



Remembering Gayle Stephens, MD

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He drew no attention to himself,
only to the bond
between doctor and patient,
and between doctor and society.

He listened
to the sick and the heartbroken,
gave voice to the voiceless.

He abided
with those who were abandoned.

He did not worship
at the Sacred Shrine
of the Bottom Line,
did not forsake
generosity for profit.

He made time
when
there was no time left,
and inspired
other physicians to
live the same.

He was
a family doctor.

His was a prophetic voice—
it is our turn now.

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