



Dr. Donald Falik

April 30, 1946 - December 30, 2018

Dr. Donald Falik, beloved dentist of the Charlotte, MI community, died unexpectedly in an airplane accident on December 30, 2018. Don, age 72, was born April 30, 1946 in Detroit to Chazkel and Florence (Katzin) Falik. In 1969 he married Mary “Lee” Park. Their adventures together over the next 49 years were many.

Don lived life to the fullest, and gave of himself often to help others. Dentistry, flying, and car collecting were Don’s favorite activities in life. He found a way to blend them by flying patients and friends in need of transportation or a fun experience.

Don’s love of dentistry began when he was a child. He graduated from Cass Tech in Detroit, attended MSU, and graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School in 1970. Shortly thereafter, he served his country in the Navy Dental Corps. After an honorable discharge, he and his family moved to Charlotte in the Spring of 1972, where he began his dental practice.

Weekend, midnight, and holiday emergencies were not uncommon for Dr. Falik. He often visited hospitals and nursing homes to care for his patients.

After he received his pilot’s license in 1993, any opportunity to fly made Don happy. He would take off at the drop of a hat, if the opportunity arose and weather conditions permitted. Don had a love of mechanics, which led him

into a love of orthodontics. His work was a hobby, and his patients and staff were part of the extended family.

Don and his wife Lee loved to travel, taking several trips to Mexico and Europe. During one visit to Mexico, he provided dental services in very primitive conditions to school children. A devoted family man, Don was very proud of his wife, sons, and especially adored his two darling granddaughters.

Dr. Don Falik is survived by his loving family: Lee, wife of 49 years; sons, Dr. Robert Falik, Thomas Falik, and Michael (Crystal) Falik; granddaughters, Myla and Riley; brother, Dr. Louis Falik; and sister, Sheila Millman. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support the Falik family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Saturday, January 5, 2019, 12:00 Noon at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. David Keller officiating. Visitation is Friday, January 4, 5-8:00 PM, and Saturday, January 5, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Wings of Mercy or Angel Flight. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Don on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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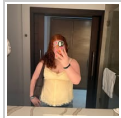
Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Donald Falik*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 04, 2019 at 12:23 AM



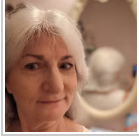
*Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man with a beautiful family ❤️ Our deepest condolences to the Falik family, Tom & Myla. We love you & let us know if there is anything we can do during this difficult time ❤️🙏
Love
The Hare-West Family*

Maya Hanalei - January 04, 2019 at 08:59 PM

KT

*I did know his family well, but he was our family dentist, until 1983. God bless him for all his volunteer work to help others. I did not know this about him.
Prayers to his family.*

Kerri (Davis) Tang - January 11, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ I was a patient of Doctor Falik early in his career Charlotte in the 1970s. I had had poor dental care in my early years and came to him with a fear and trepidation of dentists. He was a very compassionate man and always put me at ease, letting me choose music and wear headsets when possible during care. As I got older and went away from the area I continued to drive back to see him, paying for my own care, and he offered me a reference as needed for establishment of credit. He was just a very good man and although I was sad to see his passing, I was happy to see that he left this world doing something that brought him joy. He never knew what his small gestures of kindness meant to me, but I will always remember him with fondness. My condolences to his love ones.

Mary Taylor - November 23, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ I only met Doc one time when I first started going to my dentist Doc Rob (and he's amazing) he was kind to me, he seemed a gentle soul! I'm so very sad for Doc Rob and his whole family! God Bless you all!

Lori Eastman - January 31, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Dear Lee and family
I was so sorry to hear about your husband's accident and I send you my deepest sympathies. You all are in my prayers.

Lee, your mother and I were first cousins. A hug to you

Lynn Ann Purcell

Lynn Ann Purcell - January 10, 2019 at 01:04 PM

RJ

“ My heart hurts for the Falik family. My deepest sympathy & prayers to the family. I had the greatest honor of going on a flying trip (the only flying trip I've ever been on til this day) years ago to Illinois with Dr Falik, his beautiful wife & my long time friend Tom! It's a true keep-sake memory I'll keep forever! Im truly blessed to have had the honor to know such a wonderful top-notch charming man!
~Regan Janetzke ❤️🙏💛💚💙💜

Regan Janetzke - January 09, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ I just found out my childhood dentist passed away. My heart aches. He was so good to me and made sure that I Was healthy and happy. Dr. Falik, you will be missed. My heart and prayers go out to his family. 🥺😭



Mindy Raby - January 07, 2019 at 05:10 PM

PC

“ When I think about Dr. Don Falik, I think about the compassion he held for each and every patient. He was definitely a friend, who felt like family. During our visits, Don would share stories about his travels with Lee or about those beautiful granddaughters of theirs. Don became our Dentist 41 years ago and our friend that very first visit. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family. Penny and Scott Cooper

Penny Cooper - January 07, 2019 at 08:57 AM

DD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Falik family. Dr. Falik was a good person and a great Dentist. The world will miss him.*

The Duncan Family



Darren Duncan - January 06, 2019 at 06:54 PM

LR

“ *I will miss this great man! As dentist, he's was THE best, hands down! He gave me a hard time right from the get-go—always teasing me about being a whimp over needles! (And I was!). He's the only dentist I ever looked forward to seeing, just to have a bit of time having conversation. He always asked my kids and grandkids, and what hobbies I was involved with. His kindness and caring for others will be greatly missed!*

