



Dr. Christopher Sween

December 9, 2004

Sween Dr. Michael Christopher Sween, age 33, of Medina, MN, was tragically taken from our lives on Monday, December 6, 2004. Loving husband of Jill Hughes; beloved son of Duane & Charlotte; dear brother of Laurie & husband Dan Ibister, Mark & wife Bridget. Special uncle of Lucas Ibister, Collin and Stephanie Sween. Also survived by parents-in-law, Gary & Jeanette Hughes; sister-in-law, Mia & her sons Eric and Cory Weslander, who looked up to Michael as part of the family; close friend, Jay Williams, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous good friends. Preceded in death by grandparents, Milo & Lenore Sween and Torberg & Aziel Nordmark. Michael was born on April 8, 1971 in St. Paul, MN, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. He graduated from Osseo High School in 1989; St. Olaf College in 1993 and was a member of the St. Olaf Choir for three years. He then graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1997 and owned a practice in Rogers, MN. Michael was married to Jill Hughes on August 22, 2003. He was an avid golfer, runner and Vikings and Twins fan. He ran numerous marathons including two Boston Marathons and most recently, the New York City Marathon on November 7th, with Jill and his parents proudly cheering him on. Michael was eagerly preparing for the London Marathon in April. Michael & Jill enjoyed traveling together; he shared his love of golf with Jill and enjoyed Jill's love of boating. Memorials preferred. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Service 11 AM Friday, with visitation one hour prior to service at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 18500 County Rd 101, Maple

Grove. Visitation also 4-8 PM Thursday at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel
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Tribute Wall

CS

“ I have not written for a long time, but so many things have happened and I want to share them. Michael's brother, Mark, graduated from Dental School on May 18th. It is a second career for Mark and he decided at age 39 to join his father and brother in the field of dentistry with hopes of joining his brother in his practice. Mark is now working with his father and will eventually take over his practice. Michael's wife, Jill, has become interested in one of his favorite pasttimes, and this past Saturday ran Grandma's marathon in Duluth. She did very well, and it is such a tribute to his memory. He would be so pleased. Three of his dearest friends became fathers last year - one for the second time. Jay and Patrick for the first time and Matthew for the second. Patrick just shared the news of a new arrival expected next year. Scott, Dave and Dan are thought of often and will always be in our memories of Michael. Even though it has been two and a half years since we lost Michael, it seems like yesterday. We know life goes on, but we miss him more than ever. We thank each and every one of you who have been such a great support and comfort to us. Michael was truly blessed with great and loyal friends.

~

Charlotte Sween,

plymouth, Minnesota

Charlotte Sween - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *i was at the twins vs. yankees game this past friday, and sween would've loved it because the twinkies won! i miss spending time with him at the dome.*

i'll also be thinking of him as i attempt to not embarrass myself on the golf course :)

~

Jay Williams,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jay Williams - April 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Today is the 110th Boston marathon that Michael was planning to run. I wrote previously that it was the 35th. Wish we were there.

~

Charlotte Sween,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Charlotte Sween - April 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ At this time of year there are so many things that remind us of Michael: his Birthday, The Masters, The Boston Marathon and Good Friday dinners, we miss you Michael.

~

Katie Searl,

Wayzata, Minnesota

Katie Searl - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael would have celebrated his 35th birthday today. We placed flowers on his grave and knew Jill had been there before us. There were five gerber daisies arranged on his gravestone - the flower used for their wedding. When Michael ran the Twin Cities Marathon in 2004 he qualified for the 35th Boston Marathon which will be in two weeks. He would have run their 35th marathon in his 35th year. We never missed one of his marathons and would have been there with him and Jill. We think of him every day and miss him so much.*

~

Duane and Charlotte Sween

April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Today I was thinking about all the times we had gone out with Jill and Mike. It made me so sad, because we miss those times. I remember sitting at Brit's Pub and it felt like a 100 degrees inside in the middle of winter. Both Mike and Andy shed their sweaters and were comparing whose white t-shirt was older.

Andy and I went to see Mike this past October, which was one year from the last time the 4 of us were out together. That night Mike had teased Andy about getting engaged. We have since been married. We wanted to share all that with him.

Both of us miss you, Mike.
Andrew & Laura Busche

~

Laura Busche,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Laura Busche - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Today is the first anniversary of the day that changed our lives forever - December 6, 2004 - when we lost our beloved son, Michael. It has been a very difficult and challenging year for our family. We thank all of you - friends and family - for your prayers, friendship, and support. You were there when we needed you. God bless each and everyone of you.

~

Duane and Charlotte Sween,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Duane and Charlotte Sween - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We have just experienced a very sad and happy emotional week. The Michael Sween Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Monday, September 12th at Rolling Green Country Club. It started out as a rainy day, cleared up enough for everyone to golf for awhile. It started to rain and everyone was called in for about an hour. The sun came out and let everyone finish golfing. There were 110 golfers - relatives, running friends, professional friends etc. and 220 people were served dinner. What a beautiful tribute to Michael and his family. We thank all of you for participating and making it such a memorable day. It was sad for us as parents because as we sat and watched everything unfold we wanted Michael to make an appearance. He would have loved everything about the day. A very special thank you to his great friends Jay Williams and Scott Searl for organizing the event. The time, energy and love that went into planning the event means so much to us and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Duane and Charlotte Sween

~

Charlotte Sween,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Charlotte Sween - September 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I think about Michael and his family every day. It is still impossible to believe this accident occurred, my thoughts and prayers remain with Michael's family, Love, Katie Searl*

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katie searl,

wayzata, Minnesota

katie searl - July 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Sween Family:

I just heard about your tragic loss. I was Michael's 6th grade teacher at Winnetka Elementary. That was many years ago but our paths crossed periodically and I was able to keep up with his successes. I remember Michael clearly as a soft spoken, sweet boy with a bright smile. As I was reading through other guest book entries, I see that his gentle and caring disposition were qualities that drew people to him throughout his life. I am sure that his memory is a blessing to all those who were lucky enough to be a part of his life.

Mrs. Mann

~

Debbie Mann,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Debbie Mann - July 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I just read of Michael's passing in the U of M's Dentistry Magazine and I wanted to extend my condolences. I had worked part-time for Dr. Scarp and helped during the transition time while waiting for Michael to graduate. I only met him once or twice, but I remember him to be both light hearted and confident. I hope you find some comfort in the fact that he obviously touched so many.*
Debra Sumner DDS

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Debra Sumner,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Debra Sumner - April 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ hey sween-i just played my first round of golf for the year here in minnesota. i really missed having you there with me. i think i would've taken some money from you! bart, mike z, our wives and jill all went out to celebrate your birthday this weekend, too. i miss you, friend.

~

Jay Williams,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jay Williams - April 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *The London marathon is today and Michael would have been running it. Duane, Jill and I were going to go along and cheer him on. Our tickets arrived the day after his accident. We were to have left on the 14th and be gone for ten days. We were so looking forward to the trip and Michael would have planned alot of sightseeing for us. We miss him so very much.*

~

Charlotte Sween,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Charlotte Sween - April 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Today is Michael's 34th birthday. It is a beautiful, sunshine filled day and how we wish we could be celebrating it with him. We visited his grave today and his stone was there with his name and the dates of his birth and death. It was the first time we had seen it and it was very sad to see. Tonight we went to see our grandson, Lucas, perform in a play in Anoka. His parents, Laurie and Dan, Mark and Bridget and Collin and Stephanie, Jill and her mother, Jeanette, her sister, Mia and her boys Eric and Corey, and our good friends Jerry and Mary were there, too. Jill's Dad, Gary, would have been there, but he was out of town. Michael was with us in spirit and it was a good way to celebrate his birthday. We all miss him very much. It is past midnight as I write this - Michael was born on April 8th at 4:54 in the morning.

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duane and charlotte sween,

plymouth, Minnesota

duane and charlotte sween - April 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Happy Birthday, Dr. Sween! We miss you so much and think of you often.

from Your Staff at Sween Dental

~

Ronda Stelljes,

Rogers, Minnesota

Ronda Stelljes - April 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Sween family,

My peace and prayers go out to all affected by this tragedy. Have no fear as God will wrap his wonderful arms around Michael for all eternity. His legacy shall endure deep within everyone he touched.

~

Cameron Schaefer,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cameron Schaefer - February 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Jill,*

I think of you often and pray for you daily. May you feel Micheal's warmth around you forever.

*Always,
Tasha Mueffelman*

~

Tasha Mueffelman,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Tasha Mueffelman - January 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Michael's memory is bright in our hearts and minds. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Michael's family and his many friends. It is difficult to find words to express our grief. Love to you all, Katie and Ken Searl*

~

katie and ken searl,

wayzata, Minnesota

Contact Me

katie and ken searl - January 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ A very special thanks to all of you for remembering and honoring Michael in this Guest Book. We are so overwhelmed with the support we have gotten during this most difficult time for our family. It is truly the most devastating thing a parent can experience. We are grateful for every year that we had with Michael. He was a gift and a joy to his parents, brother and sister. His life was just blossoming with his dental practice, his marriage to Jill, all of his friends - high school, college, running, professional etc. Life was so good for him. He included his parents in so many things and we were so honored that he and Jill wanted to have us along. Our hearts are broken and our lives will never be the same. We know that Michael would want us to go on with our lives, and we are trying. Please keep us all in your prayers. Duane and Charlotte Sween

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charlotte sween,

plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

charlotte sween - January 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Sween family,
I am so deeply sorry for your tragic loss. May you be comforted that Michael is with Jesus Christ and is sitting with Him now. God will never leave you nor forsake you. Please take comfort that He never wastes a hurt. I will miss Dr. Sween so much and so will my 5 year old. Michael was her first dentist who will always in her eyes will remain known as "Dr. Googlie eyes". She loved him. I am so sorry Jill for your pain. I will pray for you daily, that God will ease your pain and give you comfort as the days pass. I pray Michael heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant".
God bless you and comfort you.
Allison Mackey

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Allison Mackey,

Rogers, Minnesota

Contact Me

Allison Mackey - December 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. Dr. Sween will be missed greatly by our family. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jerry, Kon, Robert and Naomi Schmidt

December 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Dr. Sween's tragic passing. I just received a letter in today's mail and I had no idea. It is crushing news and my heart goes out to all his family and friends. He has been our family dentist for years. In fact, I believe my daughter, Ashley, was one of his first patients and he was so patient with her. She was only 3 or 4 at the time and very scared. I have had many different dentists through the years, some good, some bad, but I always trusted Dr. Sween completely with my children. He was so caring and showed so much concern that you would swear they were his kids. Dr. Sween and his entire staff has always seemed like family to us. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. May God guide and carry you through this difficult time. You are in our prayers.

*With All Our Love,
Bryan, Debbie, Nick & Ashley Spence*

~

Debbie Spence,

Rogers, Minnesota

Contact Me

Debbie Spence - December 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Sween family. I have been a patient of Dr. Sweens for 5 years, I have throughly enjoyed him, I recd a letter from his wife and dental staff unaware of this tragedy. My heart sank. I will truly miss him.*

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Diane Hartung,

Monticello, Minnesota

Diane Hartung - December 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ To the Sween family-

Dr. Sween was the dentist of my husband, seven children, and I. He was the first dentist of my younger three children, and they all loved him. We were all very sad to hear of this. Our prayers are with you all.

Neva, Troy, Sam, Abby, Emily, Anthony, Matthew, Olivia, and Jackson.

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Neva Gullickson,

Rogers, Minnesota

Neva Gullickson - December 19, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ I returned to town from a family death to learn of this tragedy, and it affected me in ways that you cannot imagine. My twins and I were his patients; seems like forever. My kids knew no better dentist. They are now in college, and he did not once fail to ask about them each time I visited his office. What other dentist can make you smile like him? What kids purposely book their appointments at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring breaks with their dentists? They'll be too few smiles in our house this Christmas. Michael was a great dentist who will be deeply missed.

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Vanessa Carmichael,

Elk River, Minnesota

Vanessa Carmichael - December 18, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Jill,*

So sorry to here of Michaels accident. It was great getting to know you both in the Dale Carnege course. My thoughts and prayers will be with you Jill, as you try to deal with your traggic loss.

Randy.

~

Randy Kramer,

Monticello, Minnesota

Randy Kramer - December 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Dear Duane and Charlotte: Yesterday my husband and I had the privilege of joining your family in celebrating Michael's life. I can say this was a privilege for us as so seldom in this life can a person honestly say they have been in the presence of so much love. I know that it is cold comfort in the face of your tremendous loss, but that was far and away the loveliest tribute to someone I have ever attended.

I had decided originally that I needed to be present for Laurie. A friend like that really only comes along once in a lifetime and there isn't much I wouldn't do for her at this stage of the game. It was only after the tributes began that I realized there weren't many stories I wasn't familiar with and my own personal sense of loss set in.

I knew about the swallowed nickel, the bloody ear, Michael's beautiful ringlets. But I also realized I knew about his senior year in high school, where he had toured with the St. Olaf choir, when he began dental school, joined your practice, became a homeowner, fell in love. (and all that running!) I had heard all the details of his wedding and shared the excitement when he bought his dental practice. Oh yes, I really did not cut Laurie any slack about seeing Michael for a dental procedure. "You're not the boss of me!" is one of my fondest memories of Michael at about age five. I have a sister much older than myself as well and knew all about being in a household where everyone has some kind of authority over you. You see, Michael isn't your only generous child. In her amazing generosity Laurie had shared, with such pride and love, all of the precious milestones of Michael's life with me, a woman who has no brother-and really no sibling ties to speak of at all. I realized yesterday that I need not regret that I did not know your son as an adult at all, because in this funny second-hand way I kind of did-and it has truly been a gift.

