



Paul C Belvedere DDS

November 1, 2017

Belvedere, Paul C. DDS Born October 28th, 1930 Hobart, Indiana, died peacefully November 1st, 2017, Minneapolis, MN, surrounded by family, faith & love to the end. Paul was full of life and vigor. Born to Catherine & Pasqual Belvedere in his Uncle's dental office. He was destined. Early, as hobby he built motor-propelled model airplanes. A master competition builder Awarded 1st Place in International competition 4 years. It would lead to own private pilot's license. He even began building Glasair airplane in his garage. Dr. Belvedere studied dentistry at Loyola Dental School, Chicago, graduating 3rd in his class in 1955. He gained academic commission as 2nd Lieutenant, USFA, and stationed in Minneapolis. Honorable Discharge as Captain, 1958. Began Dental practice 1958, Southdale Medical Building in Edina. He cared for thousands. Paul became internationally renowned dentist, innovator, teacher, lecturer, author and inventor of cosmetic and composite dentistry. A true pioneer, Paul was known as "father of posterior composites." He held Academic positions from Adjunct Professor to Co-Director of the Postgraduates at UofM; and State University of New York. A brilliant mind; he holds 22 patents, served 3 editorial boards, published numerous papers, presented 700 lectures worldwide to dentals & universities for 30 years. Unique teaching style combined innovative Cosmetic Dentistry methods now in worldwide commercial practice today. Just before passing, he was honored & accepted a Lifetime Achievement award from the American Society of Dental Aesthetics, leaving a profound impact on colleagues. Paul retired

active patient care in December 2010 after 56 years. He coached youth hockey and fixed an occasional tooth. He saw need to invent & produce mouth guards, eventually used & patented by Bite Tech and Shock Doctor. "Doc," combined passion for hockey & dentistry led him to team dentist for Minnesota North Stars. Always an inventor at heart, he designed early prototype ankle guards for North Star defenseman. It didn't work too well! However, the defenseman and numerous other professional hockey players still have the teeth Paul fixed. He was regularly seen AND heard blowing a bugle at North Star games in 1970's & 1980's. Paul is survived by Gail Ellen (Heinemann), his wife of 44 years, "the best friend a man could ever have who traveled the globe with me as I taught dentists." He leaves his son Paul J. (Gwen), son William (Jeni), daughter Grayce (Dan), daughter Josephine and eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Helen, and brother-in-law Luke. In lieu of flowers, Memorials preferred. See Caring Bridge.

Services will be held on Monday November 6th at Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina at 1:00 pm with Visitation 1 hour prior to service at Church; Also there will be a Visitation from 4:00 - 8:00 pm Sunday Evening at Washburn - McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W 50th Street, Edina Mn 952-920-3996