Libby Ranshaw - January 05, 2019 at 01:09 PM

TM

“ Dr. Don was an extraordinary man. He was always the highlight of my dentist visits. For the last 20+ years Dr. Don has provided me with excellent care, humor, and genuine kindness. I have never met a Dr. that cares more about his patients than Dr. Don. He also gave my son a perfect smile through his passion of orthodontics, and he was also currently in the process of enhancing my daughters beautiful smile. My entire family will greatly miss him. We will always go to Falik Family Dentistry, as this is the only dentistry office for us. Thank you for all the laughs, talks, hugs, and outstanding dental services that you provided to us all over the years. But most of all, thank you for your friendship. I will continue to pray for his family, coworkers, and friends through this difficult time, and I'm so very sorry for your loss. Dr. Don touched the lives of so many and will always live on in our hearts. I know that he personally touched my life in the 20+ years that I've known him. I will always cherish the talks we had, the laughs he gave me and my family, and the hugs he would give me when he would say, "It's always so good to see you kiddo!" He was the greatest dentist I have ever known. Thank you for everything Dr. Don, I'm going to miss you so very much.

Tonia McLeod - January 05, 2019 at 12:45 PM

CM

Dr. Falik will be missed by our entire family and by the community. He was a great dentist and a good friend for over 30 years. Dr. Falik was special.

Conrad Mox - January 05, 2019 at 11:04 PM

SA

“ It was with great sadness and shock that we learned of the loss of Don. He was such a special man, always smiling and with a twinkle in his eye. We first knew him on Beaver Island, where we both had summer homes. He would come over, stop and talk for no special reason, just to enjoy your company. We were both pilots, so we had that to share, as we would fly back and forth to the Island, Will never forget the year when he invited me to fly up to St. Ignace and do the Labor Day Mackinac Bridge walk with him. What a great time we had. Really a nice guy. He will be missed everywhere, but we know that the Beaver Island community will really miss him too. Such a loss. God bless your family during this sad time. Sheldon Anderson and Family

Sheldon Anderson - January 05, 2019 at 12:14 AM

NC

First met Don when he became my dentist. Was such a gentle dentist when I told him about my old dentist.... Rob and our daughter Jodie was in the same grade at Parkview. We usually teamed up when they needed parents to help out when they had outdoor things to do. He was such a joy to be around, so friendly an funny. Him and Tom took me up flying what an expierce that was. Sandy Dexter and myself took him a ballon and airplane in to him for his 50th birthday. He was so surprised to think we did that.. He was one special man to our community and will be remembered fondly.

Nancy Cousins - January 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM

NC

Our prayers go out to the family and friends. He will be sadly missed.

Nancy Cousins - January 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM

TM

“ We will miss Dr. Falik very much. We have worked with him for six years, doing his crown and bridge work. When he would have special instructions on how do a case, he would have me come back to his work bench and we would have discussions about a lot of things, including his travels, cars and airplanes. If something was done not the way he wanted it, he was very patient about explaining how he wanted it changed.

We will very much miss him, but am very happy for the time we did have to get to know him. Condolences to his family.

Todd and Lydia Martin

Todd Martin - January 04, 2019 at 10:36 PM

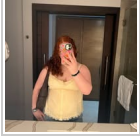
DD

“ Dear Lee, Rob, Tom and Michael and family,
A friend of ours formerly from Mansfield, OH, just called to let me know of Don's death.
The Hanje's attended the same church as we did when they lived in Mansfield, and Coral's parents were teachers at the church I attended as a child.

My heart aches for your loss. and you are in our prayers. We shall never forget all the beautiful memories in the good old Navy days and then the family visits as Tom and Don loved to discuss their dental practices and our children played. I thought of you this Christmas as always, a time when we especially reflect upon our families and friends. Although my husband retired from dentistry seven years ago, I would guess that Don was still practicing. Tom has kept his license and still does dentistry for the family.

You have always held a special place in our hearts. We will be thinking of you tomorrow and asking God to comfort you. Love, Tom & Shirley Davidson

Dr. & Mrs. Tom Davidson - January 04, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ *The photo montage is a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man with a beautiful family ❤️ Our deepest condolences go out to the Falik family, Tom & Myla. We love you & let us know if there is anything we can do during this difficult time ❤️ 🙏*
Love
The Hare-West Family

Maya Hanalei - January 04, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Falik family during your time of sorrow. I've been a patient of Dr. Falik's since I was twelve years old (46 years). We all love this spirited and caring man and will miss him so much! He always remembered and asked about our family. We loved hearing his stories from his youth, time in the Navy and wonderful trips with his wife Lee. He was an exceptional dentist and orthodontist. In our image conscious society, Dr. Falik helped so many develop beautiful smiles, my husband and daughters included. A considerate and generous man, he will be greatly missed.*
Kristy and Jim Manning

Kristy Manning - January 04, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ *I send deep sympathy to Dr Falik's family. I will hold send love and healing your way. I am saddened by the news of Dr Faliks passing. I have been a patient for about 30 years! He helped so many times! He was a great dentist and friend!*
He was a gentle man with a gentle soul. Joy Maurer

Joy Reppert Maurer - January 04, 2019 at 04:23 PM

KM

The last time I saw Dr Falik we talked about how I have been seeing him for 30 years or more. That's a long time to be going to the same dentist. We had built a good relationship based on honesty and trust. I trusted his opinion and his work. A lot of people are very upset to hear about his accident including myself. He was a special man and a amazing dentist. This community will miss him and so will I. My heart breaks for Rob, Dr Don's wife and family. His staff. But most of all Don himself. What a terrible tragedy.

