



William Nicholas Dakos

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Dr. Dakos was known by his colleagues, friends, and family by many names. He was "Bill", Dr. D, Dake and of course Dad and Papou. His contributions to the Southwest Florida community began almost immediately upon his arrival here, with his young family. In spite of the early experience of losing their first home to Hurricane Donna, he made Southwest Florida his family's permanent home. As the only Ear, Nose, and Throat Doctor for than more than 8 counties, as well as facial, head and neck reconstruction, he rarely slept through the night without being called out for an emergency. His passion for healing kept him busy in the practice of medicine until just shortly before his death. Always seeking the most current, effective treatment for his patients, he spent years traveling to Europe in the study of an immune disorder treatment at the Oxford College of Immunology, which often resulted in cure, rather than toxic treatments. Families knew they count on him in the middle of the night to come out and treat their sick child, or respond to an emergency. His compassion for every member of his community will long be remembered. Loyal staff member Leslie Torres reports "working with him was always like being part of his family". In addition to his involvement in the medical community, he was very active in local youth athletics. Dr. Dakos was President of the Fort Myers Little League and built the first minor league field in Fort Myers, in spite of the fact that it was not his favorite sport. He and Coach Sam Sirianni were close friends and it was not uncommon to see Dr. D on the bench at Green Wave football games. Sam's wife Margaret and Bill's wife Jo, had known each other in high school in West Virginia. His favorite sport was basketball. As a game winning high school basketball player, he started Lee County's first integrated basketball league, known as Junior Pro Basketball of Southwest Florida. He dabbled in various business ventures over his lifetime including Dr. D's Yogurt at the Edison Mall, WBBH TV, Fort Myers, FL, WOKD Radio in Arcadia, FL, and Florida Citrus Nurseries, Sebring,



FL. He loved golf and music, and spent many great times in both activities. He even played saxophone through medical school, and later at events at Fort Myers Yacht Club and at Cypress Lake Country Club, at which he was a member of both. Born of Greek immigrants who worked hard to be sure he would be able to go to college. Bill also won many scholarships and after attending the University of Virginia and completing his Residency at the University of Alabama, headed for a career which allowed him to give back to his parents and sister, Helen who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. D's love of medicine and taking care of people never officially ended. As sure as we speak, he is making his rounds in heaven. Dr. Dakos was preceded in death by wife of 60 years, Norma "Jo" Earehart Dakos. He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Dixie Dakos of Matlacha, Nick (Dee) Dakos of Fort Myers and Rex (Rose) Dakos of Sanibel; Grandchildren, Bill Dakos, Nicholas Dakos, Justin Dakos Mangold, Savannah Dakos, Sydney Dakos and Daniel Mangold; Visitation will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 5:00-7:30 PM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 7, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel. Entombment will follow in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



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Irene Cruz posted:

Dr. Dakos gave me hope and answers when no one else could. I needed him today and realized he had passed many years ago. His use of Peptide shots helped me regain my life back... I wish someone continued his work and legacy. He was always kind and understanding. The world lost a good, kind and decent man. May he rest easy...

April 22 at 8:26 AM



Tb posted:

Dr.D is what the office family called him on Maravilla Lane. This was our home away from home were we diligently practiced EPD what times we had! If anyone in our family was sick Dr.D would say bring em in. We had a room set aside for our children if we needed to pick them up sick or just needed mommy love for the day. Dr.D taught me so much as I came from a traditonal allergy background he taught me the real way! I remember Jo when she used to come in the office. Dr.D a pioneer in his field you will be missed. Love to you & all. Teresa....

September 2 at 6:26 AM



Stephanie posted:

I always appreciated the kindness Dr. Dakos showed me each and every time I visited, not as a patient, more like an old friend. I was always inspired by his passion for alternative medicine research/treatment as he shared his knowledge freely each time we would meet on business. Today his name popped up in my mind 4/2/14 (hum, funny how that happens) when a ENT Colleague of his informed me of his recent passing. I felt compelled to pay tribute to this sweet man in hopes he may somehow know how he touched the heart of a young lady who always thought fondly of him. May God Bless you Dr. Dakos – I pray you are in a beautiful place where your humble spirit and passion live on...Thank you & Cheers! Sincerely, Stephanie – Your Former News-Press Ad Rep. (from many moons ago..)

April 2 at 12:21 PM



Johnny White posted:

Dr. Dakos was one of the remaining early members of Highlands Falls Country Club. He was truly a pleasure to be around and was one of the most well liked members. I always remember his gracious hospitality when he hosted Frank Montgomery and me in Florida, playing golf and introducing us to his friends while we were in town on business. He will be truly missed. Johnny and Lynda White

March 16 at 9:06 AM



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Charmaine Gumina posted:

To Nick Dakos and family–We want to extend our sincere condolences to you for the loss of your father. It is a very difficult time for you, and we wish you the strength to go on day by day while you remember the good times. You have Beautiful children– may they carry on in the path of their loving and successful grandfather.Nick– We have fond memories of you from many years ago at Blue Crab Key. And, believe me, we remember so well our excitement in the discovery of a wonderful new part of our lives. We have thoroughly enjoyed your "Model" Condo J-1. Thank you for this Great Experience!!We wish you and your family well as you move on.Charmaine & Russ Gumina, J-1, BCK

March 14 at 3:02 PM



Judy Michaud posted:

Dr. Dakos was well loved and respected by everyone at Highlands Falls Country Club. He and Jo became members in 1987 and he was the last of the "old guard" at the club. He was always smiling and loved playing golf in the mountains. He will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family. Best, Judy and Louie Michaud

March 12 at 10:18 AM



Evelyn Green posted:

I was just informed of Dr. Dakos' passing. My condolences to the family. His use of peptides made a huge difference in my husband's health. Dr Dakos was a real blessing. My heartfelt prayers are with you.

