



David Crowe

March 7, 2014

Dr. David P. Crowe, 62, passed away on March 7, 2014 at his home in Cape Girardeau. David was born October 19, 1951 in Cape Girardeau to John T. and Margaret Ann Ellis Crowe. On April 26, 1996, he married Melissa L. McKee, who survives. David was a 1969 graduate of Cape Girardeau Central High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) in 1973. He earned his DDS at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1978 and his MSD at Baylor College of Dentistry in 1980. David returned to Cape Girardeau in 1980 to practice orthodontics. Over the years David built enduring relationships with a loyal staff and with thousands of wonderful patients and their families. He retired in April of 2012. Survivors include his wife, Melissa McKee Crowe and sons Taylor B. Crowe, Austin D. Crowe and Adam D. Baron. He is also survived by his brothers John K. Crowe of Phoenix, Arizona and Stephen T. Crowe of Mesa, Arizona. David was preceded in death by his parents. David was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter of Tennessee, the American Dental Association and the American Association of Orthodontists. Locally, David was a member of First Presbyterian Church, having served as deacon and elder. He was a member of the board of directors of Mercantile Bank. He founded and was president of the Tailor Institute and was a charter member of the Missouri Autism Commission. David was a member of the American Society of Media Photographers and was chief operating officer of the Richard Halliburton Memorial Expedition Society. David enjoyed a keen interest in

photography over his lifetime. He was known for his stunning, large format prints of local and western landscapes, as well as two remarkable series taken in the island nations of Cuba and Iceland. David's eldest son developed autism very early in the autism epidemic. David was determined that Taylor would lead a full and productive life and devoted endless hours to Taylor's remarkable rehabilitation. This commitment led to the establishment of the Tailor Institute, which helps high-functioning autistic individuals reach their full potential. Memorials for David may be given to the Tailor Institute, 1 University Plaza, Cape Girardeau MO 63701, or at www.thetailorinstitute.org. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service and celebration of David's life at Cape Bible Chapel on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. The devotional service will be led by Pastor Paul Short of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. A reception will be held following the service. Arrangements have been handled by Ford & Sons Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

TD

“ I met David at a Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities conference many years ago and was impressed with the love, compassion, and devotion David had to his son, Taylor. David truly believed in maximizing the potential of his son, and of others with autism spectrum disorders. He will remain an example as a parent who is not willing to accept minimal progress or low expectations by others. My love and prayers go out to your family. Tina Dyches Chair, Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award

Tina Dyches - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ David was a faithful friend through the years. I miss him already.

Beth Johnson Thompson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss. Dr Crowe was my orthodontist, and I will always remember his kindness and his talent.

Janice Shelby Kyramarios - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ One of the most genuine of people. It was a pleasure to have known him, both childhood and present.

James Cooper Shelby - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

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KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more.' (Revelation 21:4) What a wonderful day that will be!

K. Jackson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Deepest Sympathies to the family of Dr. David Crowe, a man who touched countless lives and brought much needed reform to the service field in education and mental health with regard to individuals with Autism. I am privileged to have known and worked with him.*

Connie L. Hebert - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Missy, Adam and Taylor - There are no words that can soothe the loss you all are feeling right now. I am blessed to have known David. I think of him often and the advise and guidance he was able to provide when my Nathan was diagnosed with Autism. To keep his legacy alive, I will continue to share his wisdom with other families. God bless you all during this time. With much love, The Peterson Family Shane, Misty and Nathan*

Misty Peterson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Mrs. Crowe, there will never be words to express what Dr. Crowe's kindness to our family, most especially Andrew, has meant to us. He will forever hold a very dear place in our hearts.*

Edward and Rebecca Tyler - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *David Crowe*

November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ All members of the UMKC dental community mourn the passing of Dr. David P. Crowe a member of the DDS Class of 1978. On behalf of our faculty, students, staff and alumni, we wish to convey our heartfelt sympathies to Dr. Crowe’s family.

Dr. Marsha A. Pyle - Dean UMKC School of Dentistry - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dr. Crowe was a wonderful, kind, person. He will certainly be missed in the community. He served on my advisory board for the College of Health and Human Services and was so helpful when we worked on starting the autism center. I am so sorry that his physical life on earth ended so soon. My prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

Dr. Loretta Prater - October 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ I did not have the honor of meeting Dr Crowe. But I admired him greatly. His work with autism was amazing and his commitment was admirable.

Jean Underberg - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are so sorry for David's passing but take comfort in his friendship and stewardship to his community and friends over many years. I told him a few years ago that there is a special place in Heaven for him, and there is.

Jim and Rose Wente - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ David was one of our first friends upon moving to Cape Girardeau in 1982. Though the relationship started as a patient in his dentist chair, David became a steadfast friend, always ready to share conversations of travel adventure stories, medical break-thoughts, and the wonders of the world through his camera lens. He touched our entire family with his generous and infectious zest for life. Life well lived, Dr. Crowe!

Denise Lincoln - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. David Yingling - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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RL

“ Missy and your men- your husband and dad was one For The Ages!! The smartest,kind est man I have known. I treasured our friend- ship and admired his outlook on life and depth of knowledge of almost EVERYTHING. My prayers are with all of you.

Ron Lessmann - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *The world has lost a remarkable human being. May we all remember and honor David Crowe. Bill Thorpe*

William P. Thorpe M.D. - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Rest in Peace David Crowe, you was a very good guy.*

Paul and Mary Moonier - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *We are so saddened by hearing this news. Our deepest sympathy to you, Missy, and your family. May God's angels cover you with comfort in the difficult days ahead. As for David, Go into the Light and never look back. You served our earth well! Love and Prayers to you.*

Vikki and Dave Courvoisier - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *David will be missed by so many. I'm so glad I knew him growing up in Cape Girardeau. Rest in peace.*

Sandy Campbell - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Our heartfelt condolences. We have known Dr.Crowe as a caring physician and enjoyed his creativity and talent. His passing is a great loss for our community. We will miss him.*

John, Erika, Andreas and Nina Scheibe - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. DR CROWE WAS A GREAT MAN.*

Kate Hampton - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *What a wonderful man you were David Crowe. You brought us to California on a great mission and we are forever in your debt for this beautiful blessing you gave us!! Missy, Taylor, Austin & Adam, we are so very sorry for your loss. We are here for you if you need anything.*

Doug & Karri Kesterson - August 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *He fought a courageous battle . So glad he is now at peace. Blessings and prayers to the family . Jackie and David Otto*

Jackie Clark-Otto - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you, Missy and the boys. What a great man, husband and father and friend David was! His was a life taken too soon, by our standards...Praying for comfort from our loving Father and the many friends you all have!*

David and Mary Ann Simmons - July 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Dr. Crowe was my favorite orthodontist. He always had this calm about him that in return calmed me down while there were sharp objects in my mouth. I've been out of braces for a long time and still talk about him and his love for photography along with his dedicated love for his son and the awareness of autism.*

Stephanie Rose - March 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM