



Dr. Edward Jay Wiener

July 12, 2020

Dr. Edward Jay Wiener, 87, of Memphis, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly at his home Sunday. Rarely without a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, and a witty quip on the tip of his tongue, Ed was larger than life and never met a stranger. Although Ed adored nothing more than his beloved family, he also loved basketball, traveling, dentistry, handball and Judaism. He practiced dentistry in Memphis for 55+ years, both downtown and in East Memphis, and was affectionately known to his patients as “Doc.” Ed was a two-time All-American basketball player for the University of Tennessee and the captain of his team. He was an SEC Legend Class of 2014 and was inducted into the inaugural class of the University of Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. Ed played professional basketball for the Philadelphia Warriors in 1955. He was a Captain in the U.S. Army. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Ed moved to Memphis to attend dental school and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee in Memphis, where he won the dental scholarship key upon graduation. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Rochelle Goldstein Wiener, son Craig, daughter Tracy (Asher) Rapp, all of Memphis; grandchildren Sam Rapp of Jerusalem, Noah Rapp of Memphis, and Sarah Rapp of Rishon Lezion, Israel; and brother Seymour (Diana) of Yonkers, NY. His 10 nieces and nephews, their spouses, and their children – along with innumerable others to whom he was a mentor, father figure and adopted uncle – will forever know him adoringly as “Poppy.”

A graveside funeral service for immediate family only will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to www.UnityWarriors.com to directly support IDF soldiers and paramedics with lifesaving upgraded gear and social welfare assistance, or to Baron Hirsch Congregation, 400 South Yates Road, Memphis, TN 38120.

Cemetery

Baron Hirsch Cemetery

1523 S. Rozelle

Memphis, TN, 38103

Comments



“ I started seeing Dr. Wiener when I was six years old, so I didn't understand being afraid of the dentist until I was an adult and living too far away to see him. It was always a joy to see him, and he always seemed to feel the same. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing, but I will carry him with me always. My condolences to his family.

Arminda Thomas - August 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ I just recently heard about Doc. What a wonderful caring person he was! Like most people I always dreaded dental visits, but because of him he eased the stress and almost made me look forward to dental appointments! I know you will miss him terribly, but how lucky you are to have had such a wonderful man to share your life with. He will always be loved and remembered by all that knew him.

Sue Catignani - August 05, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ My wife Sara and I met Doc in 1985 when we moved to Memphis. Doc was one of the first people we met in Memphis. I was the leasing agent at Morgan Keegan Tower where he opened his downtown practice. The first day I met Doc, He made me feel like I had known him for many years. Doc was an inspiration to me and Sara as to how he loved his family and invited you in. Every time I saw Doc after I met him, I would always get a hug and a kiss on the cheek. Doc made you feel loved and a part of his extended family. I will miss Doc and will never forget the loving hugs and loving generosity to be there for you in whatever need you may have. What a great man. A life well lived. A smile on his face everyday of life. What a great way to make a difference in this world. Thank you for the difference you made in my life and Sara.

J Kevin Adams and Sara Adams

J Kevin Adams - July 26, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ My husband and I were patients of Dr. Weiner since 1983. He was the most awesome man. Believe it or not, I looked forward to dental visits and seeing his smile, hearing his jokes, and hearing about his family, whom he loved so much. He is in now in heaven, making the angels smile even more, and spreading his love and care. Jean Williamson, Memphis TN

E. Jean Williamson - March 30 at 12:35 PM



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Canale Funeral Directors - July 21, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ My name is Dr. William W. Watson. I was a dental school classmate of Ed's at UT in Memphis. I have fond memories of my friendship with Ed and playing basketball on our fraternities team the Zips. My wife, children and I express our deepest sympathy to Ed's family. He was a great guy. May your loving memories sustain you and comfort you during this difficult time.

William Watson - July 18, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ I have known Dr. Ed for most of my life, having been freinds with his kids. What a great guy. He always had a smile and nice comment, and he loved to "schmooze" the ladies with his sweet talk! I am so glad that Margaret and I were able to spend 2 weeks with him and Rochelle on a Federation trip to Israel 5 years ago. We had such a great time with them! One can only aspire to be as beloved and respected as "Dr. Ed" was by the entire community. It is sad that in this Covid enviornment that the community can't conduct a normal "shiva" and pay their respect in person to the family. Dr. Ed was a "first-class" person. Margaret and Shep Fargotstein

Shepard Fargotstein - July 16, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Dr. Wiener gave me my first job in 1974 right after graduating from UT . He was a wonderful boss and I loved working for him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Love, Jane Naff Ingle

Jane Naff Ingle - July 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ I worked for Ed for 9 years as one of his first dental assistants! What an adventure! He was kind, funny and full of stories! He and Alvin Elster loved playing practical jokes on me and when I fell for them that twinkle in his eye was even brighter! I loved him, he was a giant of a man. My sympathy and love to Rochelle, Craig and Tracy.
Suzanne Porteous Harvey

Suzanne Porteous Harvey - July 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Wiener's death. He was my dentist for years and I thought the world of him. I always looked forward to my visit and getting a big hug from his sweet self. He had a great, warm heart and showed true love to everyone. He will be loved and missed by all he came into contact with. Brandi Massey

Brandi Massey - July 14, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the death of this wonderful man. He loved the world, and the world loved him back He will always have a special place in our hearts. Sally and Frank Navarra

Sally Navarra - July 13, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Wiener's passing. When I met him he took me in like I was family. He was the most generous man I have ever met. Being around him always enveloped me in happiness. I will miss him terribly. I am Nextdoor if you need anything.

patti - July 15, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ I met Ed and his family in 1986 when we moved to Memphis. I immediately liked him and he invited us to his home. We became good friends and would go out with he and Rochelle from time to time. I lost touch with him when we moved away in '96;but always thought of him and his family fondly. I am saddened to hear of his passing but he had a wonderful life. God bless him and all in his family.

Hayden Morris - November 28, 2020 at 08:46 AM