Kara Morales - January 04, 2019 at 04:38 PM

KN

“ *Our loss is heaven's gain. His passion for life was contagious. He always had a smile on his face and something witty to say. He will be truly missed. My love and prayers go out to Lee and family. He was one of a kind.*

Kelly Nolan-Charter - January 04, 2019 at 02:12 PM

AW

“ *I am so saddened to hear this. Dr. Falik was my dentist throughout my teenage and college years before I moved away from Michigan in the early '80s. He was a wonderful dentist who did excellent work and made sure I was comfortable during all dental procedures. He was my mother's dentist for more than 40 years (who she last saw in mid-December), and she is devastated by this news.*

I send my deepest condolences to his family.

Alice (Whitney) Webb

Alice Webb - January 04, 2019 at 01:26 PM

ES

“ So sad for the family of Dr. Falik the best dentist of Charlotte went to him for over 25 years and he kept my teeth great sure am going to miss him. Elaine Sobleskey

Elaine sobleskey - January 04, 2019 at 12:09 PM

DG

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Falik, we have been very blessed to have been his patients for 40 plus years. We send our thoughts and prayers to you all.

With Deepest Sympathies,

Melvin and Marie Kellogg

Dee Gardner - January 04, 2019 at 11:26 AM



DG

“ I was 7 years old (1975) when I first became a patient of Dr. Falik. I remember being a very scared little girl, not comfortable with the dentist chair. I quickly realized his calm personality and remember him telling me that he would never do anything to hurt me. A trust was built pretty quickly between us. He also introduced me to laughing gas, which brought my stress levels down. 😊

I was a patient of Dr Don's for nearly 35 years. I remember his odd sense of humor and that he enjoyed a friendly debate. But more so, I remember what a personal and caring man he was. I remember sharing with him at one of my visits that I had recently gone through a divorce. He must have picked up on my feelings of failure and loss. For not even a week later I received the most beautiful card of encouragement, with a personal note of encouragement written out to me by him. It has been years ago that I received that card, but it will be something that will always mean so much to me. He was so much more than a great dentist.

As I read all these tributes and memories there are some things that stand out to me

He had many many patients 30 plus years, which speaks volumes in and of itself, he loved his family dearly, he loved life and adventure , he loved giving back to others, he cared about people and what they were going through and he absolutely was a dentist like none other. He was such a wonderful example to us all. May we all strive to be a little more caring, a little more giving, a little more loving, a little more passionate in our gifts that we are given. He used every gift he had to the fullest, and I am thankful to have known such a person.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, his sons, grandchildren, and extended family.

He may be gone, but he is very much alive in each of you, in the memories you hold close to your heart. May the person he was live

on in each of you..... for it will be like he is still here.

May you find peace and strength for everyday ahead..... and take comfort knowing others are keeping you in thoughts and prayers. I am so very very sorry for your great loss. May God bless you all. Rest in Peace Dr. Don.

*With Deepest Sympathy and Prayers,
Deanna Gardner (Hoyt)*

Dee Gardner - January 04, 2019 at 11:19 AM

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy go out to Lee, Dr Rob, Tom, Michael and the rest of the family also to Dr Faliks staff. May the memories live forever in your heart. He will be missed
By all who knew him.*

Carol Martens - January 04, 2019 at 11:18 AM

CK

“ *Lee, though we have not seen each other for many years, I wanted to express my deep sympathy at the passing of your husband and companion. You and your family are in my prayers. Cindy Cote Krasnoselsky
J W Sexton Class of 1665*

cindy krasnoselsky - January 04, 2019 at 11:15 AM

AJ

“ I was a patient of Dr. Falik's for decades and would drive hours to see him twice a year until I moved out of state. I wasn't given the opportunity to tell him that I've received compliments from my Texas dentists (asking for his name) on the incredible work he did and giving kudos on how amazing my smile is. Despite starting an office lottery on how long it would take for me to break my retainers, they're still going strong thanks to his amazing work.

Dr. Falik, your smile, kindness, sense of humor and willingness to help people in need will be deeply missed. Thank you for your service and all you did for the Charlotte community. Your legacy will carry on. Sending my condolences to your family and praying for peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.

April Jones - January 04, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



January 04, 2019 at 10:37 AM

JR

“ Dr. Don was a great man, I have been going to him since I was 3. (26yrs) He always would ask me how I was going and how the family was, he cared about his patients. He will deeply be missed. I send my condolences to the family.

Jalesa Raymer - January 04, 2019 at 09:30 AM

JC

“ Our hearts hold so many sweet memories of family moments from 1976 when we became acquainted taking our sons to Preschool together, enjoying the many blessings of friendship both personal and in business through the years, and we send our love and prayers to Lee, Dr. Rob, Tom and Michael and family.
John and Rita Craig

John and Rita Craig - January 04, 2019 at 03:46 AM

TC

“ I've been a patient of Dr. Don's for most of his dental career, and both my girls grew up under his dental and orthodontic care. He was such a kind, gentle and caring man, an excellent dentist, a devoted father and husband. I knew of his passion for flying, traveling and of course his elite fleet of cars, through general chit chat at the office. He went above and beyond to offer me help in finding a repair shop for my foreign car, as he had the same car, and knew I would be taken care of with his trusted mechanic. A small gesture perhaps, but just one example of his generosity, and kind heart. My thoughts and prayers to his family, and all of us who knew him and adored him!

