



Jed Ida

January 17, 1959 - June 14, 2020

It is with the utmost sadness that the family of Jed Ida announces his passing on June 14, 2020 at the age of 61. He left this world peacefully and surrounded by those he loved most.

Jed was born on January 17, 1959 to the late Anne O'Connor Ida and John Ida in Albany, NY. He attended Vincentian Institute in Albany and graduated with honors from Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, NY in 1977. He was a double alumnus of Tufts University where he graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1981 and as a DMD in 1985. Jed and his lifelong partner, Margaret moved to Saratoga Springs, NY shortly after his graduation and built a beautiful life with their daughters there.

He practiced dentistry in Clifton Park for many years before becoming the proud owner of his own dental practice in Lake George, NY. He served as a general and cosmetic dentist for 30 years before retiring to Sarasota, FL in 2015. He found great fulfillment in providing his patients with the best dental care while forming lasting relationships with them.

Jed brought his zest for living into everything he did. He lived a life of incredible fun and enjoyed every moment. He was a lifelong Los Angeles sports fan and was a southern California guy at heart. He loved watching and attending both college and professional sports and could be counted on to always be the most animated fan. He was an avid golfer and played for many years in leagues in Saratoga Springs, NY and Sarasota, FL. He loved to ski, bike ride, exercise at the gym, and spend time with his family and friends. He was a fan of the arts and enjoyed all different kinds of music. On Thursday nights in the summer, he could often be found watching fireworks from his boat on Lake George. Being in or near the water brought him great happiness.

He served as the President of the Fourth District Dental Society of NY, became a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD) as well as was a member of the American College of Dentistry. He volunteered for many years as a Lake George Rotarian and was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Elks Club.

He lit up every space he entered and made everyone around him feel special and seen. He met every obstacle he faced with grace, a positive outlook, and tremendous courage. We miss his smile, laughter, endless jokes and everything about him. We loved him fiercely and he will forever live on in us.

Jed was predeceased by his beloved mother Anne whose values shaped the kind and generous person that he was. He was also predeceased by his daughter Jasmine, Godmother Dottie Smith, and many other special relatives.

Left to carry on his legacy is his wife of 38 years, Margaret of Sarasota, and their daughters Stefanie and Julia of Tampa; grandson Oliver; father John of Clifton Park; brother Robert (Mary Ann) of NH and many cherished extended family members and friends.

Celebrations of life for Jed will be held at later dates in both Sarasota and NY. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made in his name to charities that Jed held dear to his heart: Feeding America (feedingamerica.org), or the Humane Society of Tampa Bay (humanesocietytampa.org). Remembrances can be left at <http://www.toalebrothers.com>.

Comments



“ Dear Margaret and girls. I was very saddened to learn of Jed's passing last month. I was speaking with some of my Tufts buddies (Eric Leafquist and Jim McDermott, Tufts Mech E students with Jed) last week and they let me know. I had emailed with Jed early this year and he did not let on about his status. I had also spoken and emailed with Jed last summer extensively about his botched pacemaker replacement, and put him in touch with a malpractice lawyer. I understood the mishap had sadly prevented his participation in a new treatment, as well as your long planned family vacation to Europe last summer.

Jed was one of the kindest and sweetest souls I had every had the good fortune to know in my life, and his far too soon passing was very distressing for me, particularly in these strange times we are living in! Jed's courage and perserverance during his long fight with his illness was remarkable and awe inspiring. Despite his premature passing, I am sure that you will find solace and strength in the knowledge that he touched so many people so deeply like me, in a remarkable way, and truly had a real and lasting impact on our lives--that is his true legacy, even beyond the beautiful family he and Margaret raised and nurtured. When I hear the saying only the good die young, Jed immediately comes to my mind.

I know my words cannot even begin to assuage the pain his loss has caused you, but I wanted to share with you my own profound sadness, the same sadness that you are no doubt enduring infinitely more than me, with the hope that my testament to his goodness and deep effect on others like me will lighten your pain, if only for a minute or two!

With my deepest condolences,

Ed Flaherty, A'81
Geneva, Switzerland

Edward Flaherty - July 11, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ We were so sad to hear of Dr. Ida's passing. He was our dentist from the time he bought the practice in Lake George. He was such a pleasant, positive, and gentle soul and a great dentist. We loved chatting with him and sharing stories during our visits. Our thoughts and prayers to Margaret and your family. Dr. Ida will be missed and we send sympathies, light, and heartfelt thoughts in this time and always. Warm regards, Heather and Jason Brechko



Heather & Jason Brechko - July 02, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Ida's passing. He was our family dentist for many years at Lake George and was a kind and gentle man. We send our condolences to Margaret and his daughters who he always spoke so fondly of. We will always remember him fondly. Karen & Paul Knox

Karen Knox - June 29, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jed Ida.



June 28, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ So sorry to hear of "Dr. Ida's" passing. He was my dentist in Lk George for a short time and truly made me feel comfortable during my visits. Dr. Ida was very kind and had such a positive attitude. He'll be missed.

