

On May 22, 2012 3:21 PM, "michael gentile" <ahinga@yahoo.com> wrote:

Colleagues and Friends:

It is with great sadness that I write this email.

Our friend Karl Raynor passed away on Sunday evening in his sleep.

As would be expected, his family is having a very hard time. Services will be this Saturday, the specifics of which I am trying to get more information.

I would just like to take a moment to reflect on Karl's life and what he has meant to all of us.

To many of us, Karl was a man of near mythic proportions. His knowledge, his honesty and his integrity were all beyond reproach. However, to many of us Karl was something much more, he was a great friend.

To me, Karl was a shining example of not only what type of physician and surgeon I wanted to become, but what kind of a man I wanted to be. His generosity and kindness far exceeded what anyone could expect or want. In compliment, he stood for fairness and what was right, whether you liked it or not. You always knew where you stood with Karl, which I always appreciated. I am saddened beyond words by the loss of my friend.

They will be accepting donations to the American Heart Association and American Diabetes Association in his name in lieu of flowers.

I think we should also try to put something together for his family. I will coordinate this if everyone would let me know what they would like to do.

This moment should remind us all of how lucky and blessed we are to be a part of something so much larger than any of us. We are creating a legacy that will hopefully live on beyond any of us. And of this, I am proud.

Fraternally,

Michael A. Gentile, DPM

The shock of yesterdays news is settling in and the numbness is wearing off. I....we have all lost a great friend. Karl was my senior resident. For one whole year we were bound by the commitment of our training and as a result we worked, played and joined our lives together as only the experience of residency can offer. We pushed each other in all facets of our life and I was a better person for this. All the comments made thus far are spot on. There was no one smarter, more honest and giving that I have ever known. Karl's life can be summed up in the quote "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". We should all be so blessed to make the kind of life he made. I will miss my friend.

Jack [McGarry]

Well said Jack. I benefited from that relationship indirectly as your junior resident. I am grateful for your relationship with Karl. I first met Karl when he came up and introduced himself to me at

the Midwest podiatry conference, a couple of months before I ever moved to Denver to start the program.

He introduced himself to me and welcomed me to the "highland family", before I ever stepped foot in the hospital. I remember thinking wow, how amazing, a senior resident would take time to seek me out, and welcome me, without even knowing me. I latter came to know that was just Karl being Karl. While I never trained with him, I was clearly trained by him. I am deeply saddened.

John [Levin]

I only met Dr. Raynor a couple of times. Such a great loss! What a great patriarch for our program. He had a big mind. I wish I had more chances to get to know him better! I pray that the Lord will comfort his family during this difficult time.

Hani Saeed DPM

I remember Paul and I in Verona Italy thinking we were all that, invited to a private wine cellar, we walk in and there is Karl way ahead of us!

We are fortunate to have had Karl as one of our group. He made the first donation to the Institute after our initial meeting in 2006, he believed we can achieve great things. We are.
Gail Stone

I also was in shock yesterday.

Uncle Karl was the prototypical pontificator. I still use, "why?", everyday in my practice/life. My residents hate me for that, that which I learned from Karl. He taught me to always strive for improvement, no matter what the original outcome. I will miss those off the cuff lessons, dearly.

I will miss his neon one piece ski suit, the AFC football arguements and bets.....because I haven't had a football team to root for until this last year. There will truly be an irreplaceable void, on the mountains and in the lodge.

I'll miss you Dr. Raynor.
Matt[Paden]

Dear Highland Colleagues

It is always sad to hear of the passing of one of our own but Karl was one of the greats! I only knew Karl as an extern when he was a resident but even then he strived for perfection and not knowledge by memorization but by investigation. Not only as a podiatrist but as a mother and wife, I feel for the family he left behind. Please count me in on any group effort
Robyn Joseph

Once the shock wore off after receiving this e mail, I had a chance to reflect on my relationship with Karl and Sandy. Both were externs in the early 1980's. I got to know Karl as a student, as a resident, and then spent many years and good times with him as an alumni of our program. Karl was truly unique as many of you know. He was loved by all of us, not only for his avuncular nature, but for his unsurpassed love for our profession and the teachings we all honor. He questioned all the theories until he made them his own, vetted and approved. He tested new ideas, rejecting the nonsense that is sometimes passed as knowledge, giving new thoughts a full Socratic treatment until he was confident that truth could be forwarded. I will miss Karl dearly. He was not only a student, and resident, but became also a mentor to me. He holds a unique place in my heart. I wish you eternal peace.PS [Paul Stone]

Uncle Karl made me feel like a friend from the first day I met him. He was one of the most intelligent and honest individuals I have ever known. We are all better physicians and better people by having known him. I am honored to have called him my friend and he will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I will contribute as well.

Brett[Sachs]

I am shocked and saddened to hear the news. We have all lost a friend and colleague. More importantly, his family has lost their father and husband.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children. Our fraternity should join together and show our support for our friend. Michael, I wish to contribute in any way the group sees fit. Karl, you will be dearly missed.

John [Levin]

Times like this make us realize how lucky we are to have had the opportunity to know Karl. A true thinker. One of the most intelligent thought provoking people I have ever come in contact with. He was someone we all sought out to get his thoughts on challenging problems. We the alumni of Highlands have been truly blessed to have been touched by knowing Karl. He will be forever missed.

Please let me know what I can do.

Rich [Derner]

Very sad news. I knew Karl for only a few years but he made an impact on how I look at pathology and has changed some of my thought process. Was an amazing thinker and person. I remember talking with him at Acfas this year and was looking forward to continued deep discussions.

Please let me know how I can help.

Al [Ng]

To all of you who loved and respected this fine man:

I spoke to the funeral center coordinating Karl's services (Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center). This is what they told me.

On May 26 (Saturday) visitation will be held at the Zionville Christian Church, 120 North 9th St, Zionville, IN from 12 PM to 2 PM, followed by a memorial at the church.

My condolences to his family and friends. He was the best of us.

John Evans

As a charter member of the Highlands Hospital staff, I can easily say that Karl was one of my favorite residents. He exemplified the type of practitioner that every good residency program hopes to produce. We have certainly lost a great one. Count me in... Jim Griffin

I'm so sorry to hear about Karl. He was a great inspiration to the community and raised the bar. Please let me know if there will be a group donation
Robyn Joseph

I'm deeply saddened by this news. Such a great mind, heart and presence. Let me know what donation I can provide to The American Heart Association.
Keith A Naftulin

Karl's generosity, humor and intellect will be missed. It is a very sad day for all that knew him!

Ross Girvan

He will always be my big brother. Anybody flying out for the services?
Jack McGarry

Truly a giant has fallen. Uncle Karl will be remembered as one who inspired the best in all of us. I will miss him greatly.
Matt Paden

Karl and I just worked on a case together that I referred him. He provided unbelievable care to my patient while she was at school in Indiana.
Howard [Stone]

It is sad. I wish I had known him better.

jjs [John Steinstra]