Terri Cicorelli - January 03, 2019 at 11:34 PM



“ 82 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 03, 2019 at 11:16 PM

LW

“ *My condolences to the family. My fondest memory is when Dr. Falick got tickets for a Kenny Chesig concert after she had completed her treatment for cancer. My daughter had always wanted to attend a concert and Dr. Falick made her dream come true. God bless your family. Hold onto the memories he gave you all.*

Loreen Wickens - January 03, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Don and I went on a few flying CE courses in our time together and flying with him was a pleasure. We flew a couple times when I felt we should just not go due to severe weather. Once upon leaving Mason Jewett Airport i could not hardly see the snow was coming down so hard Don said no problem and flew us above the precipitation and above the clouds where it was clear and bright. I had alot of confidence in Dons flying ability and we had just about the same experience the next time out. He was an expert pilot and a very precise man. Thats what made him so good not only in General Dentistry But in Orthodontics and Flying Airplanes as well. I have some expert work in my mouth done by Dr Don and its lasted over 25yrs. I will miss our early morning breakfasts at the Mason Depo talking about Dentistry and Life. I will miss you ole friend REST in PEACE Love You Dr. Timothy J. Zilelinski DDS

Tim Zielinski - January 03, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ I had been going to Dr Falik’s practice ever since I was a young kid...he had an amazing sense of humor and did his job extremely well! We became somewhat close with the family after going for so many years, may he Rest In Peace.

Colin - January 03, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ How can you have great memories about a dentist, but Dr. Falik you could. I was about 10 when I started seeing him, he made me not so afraid of dentists anymore. He had such kindness and compassion about him. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and their loss. He was a blessing to so many. Dawn (Satterlee) Thurkettle.

Dawn Thurkettle - January 03, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 03, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *We send our deepest sympathy and prayers to Dr. Rob and his family on the passing of his Dad. May many fond memories bring comfort in the days to come, keep them close to your heart.*

Love, Deb & Dick Hastings

Deb Hastings - January 03, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Even though we haven't seen each other in more years than we would probably care to count, I hope you remember the times that our families spent together at our farm in the country near St. Johns. My brother Gary and sisters Marilyn, Ruth and Barb all send condolences to you and your family. Your husband must have been a really great guy from what I have read. You must be very proud of him. I wish I could have met him. Please know that we are sharing your heartache at this time. We are all part of a big family, after all. Our sincere prayers go out to you and your family at this time. Your Cousin, Bill Curtis*

Bill Curtis - January 03, 2019 at 01:43 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Joostberns lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Falik*



susan Joostberns - January 03, 2019 at 01:37 PM

CW

“ *Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Falik*



Chad & Carol Walker - January 03, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 03, 2019 at 11:50 AM

LA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Falik family. We truly loved him. When I came to Charlotte 19 years ago and married Greg Adams he became my dentist. He was so patient with me through my dentist chair anxiety. He truly cared about us. We enjoyed the many conversations over the years. We loved his sense of humor and the work he did was excellent. He even came in the office on a Sunday to take care of Greg because he was in severe pain. What an awesome human being. He was more than our dentist, we considered him a friend. Greg loved to do the detail cleanup of the cars he collected. We’re going to miss you so much. We love you.*

Linda Adams - January 03, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Giuliana Lucchesi purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



Giuliana Lucchesi - January 03, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *There is no one I have ever met quite like Don. Ageless, energetic, kind, and always willing to lend a helping hand - Don and his family became a part of our Beaver Island home. I feel fortunate to have known him, and I send my most sincere condolences to his family. - Giuliana*

Giuliana Lucchesi - January 03, 2019 at 11:14 AM

KW

“ I had the honor of meeting Don thru his dental clinic and we became great friends. Don was always ready to help my my kids and I in all of our dental needs. His legacy will always be remembered as a great Dentist and a great friend. Our condolences to his family.
Keith, Shenna & Lexi Wright

Keith Wright - January 03, 2019 at 09:50 AM

AB

“ Dr. Don was truly a gift to his craft. I have been his patient for 35+ years. Over the years, you share life events, and people just become a part of your life- as he has mine. He will be truly missed. My sincere condolences to the Falik Family- believe me when I say, your grief is shared by us all. Wishing you peace & comfort. Amy Brown

Amy Brown - January 03, 2019 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ I think I was one of his first patients when he came to Charlotte loved him for many years until we moved north, always loved him
Bev Shaw

Bev Shaw - January 03, 2019 at 06:25 AM

AK

“ Dr. Don was an excellent dentist a really good man and his passing is a great loss to his friends, family, patients and the Charlotte community. He will be greatly missed.



Al and Gayla Kienutske - January 03, 2019 at 05:18 AM

 Diane
Ellison
Swafford

“ *My siblings and I spent many times in Dr Don's dentist chair growing up. He was also the orthodontist to nephews and current great nieces. He still attended to all our Mom's dental care and she's 83; she just adored him. I see Dr Rob now, but was able to "catch up" with Dr Don when he was filling in for Rob when he broke his collar bone. Once I reminded him of my maiden name and who I was, we chatted for quite a bit about "old times"; my Mom, brother and sister throughout the years. My heart is saddened by his sudden passing. My sincerest condolences to his family; especially to Dr Rob, who's charisma and caring personality is so reflective of his Dad's. He will be greatly missed by the community as he "gave back" in many ways.*

Diane Ellison Swafford - January 03, 2019 at 03:56 AM

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Don (and Lee too!) while doing a project for them at the house. Luckily my friend Dr. Rob had recommended me to his father since I had also done work for Rob after we met through cycling...

Very soon into the project I realized Don was a character cut from a different cloth. He and I hit it off right away. His sense of humor. His no-nonsense demeanor. His blunt, tell it like it is way. He was great to deal with. I always knew where I stood with him. Right away he reminded me of my own father. Just funnier.

I couldn't help but enjoy all of our interactions from Don's declarations of "well let me tell you, I've had an idea and we're gonna have to switch gears here" or "well I don't really like the way this looks, so we're gonna have to do it this way" to him telling me how much he appreciated the work we accomplished. He was smart. He usually had it all worked out in his head but would ask me anyway to tell him what I thought just to make sure we were on the same page. He knew how to do most things, but if he didn't he wanted to find out how.

He was always apologetic thinking that he was a "hard to deal with" person, but I found him to be refreshingly easy to work with. I enjoyed his company and like I said, there was no way I could have any confusion about what Don wanted. It was easy. Don told me how it was going to be! All I had to do was answer "Yes sir!".

Don liked cars. Airplanes. Mechanical things. "Manly stuff". He was always excited to show me something of his. Not in a way to show off, but because he knew I liked that stuff too and he wanted to share with me.

He was a confident and proud man. Not in boastful or arrogant way. He wasn't afraid to toot his own horn because he knew he did things the right way. He loved helping people and I could easily see how happy it made him to do so. He got a big kick out of seeing his

patients and the improvements that he had made in their lives. He would get a kick out of reading these comments from others on their fond memories of him.

When Don invited me out to go over things, he would tell me to bring my kids out for a swim. I always appreciated that. I like to think he probably would have let me take his BMW for a spin had I asked him to. He was a kind and generous man.

I'm heart broken now over this and for the family. We were all blessed to have known him while he was here.

My deepest condolences to Lee and Rob and the rest of the family. Don was 100% a local treasure, and reading these comments shows me even more so. My heart is crushed for you guys and your loss.

Brett Miller

Brett Miller - January 02, 2019 at 10:42 PM

MS

“*Don was always so very kind to our entire family. He had a way of always making you smile...even if he was scolding you about not wearing your retainer. He went above and beyond and it was clear that was just part of who he was. We are blessed to have known Don, even if for just 10 short years. He will be sadly missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and staff that clearly loved him dearly.*”

Michelle Sine - January 02, 2019 at 10:41 PM

CP

“ Don was a true friend and one of the most giving individuals we have ever know. We have many fond memories of being together in St. Pete. We will truly miss him and wish the very best to Lee and the family during this very difficult time.

Charlie and Joyce Porter

Charles and Joyce Porter - January 02, 2019 at 10:27 PM

MK

“ My family has gone to Falik Family Dentistry for around twenty years. Dr. Don did my son's braces and occasionally our check-ups and fillings. He was very careful and competent. I loved his sense of humor and he was fun to talk to. Once, I asked him what it was like being in business with his son. He said it was wonderful because there was no competition. He could just sit back and be proud of how good a dentist Rob was. I will miss him and his smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with his his wife and family.

Margo, Greg, and Ryen Krusinga

Margo Krusinga - January 02, 2019 at 10:25 PM

JD

“ Jane Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Falik



Jane Davis - January 02, 2019 at 09:54 PM

NL

“ Dr. Falik was our neighbor, friend, orthodontist and dentist. He was always so good to our family, letting our kids swim in his pool during the summer, among other things. Always so generous and kind in his dental office and outside the office. Never sugarcoated anything when it came to the dental/orthodontic work you needed, that is why he was so good at his work. He would drive by our house many times a day and never once did he miss a wave with his window down. Would often stop to talk. He was one of a kind who will be forever missed by many. Sending our deepest sympathy to you Mrs. Falik, Dr. Rob, Thomas, Michael and your family.

Nancy and Scott Lumley, and Family

Nancy Lumley - January 02, 2019 at 09:40 PM

LL

“ Don, you left too soon. We will remember your kind and generous spirit and your mischievous sense of humor. I will miss breaking bread with you overlooking Lake Michigan and Greg will miss hanging around with you fixing things, and planning things and the close companionship you two shared. Thanks for the friendship and for the thrills you gave us by inviting us to see Earth from the clouds. Beaver Island summers will never be the same without you. We are deeply saddened and deeply grateful for having known you. You'll be forever in our hearts and so will Lee. Sincerest condolences to your entire family. Greg and Linda Lucchesi

Linda Lucchesi - January 02, 2019 at 09:14 PM

MS

“ My heart goes out to the entire Falik family. Don has been my dentist/orthodontist for 40 years. Not just myself but both of my boys were also his patients. His caring ways working with our family is and always will be cherished and appreciated. This is truly a huge loss to the Charlotte community. Sending prayers for peace and comfort during this very difficult time. RIP Dr Falik 🙏

Mindy (Bruce) Schriver - January 02, 2019 at 08:47 PM

EW

“ Lee, Amy and I are so sorry for your loss. Every time I see a smile on the faces of our five children and two grandchildren, I'll be reminded that Don is a part of all those smiles

Eric Witzke - January 02, 2019 at 08:15 PM

CF

“ With a sad heart we heard of Dr. Falik's passing.. Our thoughts to Lee,Dr Rob and rest of his family. He was a great person and dentist more than words can say. Heaven has a great one . He will be missed.!! Kim and Carol Freer.

