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It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. John Dumars. He suffered a tragic fall and passed peacefully surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and friends at Queen of the Valley Hospital on November 14, 2019.

John was born on June 17, 1938 in Woodland, CA to John Courtney and Clarabelle Amelia Dumars. At the age of 7, he moved to Ord Bend, CA and subsequently moved to Chico where he graduated from high school in 1956. He attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate and then matriculated at Loyola School of Dentistry where he graduated as valedictorian in 1963. He served in the Navy as a dentist assigned to the Marine Corps Camp Pendleton. After his service to our country, he fulfilled his lifelong career aspiration and attended the top ranked orthodontic residency at the University of Washington, Seattle.

John married the love of his life, Patricia Marie Jenkins of Chico, CA, in 1957 and had 4 children, Mark, Susan, Michael, and Ken. After completion of his schooling, in 1967, they moved to Napa, California where John began his orthodontic practice. He practiced in the city of Napa for 40 years before retiring in 2008. John was passionate about his career and volunteered as a clinical professor at UCSF where he taught and mentored residents, challenging them with the dynamics of orthodontics and was a proud inductee of the prestigious Edward H. Angle Society and Peninsula Orthodontic Research Group where he made numerous lifelong close friendships. John also served a term as president of the Napa Solano Dental Society, was a past Editor of the Journal of Orthodontics and was a member in numerous additional professional organizations. He belonged to several fraternal and service organizations including the Elks Club, and Napa Rotary. He served as president of the Justin-Siena Foundation and counted numerous friends in the Table 31, Dental Winetasters, and Napa Valley Winetasters.

John enjoyed traveling and loved fishing, especially saltwater fishing. He made annual trips to the east cape of Baja and also fished Alaska, Central and South America. He and Pat traveled extensively with trips to Europe, New Zealand, Australia and Asia. He was a lifelong and avid fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers.

John lived life to its fullest enjoying family, friends, travel, and career. He revered life as "such a joy," his only regret being that he "couldn't do it all over again." John was rarely angry at anything, save an overdone steak and regularly enjoyed the restaurants and wines of his beloved Napa Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia and their children, Mark of Napa, Susan (Hollis Huvar) of Dixon, Michael (Kimberly) of Modesto, and Ken of Napa. In addition, he is survived by his 5 grandchildren, Michael Courtney, Adele Marie, Renee Elizabeth, Justin Joseph, and Margaret Grace and multiple nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Clarabelle, and sister, Linda (Arthur) Smithson.

A rosary will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm. A mass of Christian burial will begin at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 21 at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church located at 3700 Lassen Street. A reception to celebrate John's life will follow at Napa Valley Country Club located at 3385 Hagen Road.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Justin-Siena High School.

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 20. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Mass

NOV 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church
3700 Lassen St
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 257-2555

Reception

NOV 21. 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Napa Valley Country Club
3385 Hagen Road
Napa, CA 94558

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *My grandpa would always tell me, "Well look who's here!" whenever I would go over to visit him in Napa. I miss him dearly, and hope that he rests well in Heaven with God.*

Meggie Huvar - Granddaughter

Margaret Huvar - March 21, 2024 at 12:44 PM

MH

“ *Miss you Grandpa!!*

Margaret Grace Dumars Huvar - May 12, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. John Charles Dumars*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dr. John Charles Dumars*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

JE

“ *Our sincere condolences in the sudden loss of John. As a classmate of John at the University of Washington Orthodontic Department year 1967, we enjoyed and cherished many memories.*

*The heart remembers most of what it has loved best.
May memories comfort you and bring you peace.*

*Jerry and Johanna Stoneking
Seminole, Florida*

Jerry - December 09, 2019 at 04:37 PM

PD

“ I was a classmate of John's in the orthodontic program at the University of Washington. We finished in March of 1967 and left to begin our careers. I in Washington and John in Napa, CA. We were friends who never lost contact and saw each other occasionally at meetings and lectures over the years. Always we had the ability to resume our friendship as if we had seen each other yesterday. We discovered a mutual passion for fishing and for Baja. We began making frequent trips together, not always to Baja, sometimes more exotic places. John was the idea guy, always searching for a different adventure. Not all of these were hugely successful, but we deeply enjoyed our time together no matter. We discussed our (similar) childhoods, philosophies of life, and orthodontics. Sometimes we talked about fishing, where we had been, where to go next. We traveled many miles together, chasing fish and the ultimate adventure. We had profound respect for our profession, and strove to emulate our respected mentor, Dr. Richard Reidel. I for one will miss John deeply. He was a quiet guy, but when he spoke it bore listening. He called me the day before he fell to give me a report on his last trip to Baja, a trip I was invited on but had a heart valve instead. We shared many bottles of wine and many great meals. I have always said if there are no steelhead (translated as fish) in heaven, I don't want to go there. I think John is waiting for me with a new place he wants to try. I'm getting closer.

Paul Dees - December 04, 2019 at 02:59 PM

LP

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of our dear Dr. Dumars passing. Our family of five, (Mom, Dad and 3 sons) all had braces at the same time. Our trips to his office were many but we were always greeted with warm smiles, encouragement and soft-spoken advice about our teeth and life in general. His office staff was always the best in care and friendliness. We once ran into him at an airport in Mexico. He had been on a fishing trip and it was so fun for the boys to see him out of the office and in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Yes, there was life outside of orthodonture! And now may he rest in peace with our Lord in Heaven. Our sincerest sympathies to your family. Lynn Pritchett and family

Lynn Pritchett - November 28, 2019 at 10:40 AM

AR

“ Very sorry to hear about Dr. Dumars passing. He was my Orthodontist. He was the nicest Orthodontist ever! He was Kind, thoughtful, soft-spoken, and always happy. He always had a smile on his face! His office was pleasant to walk into. Rest In Peace! Thank you for your kindness. Aurora Romero

Aurora Romero - November 25, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ We will always be grateful to Dr. Dumars for his kind and compassionate care. He was my daughter's orthodontist for many years. He helped her correct a serious jaw deformity and her bite, which made a positive impact on her life and well being. He will be missed.

Vickie Tharp - November 24, 2019 at 06:11 PM

JJ

“ Dear Pat and family. My sincere condolences. I was really saddened to hear of John's passing. I consider myself truly blessed to have known him and interacted with him over the years I spent in Napa. What an outstanding man and I know he will be truly missed. God Bless you and the family. Joe Moore, Jr.

joe moore jr. - November 21, 2019 at 01:41 PM

SP

“ The best boss ever! Sincerely, Sally Penir



Sally Penir - November 20, 2019 at 11:25 PM

MM

“ Pat, Susan, and Family. I will sure miss John. He had a great zest for life and I really enjoyed the time I spent with him at Rotary and the Napa Valley Winetasters. His passion for fishing was very strong. I truly enjoyed hearing about his fishing adventures.

Sincerely, Michael Murray

Michael Murray - November 20, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ I just happen to see this on my Napa Register daily updates. Dr. John looks like the sweetest guy and wanted to give you my condolences. I am so sorry for you loss

Linda Blake - November 20, 2019 at 04:43 PM

AK

“ Sending our condolences to your families. We are very sorry for your loss. Randy and Ardis Kamenicky and family

Ardis Kamenicky - November 19, 2019 at 10:51 PM

BM

“ Pat and family, So sorry to hear of John's passing. I am hugging you right now.

Bea Moskowitz

Bea Moskowitz - November 19, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. John Charles Dumars.



November 18, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John Charles Dumars.



November 18, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. John Charles Dumars.



November 18, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. John Charles Dumars.



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