



Dr. Leonard J. "Jake" Smorol

November 7, 2014

Dr. Leonard J. "Jake" Smorol, 86, of North Syracuse, passed peacefully on Friday, with family by his side. A lifelong Syracuse area resident, he graduated from Sacred Heart School, CBA, Niagara University and the Georgetown University Dental School. He attributed a successful education to his mentor, Monsignor Casimir Piejda, of Sacred Heart, who guided him through his schooling.

Dr. Smorol married Pauline Rogers on January 28, 1956 and moved to North Syracuse, where he opened his dental practice. An active member of the Dental Society, he is remembered as caring and generous to all his patients, and would never turn anyone away for their lack of ability to pay.

The Smorol home was always open to family and friends, or those who needed a place to celebrate the holidays. Everyone would feast heartily at a table filled with traditional Polish delicacies at Christmas and Easter. A Christmas celebration always concluded with Jake and sister Lorraine, singing Polish Christmas carols.

Jake enjoyed over 50 years of boating and fishing with family and friends on the St. Lawrence River. Many memories were made over 20 years at Ina Island, and more recently at the family cottage on Wellesley Island. He was known and loved by the "River" community.

Dr. Smorol is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Pauline; four children: Jacob (Beth) of Baldwinsville, Joe, of Clay; Sara Beth Arcaya (Stephen) of Wexford, PA, and Jason (Rachel) of Liverpool; six grandchildren: Angel & Isaiah Smorol, Stephen & Nicholas Arcaya, Julia & Mary Smorol; and a sister, Lorraine.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation for the outstanding and compassionate care provided by the Nottingham Health Care Facility.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 9:30 AM Tuesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus. Friends may call 4-7 PM Monday at Giminski- Wysocki Funeral Home; 1320 W. Genesee St. in Syracuse.

Contributions may be made to the Central New York Kidney Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Dr.Smorol was my Dentist from the time he opened his practice in N.Syracuse upstairs in the old yellow house, till when he retired down the street. He always gave us kids a certificate for an ice cream cone across the street at the drug store. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jake(as I finally came to know him as) will always be remember fondly by me and many members of my family. Dawn Brooks

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“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Dr. Leonard J. "Jake" Smorol.



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