Carol Freer - January 02, 2019 at 08:00 PM

JS

“ Thinking of your family in this time of loss. The world lost a caring man RIP Don

Joe and Sarita Shetenhelm - January 02, 2019 at 07:37 PM

CF

“ *Carol Freer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Donald Falik*



Carol Freer - January 02, 2019 at 07:28 PM

MR

“ *My prayers are with your family. I have many wonderful childhood and teenage memories of Dr. Falik and the warmth of his family.*

Meghan (Hettich) Rowinski - January 02, 2019 at 07:20 PM

WB

“ *Lee and boys are in our thoughts and prayers. My family started seeing Don in 1973 and always received the best of care. My son, when he was 6-7 used to stop by his office on Oliver Street on the way home from Galewood just to visit. Since moving to Tucson in 1990 and having had to go to several different dentists there, it was always nice to hear their comments on the excellent quality of work he had performed on my teeth. He was also a friend and we enjoyed attending amusement parks with he and boys. He is missed. Bill, Polly, Will, Ray and Jamie Bradway*

William Bradway - January 02, 2019 at 07:01 PM

NV

“ Dear Lee, Rob, and family, Nyle and I are heartbroken by this tragedy. We are in Alabama, or we would certainly join you in honoring Don. We knew him as a terrific friend and dentist. We will always remember our fun times at the “taco bus” and the many laughs. He reminds us of Tim Allen with his stories. Our love and prayers to you at this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy, may Don Rest In Peace. The VanSickle’s

Nyle VanSickle - January 02, 2019 at 06:57 PM

EH

“ Dr. Don and Lee have been friends for a very long time. He also always gave me a hard time every time we seen each other! You had to give it right back and not be intimidated by him! His heart has always been much larger than his body! My daughter had to travel for her job and was out of state, was hospitalized and Don offered to fly me down to be with her. His smile was bigger than the moon. I always told him that Lee is a Saint to put up with him and his antics!! He loved her so very much and placed her on a pedestal! I will miss him so much. God Bless The family!

Eldora Howe - January 02, 2019 at 06:44 PM



Timothy
Potter

“ Don was not only my dentist but a friend. I began my relationship with Don in 1973 and was immediately impressed buy his sensitive, caring for feelings and detail. One time he had to create a special crown for a molar that had split into two pieces and the result was a masterpiece that he was so proud of. He told me that whenI was done using the crown, by death or whatever, he was going to keep it for his display case. Him and I had similar attitudes, a little stubborn, opinionated and demanding of nothing less than quality workmanship. He expressed his love for his family and I for mine. All my children dentistry was taken care of until they flew from the nest and even after. We joked a lot about things and showed concern about everything and even exchanged emails. I will miss him dearly and Express my deepest sympathy to his family.

Timothy Potter - January 02, 2019 at 06:44 PM

LC

“ I have been a patient and friend since 1976. The love and compassion he has shown me and my family since the 70's was like no other. Lee...thank you for sharing him with this world and know that we will be here to support you in whatever way we can. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am heartbroken for all of you.

Laura Cooper - January 02, 2019 at 06:33 PM

MB

“ Everytime i would see him , we always gave each other a hard time ! I alway would call him the old fart ! He was such a good guy ! Will miss him so much , his loss will be a hole in so many people heart,s ! I,ll miss his big smile ! God bless him & prays for his family & loved ones ! Stan & Marsha Bryner

Marsha Bryner - January 02, 2019 at 05:41 PM



“ I am so very sorry for the incredible loss Dr. Falik's family has to endure. I did not know him, but I did know his kindness, caring, and generosity. When my daughter, Stacey Gidner-McDaniel was battling brain cancer for 5 1/2 years he donated money on two separate occasions to her, once thru a benefit and once just out of the blue. I am certain he never knew how much that money was appreciated during those hard times and long drives back and forth to University of Michigan hospital. Stacey has been gone 10 yrs now, but I will never, ever forget the caring heart of this man....R.I.P. sir and once again, thank you

Jill Maynard-Gidner - January 02, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



January 02, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ Our family has been with Falik Dentists for about 40 years and shared a lot of good personal and professional experiences. Our Sympathy to this very fine family.



Paul Bertram - January 02, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 02, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ *I have had the absolute pleasure of being a patient of Dr. Don's. I LOVED our back and forth banter/sparring, his sense of humor and of course...his bluntness. He was such a genuine person and a very sweet man. I am heart broken over his loss and will truly miss seeing him every 2-4 weeks when he would tell me that my teeth (braces) aka HIS handy work..."are looking great!" That man will be missed by so many. My deepest condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, friends, colleagues, and patients. You are so very missed Dr. Don.*

Jennifer Howe - January 02, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 02, 2019 at 01:47 PM

ET

“ *Endodontic Specialists (Sam, Erik, Erik, & Team) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



Endodontic Specialists (Sam, Erik, Erik, & Team) - January 02, 2019 at 01:36 PM

PH

“ *Don (Dr. Falik) is an irreplaceable friend to our family's. His laughter, joy, and kindness are the things that I remember most about him, especially his sense of humor.*

He has played such a special role in my life growing up. We shared countless family holidays, graduations, and get-togethers. I remember the many dinners that ended with him and Lee graciously hosting us in their home for their delicious desserts. He and Lee even visited me while I was away at college.

His unending love and support will never be forgotten. He was the most passionate to his work and always saw it as his lifestyle, not a job. For that, I always respected his dedication to both his patients and friends.

We lost a very gracious soul, and for that, my heart is truly broken from losing this life-long friend.

