



Dr. Richard W. Doc Smith

August 12, 1945 - May 4, 2013

Dr. Richard W. "Doc" Smith of Jupiter, Florida passed away on May 4, 2013 after a yearlong battle with leukemia. Born in Peoria, Illinois on August 12, 1945, Richard was the second of three children predeceased by his parents Thelma and William Smith. He is survived by his wife Becky of almost 27 years, sons Trevor, Spencer, and Mason, and his daughter Morgan Scalabrino (Nicholas); two grandchildren William and Elly Scalabrino; siblings Linda Ausmus and Mary Ann Smith. Rich was dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew him. His love of God and family was undeniable.

He spent his childhood in Springfield, Illinois and graduated from Springfield High School in 1964. From there he attended the University of Miami on a football scholarship and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, and then attended Dr. Scholl's School of Podiatry in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating in 1972 with a Doctorate degree in Podiatric Medicine he did his three year residency in Chicago. From there he started a private practice in Rockford, Illinois where he practiced for thirty-five years and was known to be one of the top Podiatric Surgeons in the area.

Rich enjoyed running and completed his first marathon in Rockford in 1982. He and his wife Becky finished his second marathon in St. Louis, Missouri in 1983. They enjoyed many 10K races over many years in many different cities and states. The most memorable was the Peachtree Road race in Atlanta, Georgia with 28,000 runners. Of course a prerequisite was to have a Miller Lite truck at the end of every 10K!

Along with being an avid sports fan and athlete, Richard "Doc" Smith was a mentor to many young athletes, and coached baseball, basketball, and football for many years for all three sons. When not directly involved with coaching, his generous support for many athletes and young people was truly an inspiration for all. Following the Miami Hurricanes football team was a high priority in which the entire family became fans. Ski trips to Colorado were also enjoyed with family and friends. In 1993 he and his loving wife built a home in Jupiter, Florida where they moved full time in July of 2008 after selling his practice and retiring. One thing he loved was his boat the REBECCA, in which he and his wife did several escapades which included the Florida Keys and the very memorable Bahamas trip.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 8 at 11:00 A.M. at the Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home on 250 Center Street in Jupiter. From there we will proceed to Riverside Memorial Park on 19351 SE County Line Road for the burial, and then on to Tequesta Country Club at 201 Country Club Drive for a Celebration of Rich's life! In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Jupiter Medical Center Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard W. Doc Smith*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Dear Becky, &Family. My deepest sympathy to you with the passing of Rich. I was in Stuart,Fl last wk &on the way to the airport we passed the Jupiter sign. I told n My cousin all about Rich, his laugh, his curls,his caring heart & how good he was to me as a Pt. Sending love to your heart.*
Karin Dorn

Karin Dorn - Belvidere, IL - Patient& Friend - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Becky and Family, We were sad to read about Rich in the Rockford paper and wanted to send our sympathies to all of you. We will always remember his big smile and laugh throughout the years we knew you at Forest Hills. May the love of family and friends, as well as wonderful memories, help to ease your loss.*

Fondly, Art and Fran Kneller, Rockford, IL

Art and Fran Kneller - Rockford, IL - May 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ *Becky & family, We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Smith passing. We sit here and think of all the things we have been through with the boys and he was just a great ,loving caring person. Always had a smile on his face. The baseball years were the most memorable. HE WILL BE MISSED. We will keep you and the family in our prayers.GOD BLESS YOU ALLEllen & Donny WilliamsCraig HopsonRaeShawn HarrisDJ Williams*

Ellen & Donny Williams - W Lafayette, IN - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ *Dear Becky and family, So deeply sadden when we opened the Rockford newspaper Tuesday to read about Richard. Always, that BIG smile will be remembered. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family.*

Chuck and Terri Clifton - Roscoe, IL - neighbor from Roscoe, IL - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *So sorry to hear of Doctor's passing. I have many good memories of him. He was a good man.*

Char Doherty

Charlene and Harry Doherty - Rockford, IL - Coworker at St. Anthony's - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Becky & Children,
Richard & I wanted to let you know how very sorry we are to read of Rich's passing. I know that there are no words that will convey the depth of the sorrow & loss that you are going through but know that we are keeping you & the kids in our thoughts & especially our prayers.

So many thoughts go through our minds when we think of Rich but the 1st will always be of his smiling face & infectious good humor. Don't think that there will ever be very many people with whom we ever laughed so much with! Rich's boisterous voice & love of telling of daily funny things will remain with us always & leave a smile on our faces. That's a true gift that he leaves behind for everyone that knew him!

We know how much he loved you, Bec! It was always obvious & he loved to let everyone know....another gift.

If you need anything at all, please never hesitate to call on us. Hope we might be able to get together if you ever are back in IL or we are nearby in FL. Please just know that you have our most sincere sympathies & love.

Richard & Shelley Ryan

Shelley Ryan - Caledonia, IL - Friends - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Becky,
Our sincerest sympathy to you at a very difficult time. John and I treasure our memories of all the great times with you in Rockford. Rich could spread sunshine whenever he walked into any room - his laugh was contagious!! We will always remember.
Blessings, Peace and Love to you!

Kris and John Gore - Chattanooga, TN - friends - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Becky,
Butch and I offer our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sometimes we do not take the time to appreciate friendships until we reflect back on them. Not only did we share our most fun times with Rich and you on those crazy ski trips and traveling to Miami football games but we shared heartfelt conversations, other friendships, good food and good wine. Rich's personality covered the gamut. We will always remember Rich and we miss you.
Butch and Cindy*

Butch and Cindy Pegoraro - Rockford, IL - Friend - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *My deepest sympathy to Becky and family. Rich had real challenge with my ankles and did a great job. He was also a very caring and happy man. He will be truly missed!*

Garry Tubbesing - Rockford, IL - Patient and automotive advisor - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *We are so sad to hear of the passing of Dr. Smith. He was our doctor for the whole family. HE WAS A GREAT DOCTOR!!!!!! He will be very missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Susan Humphry - Belvidere, IL - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM