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Robert Ernest (Ernie) Hendry, DDS, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on May 6, 2019. Ernie was born on August 27, 1935 in Fort Myers to the late Edgar and May Hendry. Ernie is survived by a family he deeply loved and cared for including his loving wife Nancy; sons Robert Ernest (Ernie) Hendry II, DMD and Gerald Hendry (Beth); daughter Lisa Harris (Brian); grandchildren Austin, Noah, Jacob, Emily, Natalie, and great grandson, Grayson. He is also survived by his brother John Hendry (Bobbie). Ernie graduated in 1953 from Fort Myers High School and continued his education at Duke University and Florida Southern receiving a BS in Chemistry in 1957. In 1961, he earned his DDS degree from the Medical College of Virginia and completed his prosthetic dentistry residency from Boston University in 1962. Following graduation, he started his private dental practice in downtown Fort Myers until retirement in 2004. He was also on staff at Lee Memorial Hospital (1962-2004). He was a private pilot and enjoyed spending time with his family in the Keys and Bahamas. Ernie enjoyed boating, diving, fishing, traveling, golf and spending summers in North Carolina. Ernie was a Florida Real Estate Broker (1956-2008), a Ham radio operator, and served on several bank boards including Exchange National Bank, Security National Bank, South Florida Bank, Florida Gulf Bank, and Iberia Bank. Further, he was Commodore of the Royal Palm Yacht Club, President of the SWFL Dental Assoc., Goodwill Industries board, YMCA Treasurer, Amer. Heart Association Member, Amer. Lung Association Member, and a founder of Junior Pro Basketball. A Celebration of Ernie's Life will be held at Gulf Coast Church of Christ, 9550 Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33966 with visitation at 3:00 pm followed by service at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 10th. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hope Hospice or Gulf Coast Church of Christ (building fund). To share a story or photo, leave a



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tribute or to offer a condolence at this difficult time please visit
www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign the guestbook.



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AJ

Art Johnson posted:

Found this obituary after seeing a story about "...the last of the first (1953) Corvette" ... in which "... Florida dentist and Corvette collector Ernie Hendry." was prominently mentioned and I searched to see if he was the same.<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2019/06/19/the-last-of-the-first-corvettes-heads-to-auction-in-monterey/?refer=news#comment-form>He was the expert Dentist for over 30 years (his Daughter Lisa was our Hygienist for many years as well) for the late Donna and I.He was also an accomplished Pilot and underwent frequent recurrent training under my supervision. Once watched (from the ramp) his calm and expertise when his Seneca's nose wheel wouldn't extend.All those years of contact and we never mentioned cars, just airplanes and boats.My sympathy and condolences for this fine family's loss. He certainly lived a great life. Art Johnson

June 20 at 1:59 PM

DH

David Hall posted:

To the Hendry Family: I send to you all my love and support. Ernie was a great man and I thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He was always kind to my family and me. I can not make it to the service due to a prior commitment, but my thoughts are with you. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you.

May 10 at 12:16 PM

BM

Bob + Eileen Maguire posted:

Dear Nancy and family. We heard the sad news and wish to send our thoughts and prayers to you all. One of my (Bob) most cherished memories was a golf event at the Legends. Ernie + I were partners in a best ball men's league event and we just clicked that day and won our flight with what probably would have set a club record if records were kept. We scored in the 50s! We became mutual friends and I always found him to be a nice warm, friendly and kind man. Nancy, you too are one of the nicest people we've met...always with a smile and kind, warm bearing.Our fine dentist,son (Ernie), is also a person with the same family attributes! God bless you and sustain you during these difficult times! He sure was a special Man! Peace be with you. Sincerely, Bob + Eileen Maguire

May 10 at 6:54 AM

GL

Guy R. Lewis posted:

Sending Condolences And Prayers to your Family-Parke and Lynn R. Lewis Jr. & Family

May 10 at 5:34 AM



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RS

Renga & Jan Sundaresan posted:

To the family Our condolences for your sad loss. we knew him as a good neighbor and a graceful person.

May 10 at 5:04 AM

JD

Janet Davis posted:

Gerald, your dad sounds amazing. I am sorry for your loss and will pray for you and family

May 10 at 4:15 AM

KA

Kathy Suvada, Mike & Anne posted:

Nancy, My mind, as I'm thinking back, is like watching a slide show, scenes and times of Ernie, ("Dr. H") as we always called him, and Jerry, at years of Corvette Shows, swaps, visits to the shop, our garage @ our home, both of them looking under the engine hoods, talking @ great lengths all things GM, Corvette, Chevy, & NCRS. And I see them (still) at it, forever! Our hearts, thoughts, prayers, & love go out to you and your family always, & esp now, from me & mine..

May 8 at 6:37 PM

MJ

Mary Jane posted:

So very sorry for your loss! Ernie was such a loving, fine man and he will be missed by all who knew him! I loved his laugh and sweet temperament so much! Sending prayers to all of you! Much Love! Mary Jane and Scott

May 7 at 10:52 AM

TF

The Bochette Family posted:

Our most sincere condolences.

May 7 at 10:44 AM

TF

Tom & Bonnie Foster posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, but what a wonderful man your father was. Carry with you all the great memories your families created together. God Bless you all...

May 7 at 10:13 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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