Payton Halbeisen - January 02, 2019 at 01:34 PM

SC

“ Our hearts are broken. Dr. Don took such good care of my family when my father was killed in 1985. He had a heart of gold and was the only person that I know that his job was truly his passion and not work. His stories, compassion, bluntness, and true dedication can never be replaced. He has taken care of three generations of my family and we are truly going to miss him. I am so glad that I got to see him Dec. 26th. We talked about his passion for flying. He has been my dentist and friend for 40 years, we all will miss him so much!!

Shannon Webb, Donny, Logan, and Cameron - January 02, 2019 at 12:43 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Park purchased the With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



Carolyn Park - January 02, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



January 02, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 02, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Dr. Falik has been my dentist for so many years and I am so saddened to hear of his death. I will miss him. My sympathies to his family and staff.*

Laurie Kipp - January 02, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Not many people would say they loved their dentist—I loved this very great man. I have known him for 39 years. 39 years he has been my dentist and friend. He did my braces and he did my daughters. Will surely miss hassling him. Prayers to the family and practice.*

mary jones - January 02, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ I began going to him in 1974, after my 4-year-old son needed to see a dentist and he returned to him each time so willingly. Dr. Falik did extensive work on my mouth, putting in four bridges. And from then on, when he would do my checkups, he would say "Boy, I sure did a great job!". And he did! I have had so very few problems with my teeth since he fixed them all those years ago. Over the last few years, I would ask him if he was thinking about retirement and he would smile... and say 'Nope, not yet'. I think I thought he would be here always for us. I sure loved talking with him and will miss him when it's time for my next checkup. If I feel this heartbroken, I can't imagine what the family must be feeling; my sympathy to family.

Sherry Copenhaver - January 02, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



January 01, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ Our family's thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children, family and employees. Dr. Falik had been my dentist for 30 years, along with my children and now my grandchildren. I will miss our sharing family news during our visits and his caring attitude. He was a unique and special person.

Penny Bullock - January 01, 2019 at 09:16 PM

DF

“ I always enjoyed my checkups and conversation with Dr. Falik. We enjoyed each other’s strange sense of humor. I will miss him. My condolences to his wife, family and employees. He was a wonderful man, and will be missed by many.



Debbie Fullmer - January 01, 2019 at 09:01 PM

MC

“ I am deeply saddened to learn about the loss of Dr Don. Checking my teeth was secondary for me as I looked forward to his stories with each visit! He was the best! ~Michael Charter

Michael Charter - January 01, 2019 at 08:52 PM

JH

“ Dr. Falik gave me a beautiful smile at the age of 35 and it changed my life!!

Julie Hartig - January 01, 2019 at 06:59 PM

VH

“ Donald at our daughters Kim wedding with Payton, Zoë and Stephen in the Twin City’s.



Valli Halbeisen - January 01, 2019 at 05:15 PM

ML

“ *Dr Falik has been our Dentist for the past several years. He was passionate about helping our daughter who has 2 congenitally missing teeth near the front of her mouth. He has restored health to her mouth. He was a wonderful man, we're so sad to hear of his passing. Deepest condolences to his family, his staff & the community he touched.*



Michelle Layos - January 01, 2019 at 05:10 PM


Danielle
Rahl

“ *He was the only dentist I've ever been to. I remember how Everytime I had my cleanings as a kid I would always ask him if I needed braces yet, and Everytime he would tell me no. One visit I guess he got sick of me asking because he gave me a retainer and didn't charge my parents. I was the happiest girl in the world that day. I also taught him a very important lesson about cheek chewers. After getting my wisdom teeth pulled I chewed the inside of my checks really bad.so when I came back for the other side he reminded me not to do it again. I just seen him last summer and I'm glad I got o talk to him again. He made going to the dentist less scary and he had such a great personality. Always funny*

Danielle Rahl - January 01, 2019 at 05:03 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 01, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Share the Health was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 01, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 01, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.*



January 01, 2019 at 12:17 PM

VH

“ *Memories, memories. From the first evening out with Donald and Lee where we attended the Band Bounce to the latest in early November where we shared a Cottage Inn pizza and ended the evening with a great dessert homemade by Lee. There was many events in between where our families were like one. Our hearts are breaking. Donald and Lee has shared so much of themselves with our daughters, Our girls love them both with all their being. Donald and Lee has been their fill in parents on many occasions. Not only was he our dentist and of course the girls orthodontist but a dear friend. We will miss not only the gentle hands of a fine dentist but the generous heart of a best friend. With Love we write these memories from Stephen, Valli, Kim Suz, Payton and Zoe*

valli ann halbeisen - January 01, 2019 at 11:30 AM

LT

“ *Deeply sad to hear this. I'll miss having our friendly chats every time I go to the dentist. You always greeted my family and I with such a warm welcome ever since I was very young. I'll never forget the big smile you brought to my face after all the work you done on my teeth. I sincerely Thank You!! You were a wonderful man gone to soon and will be missed by many people. I pray your loved ones get through this. R. I. P. Dr. Falik...*



Laura Turner - January 01, 2019 at 11:28 AM

CG

“ Our family (Lane's) were one of Dr. Falik's first patients. I was a very scared 21 year old when he pulled all my wisdom teeth at once. I will never forget his reassuring words and the joy we both shared when they all came out successfully! He made several visits to my Grandmother (Marie Cline) when she was in a nursing home and having problems. He was a compassionate man, a wonderful dentist with a great sense of humor. My prayers go out to his family. Be assured his life was spent giving great care and comfort to his patients, especially the nervous ones.