I wanted to put this down on paper for you, and for myself, partly to reassure myself that I didn't miss out completely on knowing someone as special as your son. But, I also wanted you to understand in some small way that you will never fully know all the people Michael has touched in his dynamic, wonderful life. Even someone who hadn't seen him for years will miss him-and

remember.
Laurie(Dahlheimer)Olson

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Laurie (Dahlheimer) Olson,

Minnesota

Laurie (Dahlheimer) Olson - December 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Charlotte,

I was very sorry to hear about Michael's death. I can't imagine how hard this must be for everyone.

I told Tom, Mike and Katie. Mike said he didn't have anything but nice things to say about Michael. Tom talked to Kip P and they are sad as well.

Don Mason

~

Don Mason,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Don Mason - December 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Sween Family:*

I was a classmate of Mike's and I am heart-sick at the news of his passing. His wit and humor made dental school more enjoyable than it had a right to be. We always felt a special connection because Mike's dad and my dad (Ralph Swenby) went to dental school together as well. He will be missed.

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Kris Eklund,

Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Kris Eklund - December 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Jill,

I wish we had more to say, thought about what to say for a week.

We love you, and your hearts and prayers go out to you.

*Tom,
Tom,
and John Elbert*

~

Tom Elbert,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Tom Elbert - December 14, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ I wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers still. I was one of the instructors in the Dale Carnegie Course that Michael and Jill attended this past year. We were a tight-knit group throughout the twelve weeks, and everyone has been so shocked by the news of Michael's accident. The minute I heard the news I called Kent Myhrmann, the other trainer in the course, and we were both able to come pay our respects at the mortuary a couple of hours later. I thought that each of you in the family was holding up amazingly well.

Jill, you and Michael were a huge part of that class and what made it so inspiring. By being such down to earth, real people, you were individuals that everyone could relate to. Your sincere desire to always do what was best, from Michael talking about his staff to you talking about each other, showed everyone there that you could be a great person, a great couple, and still always be looking for ways to get better.

If there is anything that we at Dale Carnegie Training can do for you going forward, please let us know.

Guy Drake

~

Guy Drake,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Guy Drake - December 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Dear Sween family:*

I am heart broken about the loss of Dr. Sween. My husband and I have only been patients of his for about 4 years and we only saw him 2 a year, but in that short time we've come to learn that he was the best dentist that both of us have ever seen. We both are the typical "chickens" when it comes to dentists, but Dr. Sween was the best at what he did.

I am at a loss for words. My heart goes out to his family and staff. He will be missed a lot!!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

~

Leslie & Chuck Myrin,

Rogers, Minnesota

Contact Me

Leslie & Chuck Myrin - December 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Dear Charlotte, Duane and Jill,

We are still trying to comprehend the news of Micheal's death. We thought of all of you everytime we passed the dental clinic on our trip back up north after visiting Jessica and her family. Visiting with all of you at the Shepherd reunion last year brought back such great memories, and just then finding out that Jill and Michael had been married was such a thrill.

We also remember that little curly haired boy at the first services at Cedar Island School. My friendship with Charlotte and Duane was so special over the years, and how many discussions Charlotte and I would have about our kids when she visited my shop. It is wonderful to read about the wonderful man he grew to be, and how much respect he has from all the friends and professional people he has come in contact with in the years since highschool.

Faith is truly the only thing that can get us through times like this, but if I had known in time, I would have wanted to hug all of you, just to help me feel better. Don't think I can stop thinking of your sadness, even for an hour, but I know love helps us go on. May the love you have for Michael give you the strength to keep his memory alive. You were truly the best parents any son could ask for, and Jill, I know you too were a wonderful wife in the short time you spent with him.

The Fiebelkorn Family

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Nancy Fiebelkorn,

Brainerd, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nancy Fiebelkorn - December 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Jill,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to meet and get to know him in the Dale Carnegie class this past year. You displayed a special love for each other. I'll never forget his speech about how the tooth brush does the work not the paste! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

~

Tanya Berg,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Tanya Berg - December 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Like many of the others that have signed here, Dr. Sween was my dentist. Even living up here, I'd make a trip down to have my check up, not only because he was a great dentist but a great man as well. He was one of the kindest souls I had ever met, and I thank God everyday that there are people like him in this world. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go with you in your time of need.

~

Lindsey Morris,

St Cloud, Minnesota

Contact Me

Lindsey Morris - December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Jill,*

Our prayers are with you!

~

Aaron & Charity Pankonin,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Aaron & Charity Pankonin - December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Dr Sween and family,

Our family is so sad to hear about your loss. (Mary, Jeanne and her family), Steve, Bridget, Danny) We can't even imagine your loss. It is our loss too. We have known you for so long. Our utmost sympathy and prayers. I just read through all of the wonderful messages and thought we do not even know this young man. We know his father so well and think the world of him and his son must be a wonderful man. We're so sorry we'd never been able to meet him. He must have been just a little guy when our family started seeing his dad. He was young and so were we. I know how kind his dad was to me and my family. It appears that Mike followed in his dad's footsteps. God bless your family.

~

Mary Murphy,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mary Murphy - December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Dr Sween and family,

Our family is so sad to hear about your loss. (Mary, Jeanne and her family), Steve, Bridget, Danny) We can't even imagine your loss. It is our loss too. We have known you for so long. Our utmost sympathy and prayers.

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Mary Murphy,

Crystal, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mary Murphy - December 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Jill,

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to see Mike the evening before his tragic accident. I recall Mike walking into the kitchen and you greeting him immediately with a "Hi Honey", followed with a kiss. It was wonderful to see the two of you so happy and in love!

Parc and I will always treasure the moments we've shared with Mike at dinner parties and social gatherings.

We send you and your families endless amounts of love and strength. Jodi and Parc Gunderson

~

Jodi Gunderson,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jodi Gunderson - December 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Jill-

We heard of your tragic loss, we know no words can make you feel any better. Keep your head up, and know you are in so many people's prayers, including ours.

*our deepest sympathy
Eric & Jodee VanKeuren*

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Jodee & Eric VanKeuren,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jodee & Eric VanKeuren - December 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *I cannot believe it! Michael you will be missed- indeed you already are! I remember fondly the four tours with the Ole Choir we took together (including Norway). Being in the New Orleans DURING Marti Gras with the Ole Choir during Dr. Armstrong's first year was a highlight. I still have the pictures... :-)*

May the Lord keep your memory bright and fresh in our minds. And even though your death caught us by surprise, we know the Lord was not caught unprepared. For the Lord has promised his people to be there when death comes.