March 12 at 9:23 AM



Richard H Wingert posted:

Hi Ken. I remember you well and have always appreciated your details. I agree with you that Bill was a great guy and was always trying to improve for the benefit of his patients. Your old friend. Richard Wingert, MD...Cape Coral.

March 9 at 11:34 AM



Richard H Wingert posted:

Good post, Morty. Dick Wingert

March 9 at 11:31 AM



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RW

Richard H Wingert posted:

I have known Bill since coming to Ft Myers in 1979. I respected him greatly and knew him as a colleague. I appreciate that he was the first Otolaryngologist in Ft Myers as I was the first ENT in Cape Coral. I can imagine all the hard work he must have put in during the early days. I would, of course, have attended his funeral but I just arrived back in town today (Sunday) and learned of his passing. I will miss him. Richard Wingert, MD, Otolaryngology.

March 9 at 11:29 AM

BF

Bob Finkernagel posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. What a long and productive life your Dad had! He leaves a fine family to remember him and carry on his good works. Your Friend, Bob Finkernagel

March 8 at 5:50 AM

OW

Owen posted:

Nick, Your Dad was the best man and Doctor who cured my allergies with four intravenous shots of a special brew only he could have mixed that were the only way I could have remained living in SWFL. I fondly remember seeing you at his office and what joy he displayed in his eyes of having a son like you. It was such a nice environment and your parents were both such special and caring people. I'm sorry for your loss but also comforted that they are together again. :) God Bless you and your family and I hope you will celebrate his wonderful life and gifts he gave us all. Owen Ward.

March 7 at 5:12 PM

GM

Gwen Maurer posted:

Your Dad was a wonderful Doctor. He gave me a cure when no one else could. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss. Gwen Maurer

March 7 at 3:11 PM

WS

Walter O. Sheppard posted:

My Deepest Condolences on the passing of your Father and my Friend to Dixie, Nick, and Rex and your Families...Walter O. Sheppard, Fort Myers.

March 7 at 6:51 AM



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ES

Ed Sugg posted:

Lit a candle in memory of William Nicholas Dakos

March 6 at 11:22 AM

DV

David Vaughan posted:

So sorry to hear about your dad. He was one of my favorite parents in the world. Always so nice and friendly. He made me feel so at home at your house. What a great dad and father figure to everyo

March 6 at 5:28 AM

KS

Katherine Simpson posted:

Dear Nick, Dixie and Rex,Your Dad was such a great person and it was a honor to know him and count him as a friend. I have memories of him walking down Braman many times with Targa close at hand. He was always friendly and glad to see you. There were many times either I or one of the family were in his office. What a great doctor.My thoughts and prayers are with each of you and my love goes with them. May you find comfort in the coming days. Blessings to each of you,Katherine Simpson

March 6 at 5:19 AM

VL

Virginia Lineberger posted:

So sorry for your loss. Dr. Dakos was a good man and a wonderful Doctor. May he rest in peace.

March 6 at 4:38 AM

MG

Morton A. Goldberg posted:

BILL CAME TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM ON A SUNDAY NIGHT TO REMOVE A FISH BONE FROM MY THROAT . I APPOLOGIZED FOR GETTING HIM OUT ON A SUNDAY NIGHT . HE SAID "I GET CALLED ON EMERGENCIES ALOT OF WEEKEND NIGHTS, BUT THIS IS SPECIAL. ITS THE FIRST TIME I WAS CALLED OUT BY A FRIEND". I HAVE ALWAYS REMEMBERED THAT CONVERSATION. BILL AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN. WHEN WE DID MEET IT WAS LIKE NO TIME HAD EVER PASSED. I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY, AND THE MANY FRIENDS AND PATIENTS HE MET AND HELPED DURING HIS LIFE TIME. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. MORT GOLDBERG

March 5 at 10:48 AM



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KS

Kenneth Spangler posted:

Dear Dr. D. If our eyes met last week you would remember me. We would both smile and reflect over the past years. I started visiting you in 1980 as a sales representative for the drug company, Burroughs Wellcome. I never entered your office and found you too busy to sit and chat and discuss how the drugs I was representing were doing good for your patients. You were always thinking outside of the box and for that your patients were better off. I never met your wife but I do know that she is a very special person. Your peers will miss you, mom's and dad's will miss you, and all of the one's you have touched will miss you. Don't be surprised if I come knocking on your door carrying a detail bag trying to sell you something. Love Ken Spangler, retired Burroughs Wellcome/GSK representative.

March 4 at 1:42 PM

MB

Maggie Blizzard posted:

Dixie, Nick, and Rex, the Payne kids are sorry to hear about your dad. Maybe our dads are upstairs ragging on each other as I write this note. Take care of each other. Maggie Blizzard

March 4 at 1:28 PM

DA

Dalton posted:

Dear Nick and all of your family, I'm very saddened at the news of your father's passing and know too that he is making his rounds in heaven. Your Dad was a fine man who cared for so many. His smile was genuine and warm, and I'll miss him until we meet again. Dalton Drake

March 4 at 10:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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