From Christine (Lane) Gilliland

Christine Gilliland - January 01, 2019 at 11:15 AM

KB

“ I am deeply saddened about Dr Don's death. I know he always said he would never retire, as he loved what he did. I have been a patient of Dr Don's for about 35 years. Not only was he my dentist, but he was also my orthodontist for 2 1/2 years. And now, he was in the midst of making my 10 year old daughters' smile beautiful too. He liked to tell her that she was blessed with her momma's teeth. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Falik family. Lee, Dr Rob, Tom and Mike - I am here for your family, if you need anything at all.

Kathy Brown - January 01, 2019 at 10:36 AM

JC

*I think it was probably 1973 when I met the best dentist I ever had. I had married Howard Cheney and moved to Charlotte. Our combined family of 8n children needed a dentist. I made contact with Dr. Falik and the fun began. He was so great with all our kids and me also. Our daughter Melissa even worked for him in the office for a summer. She sure did enjoy him. He also did her braces. Our hearts are heavy for the Falik family . We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family .
R. I. P Doctor Falik*

Jane Cheney - January 01, 2019 at 03:17 PM

JK

“ My name is Joyce Kuehn I have been Dr. Don's patient since he came to Charlotte. I was one of his first. Until I moved to FL. fulltime he was the only dentist I trusted. As a person who was terrified of the dentist's chair, he couldn't have been more understanding. He would go beyond all measures to make me comfortable. He would numb me up and stay by my side until I was feeling ok. I am so saddened to hear he has flown on now. Many times over the many years we talked about how much he loved his flying. I am so sorry for Dr. Rob, and all the family. He was a wonderful person, and an extraordinary dentist.

Joyce Kuehn - January 01, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



January 01, 2019 at 09:42 AM

DF

“ Dorie and Tom Freebury purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Donald Falik.



Dorie and Tom Freebury - December 31, 2018 at 08:50 PM

LH

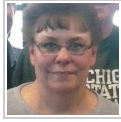
“ was a good friend 45 years plus with this man as my dentist

lowell hogle - December 31, 2018 at 06:57 PM

JT

I was Dr Faliks dental laboratory technician for over 40years and we were best friends i am going to miss you Don

Joe Turpin - December 31, 2018 at 07:24 PM



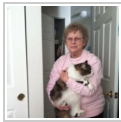
My family and I were Dr Faliks first dental patient and went to him for years,this is very sad to here my heart aches for his family, prayers to his family he will be greatly missed. Diana(Lane) Roberts

Diana Roberts - January 01, 2019 at 02:34 AM

JB

My heart is broken for his family an my kids

Joan Burkett - January 01, 2019 at 09:23 AM



Dr. Falik had been my family dentist from the time he opened his office on Washington St. My kids loved him and so did I. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family

Lois Ellison

Lois Ellison - January 01, 2019 at 09:47 AM

LB

My Deepest Sympathy's to the Falik family. He will be missed and was an awesome Dentist. Linette Betts

Linette Betts - January 01, 2019 at 10:31 AM

CL

Our Sympathy to the Falik family. He was a very nice man & a wonderful Dentist. RIP!

carol lacross - January 01, 2019 at 02:51 PM

PD

Since we built our house in 1979 on Wheaton and they built theirs on Foote the Falik and DeLeeuw boys brought our 2 families together. Swimming, fishing at the Creek in Charlotte, basketball and camps, Jazzercise really brought Lee and I close. With womanly talks on everything. I had just seen Don on Thursday and we had a long talk about our lives. As I left, he went to shake my hand, and I said after 40 some years of knowing each other a big hug was in order! Honestly, he could be a challenge at times - but a good friendship with a smart man will be missed. Lee, I am here for you and so are my boys.

Pat DeLeeuw - January 01, 2019 at 02:56 PM

BC

Dr Falik had been our dentist for close to 40 some years. Dr Rob and my daughter were in school and band to gather. So Dr Falik and I talk a lot about kids and school band. He was a great man and was a great dentist. My heart goes out to Lee and the family in this time of sadness. The Culp Family

Barbara Culp - January 01, 2019 at 05:38 PM

BW

Dr. Falik has been my family dentist for over 40 years, He was always very good to us. He will be sadly missed. My hart goes out to his family

Brenda Wendorf - January 01, 2019 at 09:25 PM

KK

Dr. Falik has been my dentist for over 40 years. He was not only an excellent dentist, but an amazing individual. His care and concern were always evident and sincere. I will miss him terribly. My prayers to the entire family during this time of sorrow.

Kelli Kleinfelt - January 02, 2019 at 08:39 AM

DM

Dr. Falik has only recently been doing Orthodontics on my son but I feel like we've know him for years. He was such a one of a kind Dentist and human being. He always put the patient first above anything else and took his time at every appointment. Our sincere condolences go out to the family. We will miss you tremendously. ❤️

Diane Mohre - January 02, 2019 at 12:27 PM

SS

*My heart is saddened by the loss of this wonderful man. God bless.
Sandy Simpson*

Sandy webb simpson - January 02, 2019 at 03:10 PM

KW

*Dr Donald Falik, a true gentleman and a man I admired. Rest in Peace
my Friend*

Ken Wirt

Ken Wirt - January 02, 2019 at 10:54 PM

LA

*Tom (and the rest of the family), my sincere condolences on the loss of
your father. Sounds like he was well loved by all.*

Les Algren

Les Algren - January 07, 2019 at 11:51 AM