



David Bowles, Jr.

June 17, 1947 - February 11, 2021

David Alexander Bowles Jr, D.D.S., 73, of Sarasota, FL; loving husband, father, grandfather, and dear friend, passed away on February 11, 2021.

David was born on June 17, 1947 to David and Dorothy Bowles in Vidalia, Georgia. As a young boy, his family moved to Venice, FL where his father served as senior pastor of the Venice Presbyterian church. While in Venice, David met and married his high school sweetheart, Susan Dear. He attended The University of South Florida and dental school at the University of Maryland where he graduated with honors in 1972 with a D.D.S. degree. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. David proudly served in the United States Army as a captain in the Dental Corps, stationed at Ft. McPherson, Georgia. David and his wife Susan then returned to Florida, settling in Sarasota where he established a pediatric dental practice in 1976 and practiced for 45 years. He particularly enjoyed serving special needs patients and did his utmost to assist the needy. He also served on the Sarasota Cleft Palate team and was an active member of the Sarasota County Dental Association. David had a love for life and enjoyed traveling, experiencing other cultures and food. One of David's favorite past times was photography; he won the grand prize in the Kodak International Photo Contest in 1980. He enjoyed many outdoor activities, like camping, boating, scuba diving, and underwater photography, but his love of golf outranked them all. He began playing in middle school and continued throughout his life enjoying

weekly games with many of his closest friends.

David is survived by his wife Susan of 53 years; his three sons, David A. Bowles, III and wife Jenny, Justin W. Bowles and wife Kelli, Cody Bowles; all of Sarasota, FL; including three grandchildren, Hannah, Alex, and Madison; his brother Tolly and sister-in-law Roberta Bowles of Franklin, NC; two nieces, Kristen and Laura and nephew John.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Wednesday February 24, 2021 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 North Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday morning at Church of The Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239. Interment will be at 1:00 pm at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to Smile Train at www.smiletrain.org.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Dr. Burt Jordan*

They say that my friend and mentor, Dr. David Bowles, died on February 11, 2021, (but I don't have to believe it if I don't want to.)

I first met David in 1974 when we started a two year residency in pediatric dentistry at Maryland and Johns Hopkins.

From our first meeting, right up until I last talked with him, just over a month ago, David was always looking out for me, encouraging me, and giving me advice. I suspect that he did this for countless people.

He was the most talented pediatric dentist and orthodontist that I have ever met. Yet, as good as he was, he had no ego. He just wanted to help all people. And he did so in a magnificent way.

David gives to all he meets, a piece of himself. You can not be around him without feeling better about yourself, and more focused. This is a gift.

For me, and I believe for others, David is not gone.

Burt Jordan - February 22, 2021 at 03:07 PM

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“ *David was my daughter's dentist and when she was 5 years old he noticed a Miss forming jawline and put her in braces and corrected it she wore braces till she was 13 her mouth is beautiful she is beautiful and I always loved him for that Nona Markham*

Nonark@aol.com Markham - February 18, 2021 at 05:38 PM

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“ Dear Susan, Dab, Justin and Cody,
Words can't express how sorry I am about David's passing. I have been at a loss for words. David was such a good person. I am so proud to say that he was one of my best friends. David was a true brother to me and me to him. We bonded in our residency at the University of Maryland and Hopkins. We never lost touch since 1976. David was the reason that we came to Sarasota every winter for over a month each time to spend a lot of bonding time together. We truly enjoyed each other's company.

I will always remember David for his kindness and caring for his fellow man. He was the type of person that would take his shirt off his back for anyone that needed help. He went out of his way to be of assistance to those in need. He devoted his entire life to the care of children and loved to help the children with special needs. In the Jewish faith we would call him a true "Mensch". A person of integrity and honor. One that goes out of his way to help and do the right thing.

On a personal note I will NEVER forget David. There is a big hole in my heart that will never be able to be repaired. It hurts me to know that I can't come to Florida to be with you next week due to COVID when David is put to rest. Please know that Adele and I will be with you in thought and prayer. I love that guy as a brother and always felt that you were family. I do and will always miss him. May he rest in peace.

Barry Cohan

Dr. Barry Cohan - February 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM