



Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta

March 18, 1948 - January 14, 2021

Jerome Michael Oksiuta, resident of Franksville, age 72, "affectionately known as Dr. Jerry", passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021 in Sarasota, FL. Jerry was born on March 18, 1948 to Jerome and Margaret (nee: Bielmeier) Oksiuta in Milwaukee, WI.

He was united in marriage to Susanne Sheffield on September 25, 1976 in Oconomowoc, WI.

Jerry attended St. Catherine's in Racine, graduating in 1966; Dominican College in Racine, graduating in 1968; Marquette University, DDS, graduating in 1973; and Marquette University, Pedodontics, graduating in 1975. After graduation, Jerry was employed by Racine Dental Group as a pediatric Dentist up until 2013, practicing there for 37 years. He was also a professor at Marquette University School of Dentistry. Jerry was also a lifetime member of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and Healthcare Network Board Member from 2004 to 2010. During his retirement and free time Jerry enjoyed golfing, reading, traveling, and above all else, spending time with his family. Jerry will be dearly missed by his wife, Susanne; children, Jay (Tricia) Oksiuta, Lee Oksiuta, and Lauren (Rick) Rasor; sibling, Perry (Terri) Oksiuta; grandchildren, Eloise, William, Gregory, Coleman and Boden. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, colleagues, former patients and many, many dear friends. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Jerome and Margaret.

Jerry, commonly known as Dr. Jerry or "Paca" by his grandchildren, touched

the lives of everyone he met either personally or professionally. He always went out of his way to help others by serving those in need of dentistry in the community, telling a joke or buying someone a drink. His enormous heart, sense of humor, smile and generosity will be dearly missed. Aside from being with his family, Jerry passed away doing what he loved most- playing golf with friends. He took his last breath after taking his third stroke on the 18th hole while in the lead. We would like to think he finished his game with a "hey-hey" as loved ones cheered for him on the other side.

A private ceremony will be on February 13, 2021 at St. Rita's Catholic Church. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of these organizations in his memory: Healthcare Network of Racine, Marquette Cares Oral Health Fund or St. Catherine's High School.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta*



Sturino Funeral Home - February 13, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta*



Sturino Funeral Home - February 09, 2021 at 05:42 PM

SP

A wonderful tribute to a loving husband, father, grandfather & my dear friend.

See you on the other side Doc 🚶 🏠 ♂ 🍷 😊

Stan Postorino - February 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM

CM

“ For what ever reason, I woke up this morning wondering about Dr. Jerry. I worked at Racine Dental Group with him in the late 1980s and early 1990's. I was a receptionist in the Pediatric Dept. He took care of my children's dental needs and also did my braces as an adult. An amazing area who had so much respect throughout the community. We left the Racine area in July of 1990. I am so glad to read that he took his last breath doing something he loved to do. May he Rest in Peace!

Chris Marlborough - February 26, 2023 at 09:03 AM

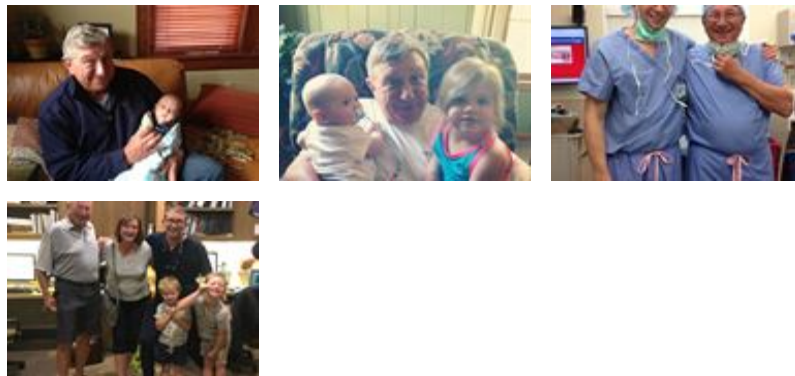
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“ I was fortunate enough to be one of Dr. Jerry's 1st patients. From the time I was old enough to see a pediatric dentist until a traumatic bicycle accident knocked out my four front adult teeth at the young age of 10. He was a voice of kindness and tenderness when a little girl was absolutely terrified. I will NEVER forget that! He knew my father from their playing ball days. I am so so sorry for the loss of this wonderful, gentle, amazing dentist & man. My condolences to the family. Sincerely, Leslie Thilleman (Gayhart)