Lynn Stevens - June 27, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ Dear John & Margaret,
I was shocked to hear of Jed's death. You all have my deepest sympathy.
Know that I am thinking about Jed & all of you during this difficult time
Gene Dailey

Gene Dailey - June 27, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Margaret, Stefanie, & Julia,

It is with tremendous sadness to hear of Dr. Ida's death. I worked in the same practice he was in in Clifton Park, NY. He was exactly like his obituary stated, he loved life and lived it fully, but most of all he loved his family. Please keep him alive in your hearts and memories, RIP Jed. Maribeth Verdile-Cook

Maribeth Verdile-Cook - June 26, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Dear Margaret and Daughters,

Glenn and I are deeply saddened to hear of Doctor Ida's passing. Doctor Ida was our favorite dentist. We were sorry to see him leave his Lake George practice a few years ago. We were always impressed by how he made us feel comfortable by his dynamic personality and by explaining every step during a dental procedure.

We send you our love and our heartfelt sympathies.

Glenn Gentry and Mary Stamos
Queensbury, NY

Mary Stamos - June 25, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ I am so deeply sorry. Jed was a great addition to our art group. He really did always have a smile on his face and a kind word to share. You all are in my thoughts, and I am glad to see you have such a loving group of people who dearly loved Jed.
Kristina Skepton

Kristina - June 25, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ I was so shocked to hear this news. John as he was known in elementary school was my best friend and taught me how to play chess in the 4th grade. We stayed close though Junior High and went on many backpacking trips in the ADKs. I remember John seemed to know every stat on every player and every sport. He was clearly the guy that could bring a smile to every face. I am so sorry for your loss - and all of ours too.

Mark MacElroy - June 24, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Our deepest condolences from the Lawrences to Margaret and the entire Ida family. Jed was a great person and wonderful dentist, having lovingly cared for my mothers teeth for many years. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith Lawrence - June 24, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Jed had a lust for life and an amazing ability to find adventure in the simplest of things.
He was a dear friend with whom we shared deep thoughts and feelings. He leaves us with a strength that will help us deal with the overwhelming pain of losing him. Jed, you will always remain a very important part of our lives.

Sherry and Matt W.

sherry and matt warshauer - June 24, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ I was so very sorry to read about Doctor Ida's passing. I was one of his patients in his Lake George practice. John's handshake is legendary in our family but more than that he was an amazing dentist that instilled care and comfort. I feel very blessed to have known him and to have been in his care. My deepest condolences.

Susan Nichols - June 24, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Margaret and family I am so saddened to hear of John’s passing and I wish you all peace. John filled the room with great energy and was the kind of person we all try to be, loyal, generous and kind to mention only a few. John will be missed by all of his colleagues.

On a lighter note, I remember the day we met in Clifton Park and he shook my hand. He had such a grip my hand hurt for a week!

May he Rest In Peace...

Jim Condry - June 23, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Our hearts are heavy hearing the news of John’s passing, he was a beautiful person inside and out. David and I will miss seeing him at the high school reunions. He had a way of making you feel special. God bless him and his entire family. Love, David and Susan Rohrwasser

Susan and David Rohrwasser - June 23, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Margaret, It is with sadness that I learned of Jed’s passing. I worked for Jed for a time in the Lake George office. He was a very kind man, great to work for and wonderful to his patients. I will always remember him with a smile on my face, as his pleasant ways set the tone in the office each day. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Mary Ellen Field

Mary Ellen Field - June 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Having been blessed with knowing Jed, even if only for a short time, has to be one of the highlights of my life. He was clearly the most up-beat person I have ever known. If half the world could be only half as up- beat as he was all the time, what a wonderful place this could be! He will be sorely missed. God bless.

Bob Flory

Bob Flory - June 23, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jed's passing. He was a great guy. My condolences to all his family

John Schroeter - June 22, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ I met Jed and Margaret at Maplewood Nursing Home, many years ago. They volunteered to help the elderly every Thursday evening with their dental needs. My mother lived there and I would visit with them ASAP and we became friends. Jed and I decided to take a younger resident “Frank Printy” and that was awesome! I decided that I would take Frank to visit his friends in Mechanicville For his birthday that March. Frank slid out of the wheel chair onto the parking lot. It was zero with about a 30 mph wind blowing . It worked out and Frank had a great birthday with his friends. Periodically Jed would have great fun at my expense (wouldn't have it any other way) it would be common while during a procedure to hear a chuckle followed by (and he slid out of the wheelchair onto the pavement) and then a good laugh. I wouldn't be at all surprised if Jed and Frank were up in heaven laughing at me about this ? Jed passed on my birthday.

jack strobel - June 22, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Our hearts are breaking as we read this. John and I are keeping you and the girls in our prayers. Your tribute to him was perfect. When we think of Jed we will smile as he truly had a zest for life. Sending our love to all.
John and Lori McCambley

lori mccambley - June 22, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Your loss is felt by me and by many others who were lucky enough to have known Doc Jed. My most heartfelt condolences to Margaret and Docs entire family. Peace out Doc.

Chet Frederick - June 22, 2020 at 02:23 PM