



## Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.

January 11, 1930 - July 28, 2017

Marc Barrera, passed away on July 28, 2017 due to complication following heart surgery.

He was born and raised in a rural area near Sogamoso, Colombia, South America and was the son of Pablo Barrera Castilla and Tulia Perez Alvarado. Marc was home schooled by two aunts and entered a school in Sogamoso in the 9th grade where he graduated with top honors.

He was impressed with the American way of life when viewing American movies and decided to emigrate. He went to Miami to the Emory Riddle School of Aviation. An American family invited him to live with them and helped him apply for a permanent visa which he was granted. Upon returning to the States, he was immediately drafted into the Air Force during the Korean War serving five and a half years.

He attended FSU, graduated in 1961 and married his sweetheart, Lynn McManama. They moved to Baltimore, Maryland where Marc graduated from the College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, winning awards for Crown and Bridge and Endodontics. He also served as an intern in Oral Surgery at University Hospital. He set up his practice in Tallahassee and worked until July, 2017.

Marc was a kind, gentle man – always caring for his family, friends and patients. He was a wonderful husband and father, who guided with patience, wisdom and love. He was a gardener, lover of sports, and enjoyed his profession.

Predeceasing him in death were his parents, a sister and a baby brother. Surviving him are his loving wife, Lynn; a son, Jeff Barrera and daughter Susan Barrera. His grandchildren are Bella and Gabby Barrera, and Susan's son, Evan Ivey. Also a brother, Jorge Enrique of Bogata, Colombia and niece, Maria Hagen.

A funeral mass will be held for Marc 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 624 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Goodwood Museum 1600 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308 or the charity of your choice.

Rocky Bevis and Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home are assisting the family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
624 Miccosukee Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Reception

AUG 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
624 Miccosukee Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall



“ Just found out about Dr. Barrera's passing. My prayers go out to his family and friends he left behind. My parents and sister both used Dr. Barrera for years and years. They would always say how he was one of the best dentists in Tallahassee. He was very kind to my parents and when my daddy passed after a long illness he even came to see the family at the funeral home. Dr. Barrera was a very sweet man! And I too remember like so many others the stories of his whistle while he worked. Thank God for such wonderful people and professionals who care so deeply for their patients.  
Cindy Dalrymple Shannon

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**Cindy Shannon** - January 26, 2018 at 04:17 PM

“ Dr. Barrera, oh how it sadden me to hear this today. Called your office and asked for Cathy and the person said she's not here then I asked for Sparky and they said she wasn't there either. Then proceeded to tell me that Dr. Barrera had passed. Such a good hearted man. I'll never forget the whistling every time I went into his office. Never a dull moment. RIP Dr. Barrera. We Love you but God Loves you best.

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**Renee Legree** - December 18, 2017 at 03:24 PM

AK

“ I just learned today of Dr. Barrera's passing. Due to an address label error, I did not receive a letter from his office and therefore did not know of his funeral back in August. I had moved from Tallahassee to Fernandina Beach in 2007, but would return to Tallahassee every six months for my regular cleaning and for any other dental work that I needed. Changing to a new dentist was never an option for me, as I have been a patient of Dr. Barrera's since 1970 and thought the world of him. I feel just devastated to learn of his death, and wish I could have been at his funeral with other patients who felt as strongly as I did. He was an amazing person and I always enjoyed chatting with him about tennis and gardening and just life in general. Lynn, I hope you do see this and know how sad I feel for you and family. I hope you will know how much I will miss him.

*Ann Kemp*

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**Ann Kemp** - September 27, 2017 at 03:22 PM

BW

“ I first met Dr. Barrera in 2011. He was the dentist to some dear friends of mine of 42 years, Clarence and Lois Cantrell, both now deceased. After Clarence passed in 2010, I would drive Lois to see Dr. Barrera, until she passed in 2012. By then, I had established myself, and my mother, as Dr. Barrera's patients. Dr. Barrera was kind to both of us, and knowing that my mom and I were of limited funds on Social Security, and without dental insurance, he let us establish a joint account where I could pay along monthly as I could. Not many dentists are that thoughtful and understanding. However, he was a wonderful dentist, filled with compassion and empathy for his fellow man. His smile and personal demeanor put you automatically at ease, and no matter the procedure, he saw to it that you felt no pain. I just heard of his passing on August 31, so I did not make the memorial service. It was shocking to hear of his passing. My condolences go out to his wife, and family. I'm so sorry! He was a wonderful man. He will be missed!