Leslie Thilleman (Gayhart) - March 01, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - February 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM

SB

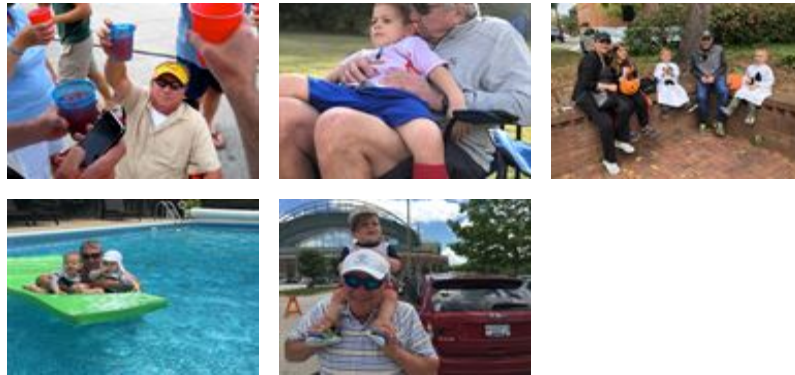
“ Our hearts go out to you Susie, your kids and grand kids--what a tremendous loss. Jerry was always so cheerful and friendly, he will be missed. May God's comfort and peace surround you as the weeks and months go by, on special dates and holidays and just when the waves of grief come upon you. So sad and sorry about this news.

~The Berces

Shari Berce - February 09, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ 136 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - February 05, 2021 at 02:44 PM

BG

“ Our sincere condolences and sympathies to the entire Oksiuta family for your loss.

Every time our two children (now adults) smile, it is a lasting testament to Dr. Jerry's expertise in Orthodontia. The everlasting memory of Dr. Jerry will be in the smiles of the countless numbers of children that he provided superior dentistry for over the many years of his practice.

Lisa observed examples of his kindness and thoughtfulness over the course of her career working at RDG for Dr.'s Richard Connell and Ric Palmer.

I saw his humor and competitiveness while playing basketball in the Hammes's league for many years. Having a beer with Jerry, hearing that laugh and seeing that genuine smile was enjoyable, and now, memorable.

Rest In Peace Dr. Jerry.

Bill and Lisa Greco - Punta Gorda, FL

Courtney Greco Lasky

Paul Greco

Bill and Lisa Greco - February 04, 2021 at 06:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta.



January 29, 2021 at 03:39 PM

BS

“ He will be missed our deepest condolences from the Sioutis family ..

Beverly Sioutis - January 28, 2021 at 10:22 AM

DB

“ *Dr. Jerry was our children's dentist growing up. He always made them feel comfortable and not afraid to go to the dentist. He had a special caring heart and will be forever remembered for this. Our sympathies to all of his family.*

Dorothy and Bill Bushell & Family

dorothy Bushell - January 27, 2021 at 12:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta.*



January 27, 2021 at 09:36 AM

AS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Oksiuta Family.
Dr. Jerry was the best - for our sons and for us!
Always a smile and positive words of encouragement.
Heaven gained an Angel.
Dave & Anna Marie Smetana*

Anna Marie Smetana - January 25, 2021 at 04:10 PM

LB

“ *Dr Jerry was so great with my daughters that I wanted him to be MY dentist! I had a friend whose child 's teeth were in a horrible state of decay at about 4 or 5 years old from drinking juice from a bottle at night. He took care of her teeth for free! What a generous and kind spirit. I loved teaching his children at McKinley!
Lissy Blandford*

lissy blandford - January 22, 2021 at 10:58 PM

RW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire Oksiuta Family.*

Jerry and I went way back He was one day older than me. We played fastpitch and slow pitch softball for decades, often travelling throughout the mid-west for tournaments. We had great fun and Jerry was always ready for a good time. We were also classmates at St. Cat's Class of '66 and our group of buddies still remain very close. We had fun...and NEVER got into any trouble!