So, because of Christ our death has become merely 'sleep', therefore we'll see you in the morning, Mike.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

SHALOM

~

Mark Tiede,

Anoka, Minnesota

Mark Tiede - December 11, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Jill, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.* ”

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Laurie Wangen-Kissamis,

Houston, Texas

Laurie Wangen-Kissamis - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JK

“*Dear Jill and the entire Sween Family,
No words can express the shock and sadness we experienced when we heard today the tragic news of Michael's death. We were just speaking of him yesterday as we drove by his office on the way home, and smiling as we remembered how happy he was to introduce Jill as his wife at the Shepherd of the Grove reunion. Like so many others, my thoughts of Michael bring back memories of the kindest guy, a true gentlemen with the sweetest of smiles. While it's certain that he has been called to a better place for a very special purpose, my heart goes out to you all and I am crying with you in your loss. My deepest sympathies.*

~

Jessica (Fiebelkorn) Kerr,

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jessica (Fiebelkorn) Kerr - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mike,*

Everybody misses you so much. I was not surprised by the number of people who came to honor you today. Whenever I saw one of your patients, they spoke so highly of you. It was a pleasure working with you these past few years. Godspeed.

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Daniel Sampson DDS, MD,

Edina, Minnesota

Daniel Sampson DDS, MD - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Jill,

I cannot tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Please know that as your friend I will be here for you whenever you need me. I was in a unique position of being your good friend and Mike's hygienist. That allowed me to know him on a personal and professional level. I spent so much time with him over the last 4+ years - I feel like I knew him almost like a family member. As a dentist, he was laid back and relaxed which I know made our patients feel at ease. I know our patients enjoyed their visits with him. Poor Mike had to work in an office as the only man with 5 WOMEN - which couldn't have been easy for him - and I know we often gave him a hard time - but he always took it well. He made us laugh and he made being at work "fun". I have been remembering all the fun things we did together as a staff - such as going to a Twins game, a Wild game, bowling, dinners, "Tony and Tina's Wedding", and numerous staff lunches. I especially remember the staff outing to Valleyfair where he and I and one other co-worker, Jodi, went on the "Ripcord". Jodi had done it once before and laughed the whole time as Mike and I were scared out of our minds and screamed for our lives.

Jill, he loved you SO MUCH!! You were his whole world and you made him very happy. You were perfect for each other. You were only married for just over a year but you guys did so much in such a short time and have such wonderful memories. Family was so important to Mike. I know he enjoyed all the trips you took and time you spent with both of your parents. He will be missed dearly by so many people. I know the dental office will not be the same without him there. But we will go on and use what he taught us to keep the practice alive in his honor. He had so many great qualities - it is difficult to lose him when he had such a bright future ahead of him.

My deepest condolences to you, your family, and the entire Sween family.

Ronda

~

Ronda Stelljes,

Rogers, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ronda Stelljes - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *My condolences to Mike's family - I was in the class below Mike's at the U of MN. Although we were not close friends, i remember him as an easy-going guy with a great sense of humor and I am very sorry to hear about your loss.*

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Keith Watson,

Portland, Oregon

Keith Watson - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Jill,*

I just heard the news about Michael today and I am so sorry. I looked for you and Michael each week of our Dale Carnegie class - your friendly faces and smiles made me smile too.

I wanted to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

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Marcia Moberg,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Marcia Moberg - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was so saddened to learn of Mike's death. I graduated from St. Olaf with Mike and sang in St. Olaf Choir with him. Marcy Carlson and I used to hang out with him in the Cage between our morning classes. We always read the comics together - for some reason that became our pattern. He was such a funny guy - he had such a dry sense of humor and he always cracked us up. I hadn't kept in touch with him since graduation but saw him at our reunion last year. He clearly was still on cloud nine about his recent marriage and he spoke proudly about his dental practice. It was great to catch up with him and to see him doing so well.

My deepest sympathy to your families.

~

Carrie Benson,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Carrie Benson - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Jill - I am so sorry for your unexpected and tragic loss. Please know that your extended GE family is here for whatever support you may need. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

~

Mary Sticha,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Mary Sticha - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I just heard of the sad news of Michael's death. I had the pleasure of being with Mike and Jill through the Dale Carnegie course earlier this year. Mike and I shared a love of running and we connected well during the class. My thoughts and prayers are with Jill and all of Michael's family. It is hard to imagine that he has been taken from us this quickly.

~

Jeff Abel,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jeff Abel - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Jill,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I did not know Michael or yourself, but his death affected me in many ways. I was one of his Paramedics that tried with all our might to bring him back to you but God had other plans. He appears to have been a great man and will be greatly missed. Once again I'm sorry.

~

Nate,

Minnesota

Nate - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dear Jill,
I was so sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Please know you are in my
thoughts and prayers.*

~

Tracey MacPherson,

Toronto, Ontario

Tracey MacPherson - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Sween family. Like many others Dr. Sween was our family dentist. He took very good care of our family (especially the 2 years of dental work that Dennis needed.) I know that he will be greatly missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis, Sue, Dylan and Nicholas Berning

~

Sue Berning,

Albertville, Minnesota

Sue Berning - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *The gravity of this tragedy has affected us all. Find comfort in God's glory, grace, and eternal peace for Michael's soul. We miss him dearly as friend and colleague. God bless you Jill, and both of your families.*

~

Dietrich and Corninne Lawrenz,

Medina, Minnesota

Dietrich and Corninne Lawrenz - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ZT

“

Jill

Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May God give you and your family the strength to bear this tragic loss.

If ever there is anything we can do please let us know.

Ziya & Kairus

~

Ziya & Kairus Tarapore,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Ziya & Kairus Tarapore - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Jill & Families of both Jill & Mike:
I am holding you ALL up in prayer during this devastating time of shock and despair. In reading through his guest book, his short life was touched by so many in so many ways. He lived a very full life and touched many hearts that will NEVER forget him! Now he's an angel watching over you all!
May you all find peace in the memories you have had with him.
Sincerely with heartfelt sympathy to you all,
Cathy Berzins
Edina Realty Plymouth

~

Cathy Berzins,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Cathy Berzins - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My deepest sympathies to Jill, Mike's parents Duane and Charlotte, and to all who knew him. I am a fellow club runner who was in the same running group as Mike. Mike was one of the first people I got to know through the club and befriended. Although I would have liked to have known him better outside of running, through our numerous conversations, I got to know what a genuinely superb guy Mike was. He was the nicest guy and one of the most determined people I knew. I envied his work ethic and his success in marathoning. I will remember the "Capitol Run" we did this last fall in preparation for the Twin Cities Marathon. It was nice to re-connect with him since I hadn't had a chance to run a long run with him in a few years. My last "run" with him was on the North end of Lake Harriet during this last Twin Cities Marathon. While watching the race, I spotted him and ran a few meters with him. Before he went on his way, he gave a sincere "Thanks for running with me"...that was the kind of guy Mike was...

He will be missed by many.

~

Steven Leung,

Richfield, Minnesota

Contact Me

Steven Leung - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *To the Sween Family,
My deepest sorrow and condolences go to you. I knew Mike in
dental school to be a great guy to be around. I wish you courage in
this trying time.*

~

Badri Jureidini,

Minnesota

Contact Me

Badri Jureidini - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Jill, Charlotte, Duane, Jeanette and Gary,

Carole and I extend to you our deepest sympathy at the tragic loss of Michael. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of you at this most difficult time. It is so hard to comprehend this loss. Michael will be deeply missed by us.

We got to know Michael as a toddler at Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church and watched him grow to a wonderful man, great friend and super dentist. We travel from Florida once or twice a year to visit family and friends and always try to schedule an appointment with Michael. In fact, we will be in Minneapolis for Christmas and yes, have an appointment scheduled.

May our loving God comfort you during this difficult time, and may the wonderful memories we all have of Michael help to lift you up at this sad time.

*God Bless each of you today,
Carole and Dennis Cliff
Jacksonville, Florida*

~

Dennis & Carole Cliff,

Jacksonville, Florida

Contact Me

Dennis & Carole Cliff - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Jill and family,*

While the tragedy of the loss is unquestionable, the sadness brought upon by it speaks to the light he brought to so many lives.

You are all in our thoughts,

Don and Kris

~

Don Andrews,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Don Andrews - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Jill,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss and hope you know that you are in the hearts and minds of many friends and family members.

~

Josh & Beth Hicks,

Rockford, Minnesota

Josh & Beth Hicks - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Jill and Friends of Michael,*

Words of course are never adequate to cover a situation like this. I spent 12 weeks in a Dale Carnegie Class with Michael earlier this year and enjoyed his participation very much. Suffice to say all the Dale Carnegie students and associates send their deepest sympathies.

~

Rollie Peterson,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rollie Peterson - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *I just found out about Dr. Sween today. I am so sorry for such a terrible loss. I am a patient of his and have been since he opened his practice in Rogers. I had a dentist at the time and had a problem that they kept ignoring. I called Dr. Sween's office on a Friday and he helped me immediately. His compassion was so moving I have been seeing him along with the rest of my family ever since. He was clearly the most caring dentist I have ever met which makes me believe he was the same in every other aspect of his life. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

~

Gay Morris,

St Michael, Minnesota

Gay Morris - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Mike(Doc),

I enjoyed getting to know you over the last couple years as a friend and as my Dentist. You were such a thoughtful guy full of great stories and happiness. I enjoyed playing golf with you and talking about sports whenever we were together. You were a Dentist, a sportsman, but most of all, a good person.

It hurts so much to lose someone of your character so early. Those of us who were a part of your life are better people for knowing you. Thanks for the memories Mike. You will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of Dr. Sween and especially to my lifelong friend Jill.

*Sincerely,
Matt*

~

Matt Stelljes,

Rogers, Minnesota

Contact Me

Matt Stelljes - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Jill, Charlotte and Duane...*

As the Deputy (Alumni Advisor) to Delta Sigma Delta for the 12+ years I've been back in Minnesota, I've been blessed with the individuals I've watched grow from 1st year dental students to 'Drs.' Michael was elected by his brothers and sisters Delta Sigs to be the Grand Master (President) of the Chapter one year when he was in school. The meetings were not just well run, they were fun. I got to know him well in this way and even better after he graduated. It seems like golf was one of the common denominators (along with running and sports fans) in Mike's life and I'm sure everyone remembers his smile. To be taken so young must mean he was needed somewhere else. My heart, prayers and sympathies are with you all.

Dr. Mike Prazich

~

Mike Prazich,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mike Prazich - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Dr. Michael Sween family and staff.
Michael was my dentist and enjoyed talking to him about running.
My thoughts and prayer are with you.*

~

Diane DeMars,

Dayton, Minnesota

Diane DeMars - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ My condolences go out to the Sween family. Mike was a Delta Sig fraternity brother and a dear friend to me. Though I was a year ahead in Dental school; Mike and I were in the same patient care group. I can still remember the two of us sitting down before my graduation going thru my patient list and giving Mike the patients he needed to fulfill his requirements for his upcoming senior year. Mike will be missed by many.

John Iverson DDS

~

John Iverson,

Spicer, Minnesota

Contact Me

John Iverson - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Jill & families,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. We're glad we were able to know
Mike better over the last few years. He will be missed. You are in
our prayers.*

~

Matt & Kaia Rohrer,

Monticello, Minnesota

Contact Me

Matt & Kaia Rohrer - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

O1

“ From the Osseo High School Class of 1989, our condolences to the entire Sween family during this difficult time. While we graduated from a large class and it was impossible to know everyone on a personal basis, it still is a great loss when we lose anyone. It's wonderful to read and hear about Mike's successful life and career. We know he touched many lives, including our own. He will forever live on in our thoughts and memories.

~

Osseo High School Class of 1989,

Osseo, Minnesota

Osseo High School Class of 1989 - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Jill,

I clearly remember the day I met your boyfriend Mike. You were hand in hand walking around Lake Calhoun. You introduced him to me and he shook my hand and said with a smile ear to ear on his face, "Nice to meet you Chritine." I remember you telling me that day how your mom's set you two up. Mike then replied that he knew his mom would only find him the best:-)!! I have only crossed paths with him a few other times. But I know he was a first class gentlemen.

I know how much your nephews looked up to uncle Mike, next time I see them @ RSI I will give them a little wave and smile knowing how much they too will be impacted by this tragedy.

*hugs to you, your family and Mike's Family.
Christine Patch*

~

Christine Patch,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Christine Patch - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Jill and family:

I had the pleasure of meeting Mike through ClubRun. We trained for the 2003 Boston Marathon together and had many other runs together following Boston. Kay and I briefly met Mike's parents in the Hotel Lobby in Boston. When parents take the time to travel across country to see thier son cross the finish line, in the midst of thousands of people, it is a testimony of the kind of relationship a family can only hope for.

In addition to many memories I have of running and training with Mike, I will fondly remember this years Victory 10K. Mike and I pushed one another throughout the race, finishing only seconds apart. After the race, Mike informed me he had set his 10K personal best, and we shared some thoughts, recalling the final stretch of the race, & how we had battled back and forth. I told him our pace got a little "rich" at the end, a term I had used often during Boston training, & one he seemed to enjoy. It was a small moment in time, but one I will always remember.

Jill, you and Mike were just approaching what should be the happiest years of your life together, our hearts go out to you and your families.

~

Jeff Bennett,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jeff Bennett - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Our Deepest symphathy to the Family of Dr. Sween. We built his dental clinic and he was great to work with. Richard, Mark and All of us at Karkela Construction*

~

Karkela Construction,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Karkela Construction - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our sympathies to Dr. Sween's family and co-workers. You all have been in our thoughts and prayers.*

Darin, Jodi, Madison & Mitchell

~

Jodi Hansen,

Rogers, Minnesota

Jodi Hansen - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ There are just so many good things to say about Sween. I was lucky enough to work for him for a few years and get to know him. I will miss all his stories the most, he was always so animated when telling them. And he always liked to say different quips from "National Lampoons Vacation". He could always make us laugh. He will be missed very much. God must have had another plan for him and I guess somehow we need to find comfort in that. I'm really gonna miss you Sween.

~

Kristy Barzee,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kristy Barzee - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dear Mike,

It has only been a few days, but I truly miss your presence. You were such a great friend to me. You always had time to listen to my issues and provide me with your great wisdom. I am blessed to have known someone as insightful and wonderful as you.

The other day as I went out for a run to help ease my mind of this tragic loss... I couldn't stop thinking of all the good memories. The runs and races we shared and the discussions with dinner or breakfast that followed afterwards, all of the sporting events we attended (Vikings, Twin, Timberwolves, Gopher Hockey), hanging out at your house on Sunday evening watching the Sopranos, the rounds of golf, the dental visits and how I can never forget our trip to Chicago where the hotel we were staying at was hosting a convention for a group of men called the "Big Bears".

So it now that I must say "good bye"...but also, I would like to leave you with a "thank you". The memories and lessons I have gained from you will never be forgotten.

Your friend always,

Patrick

~

Patrick Lewis,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Patrick Lewis - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mike,

I'm so sorry to hear of your untimely passing. I really enjoyed our runs together, especially the long ones where we could talk about all sorts of things regarding life's tribulations. Your sense of humor, candor and practical insight were appreciated every time. I looked forward to running with you as you were such a hard worker that pushed all of us to improve time and again.

I will always remember the time (before we actually knew each other) when you filled in for your dad at one of my dental appointments with him and grabbed my tong and pulled on it with your hand to check it out. Who ever figured that three years later we would meet again and remember that on one of our runs? You will truly be missed.

My deepest condolences to your wife Jill and your family.

~

Mark Friske,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Mark Friske - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ We are truly touched and saddened by the tragic loss that your family has experienced. Your family is in our prayers. This was such a sad reminder to make every day count.

~

Kelly and Jack Judd,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Kelly and Jack Judd - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Jill, families, and friends.*

There are no words I can describe how sorry I am with your loss. My husband, Bill, went to St. Olaf and dental school together. Mike would often make us laugh with his stories. Nobody could tell a story like Mike could. I had not seen him so much happier since he met Jill. He enjoyed every minute of his life and loved his family. We will certainly miss Mike.

~

Soyoung Han,

Belleville, Illinois

Contact Me

Soyoung Han - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

D9

“ Dear Family of Mike,

I am sorry to hear of your loss of such a wonderful person. We knew of Mike from St. Olaf and Dental School. It is so sad to lose such a talented person who contributed so much to society. God's Blessings to you during these holidays coming up.

~

Drs. Jeanni and John Foss (ole 94, u of m 98),

Baxter, Minnesota

Contact Me

Drs. Jeanni and John Foss (ole 94, u of m 98) - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family, friends and staff of Dr. Sween. My deepest sympathy for your loss.*

~

Chris Deger (OraPharma, Inc.),

Woodbury, Minnesota

Chris Deger (OraPharma, Inc.) - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ With deepest sympathies to Mike's wife Jill, Mike's parents Duane and Charlotte and Mike's entire family. I've known Mike and his parents for many years through running and Rotary. The loss of Mike is tragic and devastating. Mike was a wonderful guy and fun to be around, like the rest of his family. Mike was a participant in life. I recall talking with him recently on a run from the NW Athletic club about his involvement in community activities near his dental office. He was donating tooth brushes to children during a City of Rogers parade he was involved with. I was impressed but not surprised with his desire to be involved. Mike was a great runner and an inspiration to others. I'm going to miss running with Mike and seeing him at the road races. It is our great loss Mike was taken from us so early. He was a talented guy with a lot more to give to this world. It is difficult at times to understand God's plan for us and this is one of those times. I pray Mike's family will find some peace in this very painful time. May God be with you.

~

Steve Sondrall,

New Hope

Steve Sondrall - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dear Sween Family,
At this time of grief please accept our heart felt condolences on the
sad and sudden demise of our dear colleague Mike.
You are in prayers as we say goodbye to loved one.*

~

Tripti Meysman,

Minnesota

Contact Me

Tripti Meysman - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I was very sorry to hear the news of Sweens death. As a fellow Delta Sig I was able to see all sides of Mike's great personality and appreciate his humor. It saddens me to think I won't "run into him" at any future dental meetings or reunions.

~

beth sacreydds,

Geneva, Illinois

beth sacreydds - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Jill,

I am so sorry to hear about your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your entire family. May God bless and guide you through this extremely difficult time. Kerry Brewer (Sizer) Osseo class of 92.

~

kerry brewer,

st.paul, Minnesota

kerry brewer - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WM

“Mike, I don't know what to say. I've been thinking of you non-stop. You've given me so many good memories. I think of you every day as I take my noon time nap on my sleeping bag mattress that I used on our trips to the Boundary Waters. I'll never forget those trips. Remember our first night in when we couldn't decide whether the tarp goes under the tent on inside? We finally pitched the tent, on a hillside no less, and put the tarp inside. Our sleeping bags we kept sliding into the side of the tent, then it rained. The rain seeped through and got your bag wet and it never dried out for the rest of the trip. I also remember when you were in the canoe with your boots and big backpack on and as I pulled along the canoe you went head over heels into the lake. Of course I'll never forget camping out on that island only to have a baby bear steal our food and how the next morning when we went back to the site a big bear was there and one of us, who shall remain nameless, decided to throw rocks at it from our canoe, not realizing bears can swim. I remember how you carried the canoe all by yourself every day while wearing your backpack, making the long, hot portages easy for me. I remember how I was afraid to cross that big lake with whitecaps. You knew what to do to get us across safely.

I have so many other memories I want to revisit but I have to get ready now for the trip up so I can wish you farewell. I miss you more than three little words can ever say.