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**Bonnie Wakeman** - September 01, 2017 at 12:10 PM

EL

“ Mis condolencias deseando que la paz del Dios de todo consuelo esté con la familia en este difícil momento. Juan 5:28,29

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**Ellie** - August 29, 2017 at 08:53 AM

KB

“ Like so many others who have posted tributes here, we too had been very long-time patients of Dr. Barrera’s—in our case 45 years. And, as he did for so many others, there were times of crisis when he was unhesitatingly there for us outside of normal office hours. A very skilled and extraordinarily selfless professional whose concern for the welfare of his patients was not limited to their dental health, he well deserved his large and deeply dedicated following. The shocking news of his passing was followed by a great sadness. It’s still difficult to believe he’s gone, but we are very thankful for having had not only the benefit of his expertise and his compassion, but also the pleasure of knowing this good man, for all these years. We offer our most sincere condolences to Lynn and the family, and to his office staff. He was a very special person who will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

*Ken Kranz & Susan Barnes*

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**Ken Kranz & Susan Barnes** - August 06, 2017 at 05:00 PM

DL

“ I have been a patient of Dr. Barrera for over 40 years. He took care of my children's teeth growing up, and my mother when she had Alzheimers, which was difficult to do. Our prayers are with the family for their loss. He was a good man.

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**Darlene Long** - August 05, 2017 at 04:18 PM

LS

“ *Dr. Barrera was a super dentist and a good man! He treated me more than 40 years ago. When other dentists saw his work, they marveled at the quality of it and always commented on it. Dr. Barrera continued to treat several family members over the years and will be missed by them.*

*Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and the great office staff. We hope you find comfort in knowing his patients loved him, not just because of all the pain and discomfort he prevented but for his caring attitude and careful attention to their needs.*

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**Larry Surles** - August 04, 2017 at 10:17 PM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathies to Lynn and the Barrera family. I've been a patient of Dr. Barrera for 44 years--my adult life. He cared for my daughter her whole life. He was the kindest, gentlest man and we all loved him. More than once he met me at his office on a weekend instead of having me wait until regular business hours. But in addition to his dedication to his practice and patients, he was just a phenomenal person and friend. We will all miss him dearly.*

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**Diane Cuccio** - August 04, 2017 at 02:45 PM

DG

“ *Dr. Barrera was what you call "a good family dentist." His patients were his friends, not just patients. He had time for people. He took pride in his work. He once told me how he worked and never called in sick. I was so amazed at his dedication. He will be missed. I say to the family, he is a legend.*

*Love the Griffins*

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**Darred & Mary Griffin** - August 04, 2017 at 12:56 PM

TF

“ *The Antworth Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S..*



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**The Antworth Family** - August 04, 2017 at 10:54 AM

SH

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Dr. Barrera. In my opinion he was the Best dentist around. My children and I adored him. He was always kind and happy and made you feel so comfortable. I will never forget him and all the wonderful things he has done. He will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Sheila Doll & family*

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**sheila** - August 04, 2017 at 07:54 AM

HE

“ There truly are not adequate words to express the sadness I and my family feel over the loss of one of the nicest men I have ever known. He was not only my dentist for over 40 years, he was a wonderful friend....a true gentleman in every way. He was the ultimate professional ! With every visit, Marc made you feel you were the most important patient in his practice. He never failed to ask how things were going in my life and how each of my family members was doing. I knew we could always count on Marc to be available in case of a dental emergency.....even on a New Years Day when my son broke his two front teeth . Marc spent hours caring for him and capping his teeth when I am sure he would have much rather been home watching the New Years Day bowl games! You made this world a better place and set the bar for dentists in our community! You will be greatly missed, but those of us who knew you know that we have a special angel watching over us....and yes, whistling while you do it! Thanks for being the special person you were to so many. Love you, Marc, and special love to Lynn, Jeff, Susan and the grandkids.

