



Dr. Joseph A. Kielty

August 28, 1942 - October 11, 2019

Joseph A. “Joe” Kielty, DDS, 77, well-known resident of Towanda, PA passed away Friday, October 11, 2019 at his home. Joseph was born August 28, 1942 in Sayre, PA, the son of Dr. John T. Kielty and Margaret Verdier Kielty. He was a 1960 graduate of St. Agnes High School in Towanda and continued his education at Villanova University graduating from Temple University in 1967 where he received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery. On July 25, 1964, Joseph married the former Martha Coleman in Towanda. Dr. Kielty served his internship with the U.S. Army at Fort Dix, NJ and was subsequently stationed in Panama for three years having attained the rank of Captain. Following completion of his military service, Dr. Kielty returned to Towanda to open his dental practice serving the community for 45 years until retirement.

Joseph possessed great love and devotion for his family. He held genuine compassion and regard for those of lesser privilege and was a supporter of the Meals on Wheels program. Joseph enjoyed traveling extensively while stationed in Panama, college basketball especially Villanova basketball, photography, and was an avid gardener. He loved all animals. Dr. Kielty was a member of the American and Pennsylvania Dental Associations. Joseph will be greatly missed by his children, Kate Poulin, her husband Kevin and their children, Kiernan, Knox and Kielty of Norwell, MA, Bridget Kaufhold her husband Gerry and their children, Katie and Koen of Lancaster, PA, Patrick Kielty, his wife Katie and their daughters, Alice and Helen of Harrisburg, PA, Mary Raffin, her husband Karl and their son, Cash of Towanda, brothers, John Thomas Kielty Jr. of North Towanda, PA, Atty. Patrick F. Kielty of Harrisburg, PA, sister, Mary Catherine Phinney and husband Thomas of Blossburg, PA as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 51 years, Martha C. Kielty on September 21, 2015, and sister, Joanne Johnston in 2010. Abiding with Joseph’s request, a private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. The family suggests that contributions may be directed to Sophia’s Grace Foundation, 137u Northumberland Road, Coatesville, PA 19320, (www.sophiasgracefoundation.org), in memory of Dr. Joseph A. Kielty. The Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home of Towanda, PA is assisting the Kielty Family with arrangements.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ Joe and Martha were friends when we lived in Philadelphia while in dental school and lost touch over the years. But I vividly remember Joe as a tall gangly guy with a wide friendly smile who was happy and kind. He and Martha could be so funny together and always made us laugh. We all took a trip together to the beach and sat and played cards all day together in a stuffy motel room, it was hilarious. We also went with them to Towanda and spent time with their wonderful family. Bet Joe was the kind of person without ever an enemy in the world. I remember every one loved him to pieces.

Maria Francis - November 24, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ To Joe's family,
Thinking of you at this sad time. Your Dad was a great guy.

Terry Primrose - October 31, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ I've been at such a loss for words since learning of Joe's passing. I was blessed to have known him as a boss and friend. He was such a gentle, generous, kind man. May he rest in peace; my love and prayers are with you all for comfort and peace as well.
Becky Kerstetter

Becky Kerstetter - October 21, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ I cannot believe that Joe is gone. Although I have not seen him in quite some time, we did speak by telephone frequently. I have always considered him as close as one of my brothers since our time together in Panama. Joe and Martha were then our very best friends. Our kids loved Joe like a father and indeed spent as much time at Joe and Martha's as they did at our house. They called him "Joe-Boy" , a term a that he loved hearing.He allowed them to so surgery on him while playing Doctor, using one of his tennis shoes as an anesthetic mask and coating his head in vasoline which took days to wash out. Never complaining, he was then ready for more "surgery". We know Joe was "speed-driver". I had recently asked him to leave for Michigan in April so that he could be here by June.
We loved you Joe and Martha and will always miss you both.....Michael and Margaret Keefe

Michael & Margaret Keefe - October 17, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ To the Kielty family ... Was as saddened to hear about Joe's passing as I was when Martha passed. There are very few members of the North Main Street gang remaining. A memory I will not forget was riding in Doc Kielty's (Joe's father) car with Joe (and probably Pat and a couple others) on a hot Summer day. All the windows were rolled down and Joe's father chewed tobacco ... I was sitting in the seat behind Doc Kielty when he let a load fly. (Joe and the other kids in the car knew what to expect and always let someone else sit behind their Dad.)
Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Bruce MacDermott, Winchester, VA

Bruce MacDermott - October 17, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. It is a loss for everyone that knew him.He was loved by us all. Its very strange but i found a coin from panama, recently. Martha is there with him. Love to you all.