~

William Martin,

Belleville, Illinois

Contact Me

William Martin - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Michael-*
I will always be grateful for you encouraging me to finish my dental hygiene degree. All the tutoring sections in chemistry. Also, I will remember the count down to the year 2000, trip to Colorado and how you loved banana ice cream and Frank Sinatra. I am so glad you found happiness with Jill. And my condolences go to your parents and family. What a great person you were to get to know. Thank you for the memories- Always Jess

~

Jessica Hentges,

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jessica Hentges - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SS

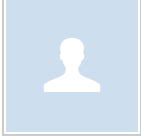
“ *Dr Sween & Family,*
I knew Micheal while he dated my daughter some years ago. He was such a gentle person to know. He was such a active, highly motivated person in all this activities be work or play. I was devastated when I heard the news. I feel so badly for his new wife and for his family.
May God help lessen your pain at this time.
Sharon

~

Sharon Seliski,

New Hope, Minnesota

Sharon Seliski - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike will be missed greatly. We all remember his cheerful attitude even during tough days of dental school. We are grateful to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.*

Jenny (LJ) Andresen Narr, Rick Thiery, Stacey Johanson Yahnke, Beth Sacrey, Doug Wolff, and Michelle Bebeau (1998 Grads- fellow Delta Sigma Delta gang)

Zimmerman

December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family, friends and staff of Dr. Sween. I only knew him for a few years as a patient, but it feels like I have lost a best friend. Every time I visited his office he took the time to make you feel welcome with his sincere smile and friendly manner. I was truly looking forward to my appointment with him that same day he was so tragically taken from us.*

~

Steven Hall,

Mayer, Minnesota

Steven Hall - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ It is with a heavy heart that we at St. Olaf College learn of Michael's untimely death. Michael was a three-year member of the St. Olaf Choir at St. Olaf College. He loved to sing! Quiet, but committed, he was a dedicated spirit to the choir he loved. He was at the St. Olaf Christmas Festival last Friday, a testament to his love of St. Olaf and its music.

The final words of the festival this year were the Nunc Dimittis, a fitting departure for a child of God:

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people".

*B.J. Johnson, Manager
The St. Olaf Choir
Northfield, Minnesota*

~

B.J Johnson,

Northfield, Minnesota

B.J Johnson - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

P)

“ Dear Mike's Family,

I am deeply sorry for the tragic loss of Mike. I often drive by his dental office , and smile at all the fun memories we had working together at the gas station, MANY years ago. His ability to make anyone smile was amazing. I know he will be missed by all who's life he touched. I regret not stopping in and saying HI , it only proves to us all that you never know when you might say goodbye to someone for the last time. I will think of your family in the days and weeks to come. I pray that you will find comfort in knowing how many lives Mike touched in such a positive way. Paula (Eberle) Rogers

~

Paula Rogers (Eberle),

Albertville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Paula Rogers (Eberle) - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Michaels' family. I knew Michael from our study club.*

~

Dr. Sandra Kennedy,

Blaine, Minnesota

Dr. Sandra Kennedy - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Jill, Family and Friends,*

I cannot begin to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. I graduated from dental school with Mike and we were members of Delta Sigma Delta (dental fraternity) together. I even let him perform his first dental work on me in school. We had many great times and I always respected Mike for his honesty, genuine personality and humble demeanor.

I know he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You are in my prayers.

Rose Perpich DDS

~

rose perpich,

vadnais heights, Minnesota

Contact Me

rose perpich - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Our condolences to the Sween family. Michael will be in our prayers.*

~

Van & Janet Mancuso,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Van & Janet Mancuso - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ZB

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Michael as a result of my wife Kristy working for him. Though I had only known him for about 6 years or so, I got to know him pretty well. I occasionally stopped in to chat with him even after Kristy had quit to be a homemaker. I could always count on Michael being silly and making lots of jokes. He was fun to be around, always. Not only was he fun, he was kind hearted and very unselfish.

One thing that comes to mind is one afternoon my car broke down on my way to pick Kristy up from work. Since there was nothing she could do, Michael came to pick me up. He was cool like that. The even neater part about this story is that Kristy and I had plans to meet my folks that evening for dinner to celebrate my fathers birthday. Michael said he'd gladly drive us down to Maple Grove and even drive us home to Big Lake afterwards if we needed him to. Realize that Big Lake is almost 30 miles from Maple Grove and Michael lived in Maple Grove - so he was volunteering to drive 60 miles for us! So he drove us down to Timberlodge Steakhouse in Maple Grove and joined us all for dinner and conversation. He was just such a great person.

I already miss him. I wish I would have got to know him better than I did, but every memory I have of him is a good one.

Thanks Michael for being such a great guy and good friend - you will never be forgotten.

Zach

~

Zach Barzee,

Big Lake, Minnesota

Zach Barzee - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Those of us from Club Run that ran with Mike, day in and day out, want to express our extreme sadness at this tragic loss. Mike was such a sweet, fun, guy who loved to head out on a run with his friends, no matter what the weather or the workout planned. Our prayers are with his family and our thoughts are full of memories of Mike- happy, sweaty and exhausted after a marathon or a good run. God bless.

~

Betsy Kinkead,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Betsy Kinkead - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Dear Jill and Family,*

*Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jen, Kevin and Averi

~

Jennifer Pirkl-Ahmann,

Chaska, Minnesota

Jennifer Pirkl-Ahmann - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are neighbors in Medina Highlands and really did not get to know Michael and Jill, but our hearts are so heavy for Jill and the entire Sween family. May God give you strength in this tragic loss of life.

~

Larry and Dee Schwartz,

Medina, Minnesota

Larry and Dee Schwartz - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Jill and Families,*

*How grateful I am to have been at the cookie party on Sunday.
Having Mike there helping all the girls with the wax paper,
arithmetic, and photos, how does he put up with us all? Goes to
show what a wonderful person he is.*

You are in our thoughts and prayers,

~

Tiffany Giese,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Tiffany Giese - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My deepest condolences go out to Dr. Sween's family for this tragic loss. Like many of the other people that have signed this guest book, I was not a family member or a family friend. I was a patient of Dr. Sween's for the last few years. He was flat out the best dentist I had ever visited. He always had a smile on his face and a good word for the day. I happened to be in the next room one day when he had a small boy as a patient. It must have been the first dentist visit. Dr. Sween did an exceptional job calming the boy down and making him comfortable. Also, my own new wife and step children were looking very forward to switching over to Dr. Sween's office. Dr. Sween will be sorely missed by many.

~

Michael McShane,

Albertville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michael McShane - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Jill,

Although we only met a few time I felt that our relationship was growing, since that wonderful evening we spent together at Rolling Green last fall. I am truly sorry for your loss and I know that Dietrich will surely miss playing golf with Mike.

I also want to offer my condolences to his family.

Sincerely,

Corinne Lawrenz

~

Corinne Lawrenz,

Medina, Minnesota

Corinne Lawrenz - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Sween. Dr. Michael Sween was my dentist for several years and I enjoyed my "chats" with him during my visits. He will be missed!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.*

~

Michelle Ertl,

Albertville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Michelle Ertl - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Every single memory I have of Mike is of a smiling, wonderful, caring person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

~

Mike Mason,

Northfield (Osseo '91), Minnesota

Mike Mason - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was a friend of Mike's from St. Olaf, we had many many good times in St. Olaf Choir. Mike was a great guy and he will be missed. My sincere condolences to Mike's family.