*Helen Ervin*

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**Helen Ervin** - August 03, 2017 at 01:52 PM

LS

“ Dr. Barrera was my dentist for almost 50 years. My first visit with him was when I was only 12 years old. I was in his office just two weeks ago. He would always tease with me about my low tolerance for pain. My heart is heavy with sadness at the loss of my beloved dentist. I will miss you Doctor Barrera. Praying for your family and your wonderful staff.

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**Linda Kay Smith** - August 02, 2017 at 03:34 PM

LP

“ I am shocked and saddened by this news. I have been a patient of Dr. Barrera's for over 30 years (despite leaving Tallahassee almost 15 years ago). I will miss him very much. My deepest condolences to his personal family and his office family. - Leslie Powell

Leslie Powell - August 02, 2017 at 11:09 AM

SH

“ Jonas and Sherry

Sherry Harrell - August 02, 2017 at 08:58 AM

VW

“ Lynn and family and office family-I am so saddened to hear this awful news and my heart goes out to you. Dr. Barrera took wonderful care of our family for nearly 40 years. He was such a kind and gentle man-always asking after the family. He will be missed. Heaven has a special angel. Vicki Weber

Vicki Weber - August 02, 2017 at 07:56 AM

DP

My wife (Vicki Weber), daughter and I have been patients of Dr. Barrera for nearly 40 years and always looked forward to our visits with him. In addition to being the consummate professional, he was an friendly and kind man. He always asked me about "your girls." What a terrible loss for everyone, but especially everyone in his home family and office family. RIP, Dr. Barrera. David Powell

David L. Powell - August 02, 2017 at 08:02 AM

SM

“ Lynn and Family,

*In the late 1970's Dr. Ed Thomas, a local Orthodontist, told us about Dr. Marc Barrera--right up the street. Since then my husband has called me numerous times so he could recommend Dr. Barrera to someone having a dental situation. Back then the Doctor's name would escape him but he always knew that was who he would recommend. After a few times, I knew the telephone number as well as the name for these referrals.*

*We appreciate you sharing him with many from this area. Yes, we know he loved what he did professionally, but he went over and beyond that. When our parents passed in 2003, he was there for us. In 2014, when our sister passed, he was there. His warm, caring character meant volumes to our family, many of whom continued to see him through the years.*

*Thank you for sharing his life with us. Of course, he never bragged about any of the accomplishments he attained. He was a "good and faithful servant"--a mentor to all.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you,  
DeVoe, Shirley McEwan Moore and Family*

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**Shirley McEwan Moore** - August 02, 2017 at 06:20 AM

RH

“ Rachel Harris lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



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**Rachel Harris** - August 01, 2017 at 08:52 PM

Denise Gould

“ Denise Gould lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



Denise Gould - August 01, 2017 at 08:05 PM

LG

“ Lori Grey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



Lori Grey - August 01, 2017 at 06:41 PM

LG

*There are no words to express the loss we are feeling. I've worked for Dr Barrera for almost 19 years. He taught me a lot of new and exciting things about Dentistry. His love for the patients and the concern of their care was very important to him. He loved talking to each patient about their families and how life was treating them. I know Heaven has one Beautiful Angel that will surely be missed on earth but I know he will be watching over all of us. Lynn, Jeff and Susan all my love to you.*

Lori Grey - August 01, 2017 at 06:50 PM

TM

“ I just found out about it and it's hitting me pretty hard. He took care of my mother and me for many years. Thirty plus off and on for me and more for my mom. I can only imagine how devastated the family and staff are. He was one of the constants in my life, year in and year out. God bless you doc :o(

Thomas Munroe - August 01, 2017 at 04:40 PM

MP

“ A special memory I have of Marcos is the year we return to Tallahassee from overseas to visit my mother during the Christmas vacation. On Christmas Eve, I had a dental emergency. Marcos met me at his office on Christmas morning to handle my problem. He gave me my first root canal in 1968. He was a good and devoted friend who will be severely missed.  
*Monte and Princess Palmer*

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**Monte and Princess Palmer** - August 01, 2017 at 02:59 PM

DH

“ Lynn, Elaine, Evan and I offer our deepest condolences for your loss. We all loved Dr. B with all of our hearts. Thinking of you, Dan Hebenthal

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**Dan Hebenthal** - August 01, 2017 at 11:51 AM

NR

“ NADINE RENN lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



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**NADINE RENN** - August 01, 2017 at 10:20 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr Barrera's passing , he was such a presence in Tallahassee, I loved running into him at Dental meetings , he was the only spanish speaking dentist in town for many years and I loved talking to him!! He will be missed by many . My condolences to his family . Elizabeth Holm

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**Elizabeth Holm** - August 01, 2017 at 09:10 AM

RB

“ Lynn!

