



Dr. Cavitt K. Bartley, 87, of Roanoke, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2013. A Veteran of World War II, he served in the Army as PFC 103rd Infantry Division. Dr. Bartley was captured in France on November 29, 1944 at the age of 19. He was liberated on May 1, 1945 after spending six months between rail road box cars and Stalag VII. Dr. Bartley was awarded the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War and good conduct medals.

After the war Cavitt Bartley returned to Virginia, where he attended classes at Roanoke College and met his future wife, Elizabeth. They were married in 1949. He graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Upon graduation, he moved with his wife and children to Cave Spring, where he was one of the first family doctors, a practice he would run for nearly three decades. Dr. Bartley made a name for himself with his \$10 house calls, though he often accepted payments of garden vegetables. When making house calls, he'd often bring along one of his children, introducing them to patients and letting them observe his profession firsthand.

After years working as a private-practice physician, Dr. Bartley accepted a position as a staff physican at the Salem Veterans Hospital, where he often worked with former prisoners of war. He was active as the POW coordinator and State Commander of the Virginia EX-POW organization.

Dr. Bartley served the Cave Spring Community as team physican for the Cave Spring High School Football team for 18 years and was a Life Member of the Cave Spring Lions Club serving for over 50 years.

“Doc” Bartley was truly a Lion who lived by the motto “We Serve”.