Samantha McAlmont - October 17, 2019 at 02:45 AM



“ Dr. Joe.... A light has gone out in our community. You were a special ray of sunshine, and will now rest blissfully ...forever with Martha... in the gardens of paradise. Rest peacefully Dear Joe...
~The Morningstar's
Val and John



Val - October 15, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ CCH Cardiac Surgery Team purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Dr. Joseph A. Kielty.



CCH Cardiac Surgery Team - October 14, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to all the Kielty family and the great loss you must be experiencing at this time. May your loving memories of him remain always in your heart. Rest in peace, Joe.

Mary Kay Ward, Monroeton, PA

Mary Kay Ward - October 14, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Katie, Patrick, Bridget and Mary,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing! He was a great dentist and man. He had a great sense of humor. Just want you to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I know all those grandchildren are really going to miss him. But now he is in heaven with your mom.
Nancy Shaffer

Nancy Shaffer - October 14, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Kielty Family. Dr. Kielty was great Dentist and a man. People used to laugh at me because I'd drive 1 hour each way to see him right up until his retirement. That's because he was that GOOD. He will be greatly missed...
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Bret Schrader Owego, NY



Bret Schrader - October 14, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a great and good man. He was so much like his Dad. He always cared about everyone else. He was the best Dentist ever. I miss him. Love Susie

Suzanne Sullivan - October 14, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. What a great and good man so much like his Dad. They don't make them like that anymore. He always cared about everyone else. He was the best Dentist ever. Love Susie Sullivan

Suzanne Sullivan - October 14, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He and you are in our prayers at this time. May God bless him. Fr. Ed Michelini - SSPP Parish

Fr. Ed Michelini - October 14, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all in your loss . Am so sorry . Joe was nicest guy ever.



Claire Holton-Lizon - October 14, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ I was shocked to read this in the paper! Prayers to all of you. I know he is up there now with Martha and hopefully taking a long walk. Joe was so kind, funny, great dentist and respected. Always loved to chat with him. I know he will be missed and I'm sure his wonderful memories will be cherished. RIP Joe!!
Sincerely
Mary Ann Douglas Wallace

Mary Ann Wallace - October 13, 2019 at 11:14 PM



“ So sorry for your loss of your dad he was the greatest guy I knew growing up and having him as my dentist was amazing he would always ask what I was up to and he would tell me you know you should know your a very lucky girl to have gotten the parents you did through adoption there the best two people I know. He made it fun to go to the dentist office and I loved seeing your mom and Nelly as his assistants

Michelle Bull - October 13, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ What a kind hearted and wonderful person ...he will b greatly missed!! Thoughts and prayers to all of you!!
Julie, John & Patrick Chapman

Julie Chapman - October 13, 2019 at 10:27 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - October 13, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ My heart aches with sorrow.....A chest pain for a Man I truly admired since I was a boy. Rest easy my friend....
Paul Moyer Jr.

Paul j Moyer Jr. - October 13, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ What a wonderful, friendly, professional, compassionate and very well liked individual. Sincere condolences to the entire family! He will be greatly missed!

Red Ingerick and Glenn and Betty Moore family

Betty Moore - October 13, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, what a great man. Pleasant and funny. Always funny. I'm glad I had a chance to tell him what a great dentist he was and that we missed him. Rest in Peace . from Karen and Clair Black, Dushore.

Karen Black - October 13, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Joe and I used to share rides to Villanova when we were undergraduates in the early 1960's I grew up in Sayre and we shared many experiences in those days. He was a great person and always thought about the other person. He will be missed. Tony Lampazzi

ANTHONY LAMPAZZI - October 13, 2019 at 10:09 AM