*To you, your family and staff, please accept our deepest condolences. Marc was our Doctor for 40 years, he will forever be mist and never forgotten.*

*He was born to be what he was. He was kind & compassionate, but most of all, a Doctor that cared about his patients, sending the message "I will take good care of you".*

*There is no other way to express our true feelings, than to say "We love you, RIP Marc!"*

*Ray & Tami Boetch*

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**Ray & Tami Boetch** - August 01, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JS

“ Judy Stephens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



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**Judy Stephens** - August 01, 2017 at 07:21 AM

RW

“ Rick and I have so many wonderful fun memories

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**Rick and Sheryl T. Wood** - July 31, 2017 at 09:46 PM

GH

“ *Gretna Hightower lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.*



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**Gretna Hightower** - July 31, 2017 at 09:15 PM

GH

*I worked for Dr.Barrera for many years. I truly enjoyed working for him. He was a wonderful dentist, person and boss. I will miss you Dr. Barrera♥♥ Love to Lynn, Jeff and Susan.*

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**Gretna Hightower** - July 31, 2017 at 09:19 PM

GC

“ *Shortly after graduating from college I went to work for Dr. Barrera, little did I know I would be cleaning teeth for his practice for twenty six years. We shared a few tears and a lot more laughter. I have never worked for a more dedicated dentist to his patients and staff.Those memories to this day still keeps me laughing. Peace, love, and prayers to Lynn, Jeff, Susan and the extended Barrera family. How fortunate to be touched by such a kind individual. Gail Coggins*

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**Gail Coggins** - July 31, 2017 at 07:50 PM

JE

“ Dr. Barrera has been our family dentist since 1974. I needed a root canal on a Saturday. Doc was laying asphalt that day at his office parking lot. He took a break, washed his hands and performed a perfect root canal. I was impressed. His trademark was to whistle while he worked. Many years ago our daughter April who was 12 then had been hit in the mouth with a baseball. It pushed her front teeth in. When I arrived at his office my wife, daughter and Doc were in tears. He said he could fix it and he did. We share our love and appreciation to Doc's family and staff. We will miss that whistle.  
*Jim and Betty Jo Ely*

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**jim ely** - July 31, 2017 at 07:27 PM

BS

“ Our condolences to Dr. Barrera's family, friends, and staff. Bob and I always enjoyed chatting with everyone when we went in for dental work over the last 30 plus years. He will certainly be missed.

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**Brenda & Bob Scott** - July 31, 2017 at 06:30 PM

ST

“ Marc was such a caring dentist and individual. Visiting his office was like visiting family. Our sincere condolences and heartfelt love go out to Lynn, their family, and wonderful office staff. We will miss seeing him at FSU basketball games, too.  
*Fred and Susan Thurmond*

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**Susan Thurmond** - July 31, 2017 at 06:11 PM

JS

“ Dr Barrera was a fine and gracious gentleman, fully professional and expert in his practice. A trip to his office was like a visit with family. He has been our dentist for 45 years! Love to Lynn, his staff and children. We will miss him.

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**janet Stephens** - July 31, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ We moved to Tallahassee in 1971 and started using Dr. Barrera in 1972. He was the family dentist for us and our three children. We moved to Clermont in 2000 and spent nine years there and drove back for dental care from Dr. Barrera. He was always a kind and gentle person whose skill could not be matched. We loved him as a person and treasured his care for all of us. He will be missed, but remembered with warmth and love. Take care Lynn and family and staff of the practice.