I played some golf with Jerry over the years, but he got better...I didn't.

Above all, Jerry was devoted to his family and was always there to help them in any way. He and Susie have created a fabulous family and their children should always be proud of what Jerry has done.

I will miss "Dr. Jerry", "Jock", "Oksie". But I will also have so many wonderful memories to cling to. Thanks for leaving those to me, Jerry.

Ron Wolter

Ron Wolter - January 22, 2021 at 07:20 PM

JF

“ *All of Dr. Jerry's friends at Racine CC will miss him dearly. The reference to "hey-hey" in the obituary was classic! When you golfed with Jerry you knew two things - the round was gong to be played fast and you were going to laugh a lot. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. Jerry Franke*

Jerry Franke - January 22, 2021 at 02:21 PM

JC

“ Dr. Jerry was a wonderful pediatric dentist! It didn't matter if our children were going for a regular exam, braces, or a complicated procedure, they couldn't wait to see Dr. Jerry. Our sympathies to Sue and family.

Juanita and Armin Clobes

Juanita Clobes - January 22, 2021 at 02:08 PM

ND

“ My sympathies to Jerry's family. He served our dental community and Marquette for many years.

Nicolet DeRose

Fellow Pediatric Dentist

Nicolet DeRose - January 22, 2021 at 01:52 PM

RA

“ May Dr. Jerry rest in peace and may God grant comfort to the Oksiuta family. Dr. Jerry was indeed a wonderful person.

Matt and Rita Andis

Rita K Andis - January 22, 2021 at 01:46 PM

SL

“ Our boys loved Dr. Jerry as their dentist. We will always remember the fastpitch days where we first met Jerry. Our heart felt condolences to the family. Keep the happiest memories in your hearts.

Sandra and Eugene Iepisto - January 22, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Sue and family, So sorry for your loss. Great guy. Always made me laugh.

Dave and Ann Henry

Dave Henry - January 22, 2021 at 01:20 PM

JC

“ Susie and family, the news of Jerry’s passing is so difficult to believe and deal with. Please know Jerry and all of you are in our prayers and thoughts and will always be.

As for all, times like this bring so much reflection and generate so many fond memories. For you as wife, sons and daughters, brother and sister-in-law, grandchildren, and old, old friends, may I share my memories and hopefully bring some consolation to your aching hearts.

God made only one mold of him. He was so many things to so many different people. He definitely enjoyed being around family and friends, sharing his smile and laughter with everyone, and never passing up a good time, yet more importantly he cared. He cared for and loved you, his family, he cared for his parents, he cared for all the “kids” he took care of over his career, he cared for his alma maters, i.e., Saint Catherine’s and Marquette and the caring goes on.

Through time you get to see all this and through time you acquire so many memories. From the fun in his parents home above the “bike” shop on Main Street, the memories from high school, the “rallies” at Windpoint, the pig roast at Bonners Lake, the “going away” party, your wedding in Oconomowoc, Jerry being the great dentist for our sons, and so many, many more. May these and your own memories lift and carry all of you through this difficult time. Susie and family please know Jerry and you are In our prayers....

John and Judy Charnon

John Charnon - January 22, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JK

“ It was impossible to talk to or golf with Dr. Jerry, and not enjoy yourself. What a great man with a contagious laugh, and he will surely be missed. My thoughts are with his family, and friends.

