

Bruce A. Norris is the nephew of [Mrs. Corrie Fernandez](#), Dr. Hill's longtime nurse. The information and photos in this article belonged to Corrie and have been given to us for use on this website by Mr. Norris. Mrs. Fernandez was an institution in Pacolet. This information shows how much [Dr. Hill](#) meant to Pacolet.

## Dr. R. D. Hill

PACOLET — Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, 65, who practiced medicine in this Spartanburg County town 37 years, died at his home at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday after a brief illness.

A 1918 graduate of Wofford College, he served in World War I. Dr. Hill then was graduated from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1923. He was a native of Bishopville.

In 1953, he was voted doctor of the year by the Spartanburg County Medical Society.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Dolan Hill; a daughter, Mrs. George Walters of Cheraw; a son, R. Dennis Hill Jr. of Spartanburg; two brothers, J. B. and E. B. Hill of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Brush of Columbia and Mrs. H. G. Jennings of Bishopville.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Pacolet Mills Baptist Church by Rev. Brice Herbert, Rev. C. M. Smith, Rev. Robert Ivey, Rev. H. C. Cash, Rev. Luther Gunter and Rev. Eugene Hancock. Burial will be Thursday at 4 p.m. in Presbyterian Cemetery at Bishopville.

Obituary from the *Spartanburg Herald* in March, 1964.

A  
 Memorial Record  
 for the  
 Friends and Relatives  
 of

Dr Robert Dennis Hill Sr

Members of Spartanburg County Medical Society  
 Members of Pacolet High School Athletic Teams

Born  
 September 8 1898  
 Passed Away  
 March 17 1964  
 Services  
 Wednesday 4 30 P M  
 Pacolet Mills Baptist Church  
 Conducted By  
 Dr Bryce Herbert  
 Rev Robert Ivey  
 Rev C M Smith  
 Rev H C Cash  
 Rev Luther Gunter  
 Rev Eugene Hancock  
 Interment  
 Presbyterian Cemetery  
 Bishopville S C  
 Pallbearers  
 Bobby Key  
 Wayne Coleman  
 Johnny Gibson  
 Bobby Bryant  
 Kenneth Wells  
 Jimmy McGinn  
 Tommy Hodge  
 Larry Lemmons  
 Honorary



The Promise  
 of Dawn

The sun goes down  
 in its glory,  
 And darkness descends  
 on the land,  
 But dawn comes quickly  
 to cheer us,  
 For Time is a  
 swift-running sand.  
 Why, then, should man  
 in his wisdom  
 Forget in his moments  
 of gloom  
 That night gives birth  
 to the morning;  
 That dawn will be coming  
 --and soon?

--Reynolds Reyburn

You can be of great help in getting the  
 Funeral Procession to the Cemetery in an  
 unbroken line if you will kindly burn  
 your bright lights and follow closely the  
 car in front of you.

THANK YOU.

THE J. F. FLOYD MORTUARY



## Dr. Hill Served With Devotion

Sometimes the presence of one human personality will influence the character of a whole community.

When that person passes, the void seems forever unfilled.

Such a man was Dr. Robert D. Hill, who has ministered to the sick of his beloved Pacolet Mills for 37 years. He has served them with gentle dedication through an era of depression, war and prosperity — with his own devotion unaltered by the exigencies of these years.

Sympathies are extended to his family and to his community.

### Articles from the Spartanburg Newspaper about Dr. Hill

# 1,000 Pay Their Final Call To Pacolet's Good Dr. Hill

By MELVIN LONG  
Herald Staff Writer

PACOLET MILLS — A solemn community paid its final tribute here Wednesday to a man who gave his life and strength to many of its citizens.

More than 1,000 persons filled Pacolet Mills Baptist Church and the church yard to attend funeral services of Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, 65, who died Tuesday after a brief illness.

A speaker was set up in the church yard for the more than

500 persons who lined the street and sidewalk to pay last respects to the area's only physician. Dr. Hill had practiced medicine here for the past 37 years.

A cousin, the Rev. Bryce Herbert, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Florence said in his eulogy that Dr. Hill "was a man who believed in life and gave himself to life.

"He started his ministry to pain as a youth, and where there was hurt he administered to hurt. Let us be grateful that in every community there will be

men like Dr. Hill who can be better than he feels," The Rev. Mr. Herbert extolled.

"Let your tribute be not in weeping, but in the joyous living he fought to preserve. The memory of him will forever be in the hearts of us all."

Dr. Hill spent much of his spare time promoting Pacolet High athletics. Six members of the Pacolet football team were pallbearers and other athletes, in addition to members of the Spartanburg County Medical So-

ciety formed the honorary escort.

Dr. Hill was team physician for the football squad and had been presented numerous trophies and citations for his service.

A page in the Pacolet High annual "Tomahawk" will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Hill.

An elderly lady who wiped tears from her cheek as she entered the church remarked "Dr. Hill did something for old people. We just got better every time he came to see us."

# SPORTS

The Spartanburg Herald

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## JIM FOSTER

Herald Sports Editor

### *Doc Hill—A Friend Of People*

I never knew "Doc" Hill. Because of that I feel I have lost some precious moments of life. Those who knew Dr. Robert Dennis Hill, for year's Pacolet's only doctor, tell those of us who didn't what we missed.

He was not only a doctor to hundreds of Pacolet and Spartanburg people. He was a friend.

The magnetic personality of this man is now being preserved by Pacolet High School in various forms. On Monday the student body presented the school with an engraved plaque honoring his memory. It said: "In loving memory of Dr. Robert Dennis Hill (1899-1964) presented by the student body of Pacolet High School in deep appreciation for his personal interest and contribution to our school."

At the same time the athletic department held its own ceremony. A portion of a special trophy case has been donated to the school to hold mementoes of Dr.

Hill. These include autographed footballs and baseballs, trophies and letters that were awarded him by various teams. A football jersey, bearing No. 65 (his age at death), has been retired in his memory.

Doc Hill never played football at Pacolet. But as long as most folks can remember he's been the team physician for the Indians in all sports. He brought most of the modern - day Pacolet athletes into the world and served as their physician through the growing - up years.

Joe Littlejohn is among hundreds who weep at the mention of his name. He and others have the cherished memories of knowing such a man. I was not so fortunate. But like the Pacolet High students of the future who will come to know him through the encased mementoes and the beautiful plaque I am happy there was a Doc Hill. His life will inspire others.



—Photo by B&B Studio

**DENNIS HILL LOOKS AT RETIRED JERSEY**  
**His Father Honored by Pacolet High**



**From left - Dr. Hill's wife, Beatrice Dolan Hill and his daughter, Mary Emma Hill-Walters**