

JOE WESLEY DICKERSON



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Joe Dickerson, affectionately known as “Dr. Joe,” practiced medicine in Jasper for 60 years. A graduate of Kirby High School in Woodville, he graduated in 1935 from Stephen F. Austin State University before entering the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston where he earned his medical degree in 1941. He served as a P-38 pilot and a flight surgeon in World War II. He returned to Jasper in 1946 and began his medical practice.

In 1964 he founded the Mary E. Dickerson Memorial Hospital, named after his late wife. He, along with other colleagues, organized and established the First National Bank in Jasper. Known for his love of Biblical research, Dickerson was a member of the research team that studied the Shroud of Turin, the reputed burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

He enjoyed traveling, history and archaeology. But his life’s work was being a country doctor and taking care of his patients.

“Dr. Joe was obviously a unique man. A caring and accomplished man who lived his life to its very fullest. We’re certain the students who attend Lamar via this scholarship opportunity will emulate the great example set by Dr. Joe Dickerson.”

Lamar University President James Simmons