~

Benjamin Fisher,

Forest Lake, Minnesota

Benjamin Fisher - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“MICHAEL REFERRED PATIENTS TO MY ORAL SURGERY PRACTICE. I GOT TO KNOW HIM MOSTLY ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL SO I KNOW HE WAS A GREAT DENTIST BUT HE WAS ALSO A WONDERFUL PERSON. HIS PATIENTS LOVED AND TRUSTED HIM WHILE HIS PEERS ADMIRERD AND RESPECTED HIM. HE WILL BE MISSED. I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HIS WIFE AND FAMILY ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

~

Joseph Huss,

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

Joseph Huss - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept our deepest condolences on the tragic loss of Michael. We knew Michael as a well respected and caring member of the dental community. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

~

Dr. Laurie Goldenberg (Associated Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons),

Elk River, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dr. Laurie Goldenberg (Associated Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons) - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless your family during this mournful time.

~

Michael Czora,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Michael Czora - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I just wanted to send a note to Dr. Sween's family to let them know how much my family is thinking of you during this difficult time. My entire family (including my mom and dad) were patients of Dr. Sween. My children loved to go to the dentist which is such a statement to how truly special Dr. Sween was. Recently, my daughter had a countdown on her calendar as to when she would get to go to the dentist and once again, enjoyed her visit so much. Dr. Sween will be missed by our family and our thoughts and prayers are with you all. The Fingalsen family and The Sarkilahti family.

~

Dawn Fingalsen,

Rogers, Minnesota

Dawn Fingalsen - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *Jill & family - Michael was our dentist for a number of years. I know there are many who are feeling a loss much greater than ours but wanted you to know we will truly miss him. I felt like he knew our family and considered him more than just a dentist. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you.*

The Doug Kane family

~

Gail Kane,

Buffalo, Minnesota

Gail Kane - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathy to family, friends and staff of Dr Sween. May God give all of you the strength to cope during this difficult time.

~

Buffalo Dental Center Dr Dunn & Staff,

Buffalo, Minnesota

Buffalo Dental Center Dr Dunn & Staff - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I would like to take a moment to share with you thoughts of Michael Sween. I am not a friend of the family or niece or nephew, not even a neighbor. I visited Dr. Sween like many others on a professional level, as he was my dentist. I waited 4 years before seeing my dentist and actually choose him from a letter I had received introducing him to our area. I made the decision, went to the appointment and was very glad I did. He was impressive on all levels. In his profession and as a genuine, caring man. His manorism, wit, and fun sense of humor was obvious from the moment you met him. My deepest sympathies go out to all who knew him, especially his wife. I have experienced your pain and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Beth Wilkes,

St. Michael, Minnesota

Beth Wilkes - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Our condolences to Jill and family. We did not know Michael well as we are new neighbors in Medina Highlands, but I feel a connection to him because of our similar backgrounds. I too graduated from Osseo High School and St. Olaf College (and I know how competitive it is to be a part of the Ole Choir), and I am also a runner - a retired track and cross country coach at Champlin Park High School. I wish I had known Michael better; we seemed to have a lot in common. It is so hard to lose someone at such a young age, but I'm sure you are proud of his accomplishments.

~

JON HERSCH,

Medina, Minnesota

Contact Me

JON HERSCH - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ It is with a heavy heart that I am making an entry into this guest book. Mike will be missed by everyone that knew him. Many of us were fortunate enough to see him the night before the accident. I have to smile when I think about his 'job' at the Cookie Exchange. He was eagerly ripping sheets of wax paper for all 10 of the girls standing in his dining room as we filled our cookie buckets. And, of course, he did it with a smile on his face. He also gladly took pictures of the group with about 10 different cameras. Looking back, I wish he was in those pictures with us.

I also enjoyed talking to Mike about the Packers. His enthusiasm for sports was contagious.

Much love to Jill and Mike's family.

~

Kelly Lieser,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Kelly Lieser - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dr. Sween was my dentist and a wonderful man. I always felt very comfortable in his care and enjoyed our visits. He will be greatly missed. I am very sorry for your loss.*

~

Joni Cragoe,

Elk River, Minnesota

Joni Cragoe - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ On behalf of all of us at the Charles Cudd Company, we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Jill and to Michael's family. We were quite saddened to learn of his untimely death. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Carole McFarland

~

Carole McFarland,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carole McFarland - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

M9

“ Jill,

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. It is such a tragedy. My condolences go to you, your family and Michael's family.

You're in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

~

Melissa Sweeney (Bloomdahl, Osseo Class of 92),

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa Sweeney (Bloomdahl, Osseo Class of 92) - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *There are no words to describe the absolute pain my heart feels for all of Michael's friends and family. Although I only met him a few times, I felt like I knew him through all of the stories his mom would always share with me and it was a privilege to hear them all. It amazed me how many wonderful memories they were making and know they will be forever cherished. I can only hope that my own son and I will remain as close as Michael and his mother were on a daily basis. I am so sorry, Charlotte. I wish you and your family strength and peace.*

~

AJ Beske,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

AJ Beske - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ hey dr s.i really miss you, my friend. more than i could have possibly imagined. i can't begin to tell u all of the little things i'll miss sharing with you: from our love of golf, to going to twins games, talking on the cell phone about the stupid and funny thngs in life, and sending emails all day at work - all will be missed and never replaced.i'll always treasure the memories we had in our trips in mexico, new york, florida, and chicago. your wisdom in figuring out how to run a small business was critical in my life. being able to talk with you about the daily trials, tribulations, and smiles whilst practicing dentistry was a crutch that i leaned on hard every single day. your sense of humor still makes me smile. i loved your jokes, even the long ones. remembering your stories from your days as a gas station attendant make me lol. " where's the f-in bathroom . . ." or the guy who drove his car through the garage door in the car wash. what a riot! and how can a dentist say enough about someone who taught him how to golf? your love of the game was transferred to me. you taught me to honor the game, even while you took my money when we wagered! by the way, i'm not going to get a chance to earn back all the money i lost last year. i think this was going to be my year . . .sween - i want to keep writing my memories all morning, but just like in a normal day, my patient is waiting for me . . .i want to keep them waiting for along time so as to not ever have to let you go. but alas, life goes on. thanks for a wonderful friendship, mike. you will be greatly missed.and may the force be with you :)jay williams, dds

~

Jay Williams,

mpls, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jay Williams - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Jill & family -*

We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts ache for you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

~

Shannon & Kris Keil,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Shannon & Kris Keil - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM