if we needed anything until we were better. He was always the best Dr anytime could ask for. He will forever be appreciated, loved & missed. May you RIP Dr 💜☐

Kristy Foster - December 28, 2025 at 04:42 PM

AR

“ My mom use to work for him for years at the old Children’s Clinic. He also was not only mine and my brother’s pediatrician but also both my children’s who are now 20 and 14 years old. When I was 15 1/2 I was in a horrible car accident and was not supposed to make it but by the grace of God and Dr. Stratton making phone calls and Checking in daily to make sure I had the best care I am still here today. I was honored to have worked for him as well for about 5 years and he taught me a lot of things. The compassion he had for all his patients showed in everything he did.He was always so kind and caring and would do anything he could to help. My son loved seeing him they had this unknown language between the two of them where they would growl at each other but somehow knew what each other were saying lol. He also helped with saving both my children’s life and listened when no other provider would by sending them to a specialist and getting them the help they needed. I remember every morning he would come in and I would say good morning and he would just growl and smile. Sometimes he would catch you off guard and growl at you he thought it was so funny and would laugh so hard . Prayers for the family . He will forever hold a special place in my heart for the difference he made .

Amy Robbins - December 28, 2025 at 04:41 PM

TJ

“ Having Dr Stratton as my pediatrician was such a blessing. I was always so afraid to go to the doctor. But every time I heard him coming down the hallway he put me at ease with his funny growls and laughter. It was like having Santa Clause as my doctor. He was so one of a kind and im sad, but thankful to him forever.

Taryn Jimison - December 28, 2025 at 04:30 PM

AR

“ Dr Mike became family the day Dr Emil introduced him to us. When Wren was being scheduled at the hospital to deliver Sam, Dr Mike called me to see if I was okay with her taking my scheduled time so he could be there for his family and our family at the same time. He was the reason 2 of my children received Rare disorder diagnosis along with Dr Domek and Dr Garnica. He and Wren both never got upset over me having to call them in the middle of the nights as everything with my 2 kids was unusual. Dr Mike was there through the loss of 2 of my 3 kids. Even visiting our home. He even treated my oldest son into adulthood. We will miss his jolly laughter, his love and care. Prayers for you all.

Angie Rush - December 28, 2025 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ My family met Dr Stratton back in Oct 1992. My middle daughter was really sick & she was sent to see him from our Dr in Tahlequah. She was 3 months old. He admitted her to the hospital. I was so scared. They had to do a spinal tap on her. I was out there crying. He walked up to me & gave me his big ole hug. Said he would be with me thru what ever was going on & he was. My daughter had failure to thrive. Could drink only one formula. She had a reflux issue that was discovered. He sent us to OU children's hospital. We stayed with him right up until he retired over 30 years we seen him. Over those years he adovated for my kids. He seen my grandkids. My nieces. Some of my cousins. He saved my cousins life. He saved my friends baby's life. Her baby was really sick. Took him to er in Tahlequah. They didn't do anything for this baby. So my friend sat up all night with her son. Next day we seen Dr. Stratton. The baby had rsv. He said if she hadn't set up with the baby all night to make sure he was breathing. He would have died. Then he called Tahlequah Hospital. I'm sure everyone in that clinic heard him yelling at that director!! He always took care of his kids

May Sterling - December 28, 2025 at 03:53 PM

LB

“ Met Dr. Stratton while he was still a resident at OU children’s in OKC. We are from Muskogee and I had a son with Spina Bifida. Dr. Stratton has literally saved my sons life numerous times. Once before cell phones I stopped on the side of the ride and called him bawling. Hospital had sent my son home saying nothing was wrong with him and I knew deep in my heart there was! He told me to get back in my car and go right back over there. When we arrived the head of the hospital and head of pediatrics were waiting for us. I don’t know what he said or did but they kept my son until they figured out what was wrong. I have forever loved Dr. Stratton and owe him my sons life(he is now 34!) God bless your family for sharing him with the rest of us!

Leah Blair - December 28, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DD

“ Growing up Dr Stratton was my pediatrician. I have so many fond memories of him including when I told him I was interested in joining the medical field he allowed me to shadow in his office. ❤️

When I had my first son at 16 he became my son’s doctor as well. I can’t tell you how many times I came into the office or called him because I was so nervous about everything with my first born. I remember him telling me “You’ve got this Destinee.” I was a teen mom and this meant so much to me that he took the time to reassure me when he didn’t have to do that. He still checked in on me as well as my boys via Facebook. My son adored Dr Stratton and still does as a 12 year old. He was the sweetest. My mom talks highly of him as well because he saved my brother’s life. I’m so sorry for your loss and we are praying for your family. Thank you for everything you did for us Doc. We love you!

destinee dunn - December 28, 2025 at 03:50 PM

GT

“ I had just started as a 24 year old dietitian at MRMC...my first job. I got a consult to go see Dr. Mike when he was in as a patient. I didn't know him yet but was so scared to go see a doctor. I walked in and told him who I was. He read the room and immediately knew i was anxious about coming to visit him knowing he was a physician. He immediately put me at ease and we had a great visit. Thank you Dr. Mike! He consulted us many times in the years to come and we worked together well. I'll Always remember how intuitive he was and how he was able to put me at ease as a young clinician! Love you Sir! RIP

Greg Thomas - December 28, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ I met him first time almost 15 years ago when I worked for DHS. When my son was born and they asked who I wanted his doctor to be, I didnt hesitate. When my husband passed, our first appointment after he hugged me, let me cry on his shoulder and told me that my husband had been his favorite Dad. He came to my son's 2nd birthday party, interacted with my family like he was a part of it and gave him more than anyone there. I cried when he retired and even more now that he is gone. He was one of my favorite people in all of Oklahoma.

Chelsea Mills - December 28, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BR

“ Dr. Stratton took care of my niece through her trials of liver failure and her transplant. She was on anti-rejection medication and being from a small town our pharmacy at the time struggled with getting her medication. One time they could not get it and she couldn't go without it. He had OHP go to Tulsa children's hospital and pick up the medication and run it to Muskogee to him where it could be picked up. He was a very good and caring doctor.

Bonya Rust - December 28, 2025 at 03:42 PM

HW

“ He was my kids and my grandkids Dr, but I also cleaned a condo that he had and we became friends. he had a really large dog that he loved and I loved him too. I can't remember his name but one day on the way to my day job he called me and asked “ can I get you to come over here? I can't get my dog to come inside and you're the only one that he'll listen to “so I did on my way to work. I went by his condo and I let his dog in and loved on him thought that was so funny.



Hazel Wood - December 28, 2025 at 03:33 PM

KD

“ Dr Stratton helped one of my foster babies when a previous dr had sent child home. I made an appt with Stratton the next day to have child checked and child was admitted to st francis. He had to fight with dhs over it and he did NOT back down. His number one priority was that child's health. He was always in it for the children! He will be missed!

Kristin D - December 28, 2025 at 03:30 PM

NI

“ I had 4 wild little boys. Stratton was my pediatrician for 19 years for them. When they were younger we were always having ER follow ups from injuries. Doc always told me "little boys are like rubber bands. They can stretch and bend but rarely break and always bounce right back". My boys are all grown or teenagers now, and that was never a more true statement.

Nikki - December 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Dr. Stratton started off as my pediatrician when he took over for his dad... he then became my children's pediatrician. When my daughter was a newborn she kept getting ear infections he joked and said he was gonna put me in a tent in the drs office... he was had a smile and would always make you laugh... Dr Stratton we love you and you will be missed. Thank you for taking care of my kiddos*

Jennifer Hinkle - December 28, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear the news of Dr. Stratton's passing. I rotated with him as a medical student around 1998. I didn't know what I wanted to specialize in until I saw him in action. What an amazing pediatrician he was. He inspired me to do Pediatrics. I remember him always saying "Shit on a bone stick." I never knew what that meant and I've never heard it said again, but I won't ever forget it. I'm very sorry for your loss!*

Colbi Smithton - December 28, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Gwen and I wish to offer Mike's family our most sincere condolences. While I had not seen him in person for many years, I was aware of his continuing advocacy for children while I was serving on Oklahoma's Child Death Review Board. Mike was a good man. He will be missed. I am saddened by his passing.*

Jon Trzcinski - December 28, 2025 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ *Dr. Mike Stratton was my special needs son's pediatrician for many years.*

Danny moss says he will miss (HIS) DR. STRATTON!



James and Danny moss - December 28, 2025 at 03:10 AM

MW

“ *Slade, Scott and Sam- the boys and I send our deepest condolences! Uncle Mike was always a phone call away when the boys were little and never missed an opportunity to tell me he was proud of me. It's hard being so far away- but we send our love and hugs!!*

Mary Warning - December 27, 2025 at 05:27 PM

DH

“ *Dena Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Michael F. Stratton*



Dena Hughes - December 27, 2025 at 04:00 PM

AB

“ I became best friends with his wife Cheral, ever time I would go over he would joke with me and always made me feel welcomed. Dr . Stratton was also my children’s Doctor. He loved all his kids (as he called them) !
Dr.Stratton I hope you’re living it up in heaven! you are truly missed.
Praying for his wife , children , family and friends ❤️🙏



Adele Burnett - December 27, 2025 at 03:02 PM

SD

“ He was always so kind to Tommy and I. He cared so much for all children. He was so proud of his own children, talked about them often. RIP Praying for his family.

Sally and Tommy Daniels - December 26, 2025 at 08:51 PM

TB

“ Dr. Mike saved my life. I had a rare kidney disease and he caught it on the first exam. He was there when I was dying and witnessed Christ do a notable miracle of complete healing when there was no medical hope for me. He came to my first horse competition after I was able to ride again. He saw me well into my 40s now. Always checking in on me. Last summer I took him some sweet corn and he told me, "You know the most important things we can do in this life are things for Christ." I am paraphrasing now but he said everyday he was trying to do something good for our Lord and savior. I cannot say enough good about the influence he had on my life and the love he showed me. I love you Dr. Mike

Tisha Burress - December 26, 2025 at 05:25 PM

TG

“ Terry Hacker, Charlette, Abby and Gabi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.

Terry Hacker, Charlette, Abby and Gabi - December 26, 2025 at 05:18 AM

TG

“ Terry Hacker, Charlette, Abby and Gabi purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.



Terry Hacker, Charlette, Abby and Gabi - December 26, 2025 at 05:18 AM

TF

“ The Mills Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.

The Mills Family - December 25, 2025 at 07:23 PM

TF

“ The Mills Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.



The Mills Family - December 25, 2025 at 07:23 PM

LW

“ A sincerely great Doc and a wonderful person

Lajeane Short Whiteside - December 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM

LS

“ *The absolute best and will dearly be missed! Fly high doc* 🥺

Leslie Lyle Seabolt - December 25, 2025 at 11:37 AM

JA

“ *Jami Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Stratton*



Jami Anderson - December 25, 2025 at 12:52 AM

WJ

“ *Wesley and Heather Jones purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.*



Wesley and Heather Jones - December 25, 2025 at 12:13 AM

WJ

“ *Wesley and Heather Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.*

Wesley and Heather Jones - December 25, 2025 at 12:13 AM

JJ

“ Jack Ayers JR lit a candle in memory of Michael Stratton



Jack Ayers JR - December 24, 2025 at 11:44 PM

JJ

“ Jack Ayers JR sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Stratton



Jack Ayers JR - December 24, 2025 at 11:44 PM

MG

“ Melissa G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.

Melissa G. - December 24, 2025 at 11:36 PM

LO

“ Dr. Stratton was such an amazing advocate for my special needs son, Joshua. He would even call the Tulsa doctors to advocate for me and Joshua. He and his staff attended his funeral in Tahlequah when he went to be with Jesus. He also took amazing care of my oldest son, Jeremy. The world lost an amazing person and he will be missed terribly! I am praying for his friends and family. I know he is rejoicing in heaven and I would like to think Joshua is showing him around. Many prayers going up! 🙏❤️

Lori Owens - December 24, 2025 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ Dr. Stratton will sure be missed. He was an amazing man, he offered so much support to me and my girls after my brain aneurysm and when I was forced into retirement. He was there for my girls for every sniffle and sneeze and pulled ligament from taekwondo for the past 15 years. He will be so very missed. So sorry for your loss Stratton family. He was such an an amazing man and Doctor! We all thank him for his hard work and dedication to our community.

The Snyder Family

Brionne Snyder - December 24, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.



December 24, 2025 at 08:48 PM

PB

“ Patricia Smith and Seth Bolte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Michael F. Stratton.

Patricia Smith and Seth Bolte - December 24, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ So many memories, my children, one of which was severely disabled were his patients until he retired. This man and Doctor was a wonderful doctor and friend. He will truly be missed. RIP doctor Stratton. Rest easy, you have earned it.



Mellissa-James Rhodes - December 24, 2025 at 08:30 PM

BE

Doc was one of the best pediatrician and most caring for children. Doc donated hundreds if not thousands of hours in behalf of our children. He was there biggest advocate.

Doc was always a phone call away. One Sunday I called to let him know my grandson was enroute to the hospital by ambulance and he beat the ambulance there. We'd been at the hospital a couple of hours he called me out into the hallway to tell me he couldn't believe I let him walk all over the hospital with Dog sh## on his shoe (he was mowing his lawn when I called) he never let me forget it.

Doc was a big Teddy Bear with a gruff voice but could switch to a Tiger for the sake of a child. RIP Doc you have run a good race and fought the battles. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our children. God Speed

Brenda Ellis - December 28, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MW

“ Myangel Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Stratton



Myangel Watson - December 24, 2025 at 08:13 PM

MW

“ *Myangel Watson lit a candle in memory of Michael Stratton*



Myangel Watson - December 24, 2025 at 08:12 PM

MW

“ *He was my doctor when I was little he was a very good man*

Myangel Watson - December 24, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *This makes me sad. He was the best Dr. any kid could ask for. He was such a good man and so loving and he just loved all his kids that he seen and help bring into the world. I was sad to see him retire but he deserved it. I will definitely miss him and his sense of humor and that big smile. Rest in paradise Dr. Stratton you will be truly missed. 💙💙*



Tina Gauna - December 24, 2025 at 07:58 PM