*Judy and Terry Denham*

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**Edward Denham** - July 31, 2017 at 03:38 PM

TM

“ Doctor Barrera has been our dentist and friend for nearly 35 years. Whenever we had a dental problem, even on the weekend or after office hours, Doctor Barrera would return to the office and graciously take care of it. He is the best dentist we ever had and was an even better human being. We'll never forget him. Our condolences to Lynn and the family for their loss.

*Terry and Jan McElroy*

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**Terry McElroy** - July 31, 2017 at 02:06 PM

LL

“ Dr Barrera was the best dentist ever and was our family dentist for a lot of years. He will be missed as a dentist and as a friend. Our prayers and condolences to Lynn and the family. Lena Langston and family.

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**Lena Langston** - July 31, 2017 at 02:04 PM

DU

“ Debra And Tom Udell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Marcos H. "Marc" Barrera D.D.S.



Debra and Tom Udell - July 31, 2017 at 12:50 PM

DU

*This world was a better place when Dr. Barrera was in it. He has been in my life since I was a young teen. My dentist, my boss, and my friend. I still hear his words of wisdom. He will be missed by so many!! Love you Dr. Barrera!*

Debra and Tom Udell - July 31, 2017 at 12:59 PM

CF

“ Dr. Barrera has been our dentist almost as long as he has been in Tallahassee. Through these years he met us at least twice on Saturday for our boys and Levita . I enjoyed talking about his garden, winter and summer. We will miss him. Our condolences to Lynn and the family. Charles and Levita Faircloth

Charles Faircloth - July 31, 2017 at 11:18 AM

SL

“ It feels like a death in the family. I am stunned. Dr. Barrera has been my dentist for 30 years! He dealt with my anxieties as well as my teeth professionally and kindly, too. He was such a gentleman. I just learned the news today and am in tears. My condolences to Lynn and his family and to the wonderfully caring and kind office staff.

Susannah Lyle

Susannah Lyle - July 31, 2017 at 10:59 AM

DC

“ Dr. Barrera cared for our dental needs for the 16 years we have lived in Tallahassee. He was very talented, kind and caring. Truly professional . He performed root canals and crowns for me and my wife over the years. We have never had a better dentist and we loved the atmosphere in his office.  
He and his team have been outstanding and treated us with love and respect.. We will greatly miss them all.  
Our prayers are with Ms Barrera.

*David and Joan Custis*

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**David and Joan Custis** - July 31, 2017 at 10:08 AM

KN

“ My dentist and friend for 40 years. When any family member had a crisis even over the weekend he would meet us at his office and come to the rescue. He was kind and gentle and truly cared about what was going on in your life. The last time I was there I had the privilege of sitting down with him for a few minutes in the waiting room and sharing his life story because I was the last patient of the day. Oh how we will all miss him. Rest well my friend.

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**Kathy Norman** - July 31, 2017 at 07:29 AM

HP

“ Dr Barrera was a fine and gracious gentleman, fully professional and expert in his practice. A trip to his office was like a visit with family. My wife and I were so fortunate to have known him and his colleagues. He made Tallahassee a better place to live in.

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**Howard Pardue** - July 31, 2017 at 05:41 AM

MR

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for Dr. Barrera's family during this time of mourning. He was such a kind and caring gentleman and he will truly be missed. God bless.

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**Michelle Robleto** - July 31, 2017 at 05:02 AM

  
Suzanne  
Camp

“ We are all so saddened to hear that Dr. Barrera's life here on earth has ended. I always remember him as my dentist dressed in his white dentist uniform, often whistling while he worked on my teeth. He was always happy to see us, and asked about my kids when they were not there with me. I recall that on two occasions over the past 10+ years, he came into the office to help when I had a dental emergency. Once, I had a tooth abscess and my face was swollen up to my eye. He came in on a Saturday to do some oral surgery and put in a drain and didn't even charge me for the visit. He was such a kind, loving gentleman. It was also interesting to know that someone in his family went to Huntingdon College, where I attended my first two years. I admired him for being a military veteran, and for working in the field that he loved for so long. I asked him recently if he ever planned to retire. His response was "what would I do? Just sit at home and mow the lawn once a week?" He loved what he did, and we, his patients, loved him. We will all truly miss him. It was a blessing to know him. Suzanne, Bryan, Casey and Brianne Camp

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**Suzanne Camp** - July 30, 2017 at 08:30 PM