John K Knuteson - January 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM

TS

“ Wishing you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Our deepest sympathy to Sue, Lauren, and the rest of your family. Tim, Tonya, Regan, & Tieran Sullivan

Tonya Sullivan - January 22, 2021 at 07:55 AM

SG

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Dr. Jerry was the best. He always made our kids feel special when they would visit him. He helped us with a couple of dental emergencies which we will always be truly grateful for. He was incredibly kind and caring. Now our children have their own children, and they all said that they hope they can find a dentist like Dr. Jerry for their kids. God bless you Dr. Jerry. You made a big difference in so many lives.

Sue and Chris Gorman - January 22, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ Dr. Jerry was my favorite dentist ever. No other dentist ever made me excited or happy to go to the dentist. He will be missed so much by so many people.

Austin Vick-Baker - January 22, 2021 at 12:32 AM

CS

“ I was so sad to hear of Dr. Jerry’s passing! He was my dentist when I was little and also my oldest daughters first dentist. She now see Dr. Jay! He was always so gentle and kind and will be deeply missed.

Carla Stirle - January 21, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerome "Dr. Jerry" Michael Oksiuta.



January 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM

NK

“ Sue, We are so sorry for your loss. I know you and Jerry were sidekicks and this leaves a huge void for you and your family.
Nancy & Gene Kaydo

Nancy Kaydo - January 21, 2021 at 03:24 PM

EL

Our boys loved Dr. Jerry. We will always remember the fastpitch days where we first met Jerry. Our sincere condolences to the family. Keep the best memories in your hearts.

Eugene and Sandra Lepisto - January 22, 2021 at 01:09 PM

NR

“ my deepest sympathy to the family, all my children went to Dr. Jerry we all loved him and he was so good at what he did. R.I.P. Dr. Jerry



Nancy Renpaul - January 21, 2021 at 01:31 PM

ET

“ I knew Jerry for over 40 years as a friend, mentor and colleague. Hr was always ready with a good story, a big smile, and a kringle when he came up to teach at Marquette! A great loss...Safe journeys Jerry!

Ed Trochlell

ed trochlell - January 21, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LL

“ So sorry to hear of this great loss. Our journey started as neighbors when I was a teen and babysat for the family. Years later I started working at Racine Dental group and later I had the opportunity to work for this wonderful man. He will be sadly missed. He was a wonderful boss, friend and children's dentist. One in a million he was.

With deepest sympathy

Lisa A. Loew (Krage)

Lisa Loew - January 21, 2021 at 10:40 AM

LJ

“ I can't believe he's gone my prayers go out to Sue and family . ,he was a one of a kind.he will be missed.please call on me Sue if you need anything.

Lennie juliano - January 21, 2021 at 08:14 AM

KS

“ Jerry was a great friend of my husband John Smith. He also was our children's forever dentist/orthodontist. Above all he was a very kind man and was truly loved by all. He will be missed. Kelly Smith

Kelly Smith - January 20, 2021 at 11:27 PM

LS

“ Dr Jerry came in after hours on a Friday night to take care of our 2yr old son when he fell on a Tonka truck and knocked his front tooth out. My husband had just switched jobs and we had a break of a month in dental insurance..of course it had to happen then! He not only came in on his own time but only charged us \$25 or \$50. Just goes to show the great man he was. Rest in peace and condolences to his family.

Lisa Sorenson - January 20, 2021 at 07:06 PM

MC

“ Dr. Jerry was my dentist and orthodontist. He was such a great guy! He will be greatly missed! My condolences to the family.

Melissa Caira - January 20, 2021 at 06:25 PM

KH

“ *How lucky were the Connell girls to move in down the street from the Oksiutas?! I have the fondest memories of swimming in the pool, selling lemonade on the golf course, and even of getting my teeth cleaned! Going to Dr. Jerry's house or dentist's office was always a fun time. I think he connected so well with all us kids because he was always a kid at heart himself. I am thinking of you all during this difficult time and can't wait to see you soon on Brook Rd. for a nice, big (post-COVID) hug. xoxo Katie*

Katie Heaps - January 20, 2021 at 03:52 PM