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FORSYTH-Dr. Ray Eugene Atteberry, 69, passed away on October 28, 2016 at his home in Forsyth, surrounded by his family.

Ray was born on February 14, 1947 in Mt. Vernon, IL, the son of Lowell R. (Ted) and Verla V. (Smith) Atteberry. He married Kathleen Lewis on December 2, 1978 in Decatur, IL.

Surviving are his wife Kathy, and his children, son Bo and daughter-in-law Emma of Dublin, Ireland; his two grandchildren, Euan and Eva; daughter, Andi of Dallas, Texas; son, Cale of Memphis, Tennessee; his little sister, Lynn Fletcher (Ammann) and husband Everett of The Villages, Florida; and his dog Scout.

He is preceded in death by his mom and dad; grandparents, Gladys and Orville Grubb; father-in-law, Ted Lewis; uncle, Gene Atteberry; and his beloved dogs Teddy and Gino.

Dr. Atteberry touched many lives in the community by practicing dentistry for 36 years. He was also a founding partner of the family's company, Blingsting. He attended the University of Illinois, Austin Peay, and the University of Tennessee Dental School; Ray also served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam.

Most of all, he loved being with his wife of 38 years, his kids, dogs, and his 'boys'; all who will miss his easy-going, funny, and giving spirit. Throughout his entire life, he was incredibly proud of his family and all of the accomplishments they have shared together. He enjoyed spending time with his mother-in-law, Wanda; his favorite sisters-in-law, Carolyn, DiDi, and Tina; brother-in-law, Kenny; nephews, Curt, Kris, and Alec; nieces, Sunni, Karson, and Aubree.

Ray lived his life to the fullest, and loved golfing, fishing, dancing, and vacationing with friends and family.

The family would especially like to thank his niece Sunni Delahunty, PA-c, who helped navigate his care in the final months alongside Dr. Wall. Ray died of



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complications associated with Alzheimer's.

We look forward to celebrating his life at a memorial service at First Christian Church on Friday, November 4th at 7 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be greatly appreciated to the Macon County Animal Shelter.

Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Obituary written by family members.



Tribute Wall

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MS

Matt Sykes posted:

Our Condolences to Kathy and the entire family. Ray was a joy to be around and I always enjoyed his company on and off the golf course. His smile and humor always made my day better. Our thoughts, Matt and Jenny Sykes

November 4 at 1:57 PM

BS

Beverly Stenger posted:

Kathy and family, Steve and I were shocked to learn of Ray's passing and struggle with Alzheimer's. There is a particular fond memory we have of Ray. MFHS was playing in a softball tournament at Forsyth Park. While playing catch during warm ups, Jill was hit in the mouth. We got in the car and drove to your home. Jill chuckles as she recalls Ray with wild, colorful pants on. Ray said he would meet us at the office. Jill still talks about that day! Those braces protected her teeth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs, Bev and Steve Stenger

November 3 at 5:09 PM

JL

John Lenhardt posted:

I was lucky enough to meet Ray this year and to witness his love for Andi. His legacy will continue through the business they created together.

November 2 at 8:00 AM

VS

Vicky Schum posted:

I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort in your big heart forever! With our deepest sympathy, Randy and Vicky Schum

November 2 at 6:50 AM

DB

Debbi Burdick posted:

We are so saddened to hear of Ray's passing and will fondly remember our fun dinners here in AZ when the girls were at ASU. Debbi and Gary Burdick

November 1 at 8:35 AM



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DA

Dave posted:

Ray was not only a good neighbor but a good dentist to us!BEDNARS

October 31 at 8:55 AM

VG

Vickey Garncarz posted:

My condolences to Kathy, Bo, Andi, and Cale and his sister, Lynn. Beautiful family!Cousins forever



October 31 at 8:30 AM

TP

Tony Porterfield posted:

My condolences to Kathy and the whole family. Ray was a great fraternity brother and a best friend to all of us in the class of 1969 at the U of I. He always kept us laughing with his great sense of humor. Always smiling! Very good athlete too! We will miss Ray (Atta) forever!

October 31 at 4:56 AM

DS

Debbie Scherer posted:

Kathy and family,I am so saddened by your loss and my heart goes out to you. He was a WONDERFUL person with such a kind spirit. May God give you piece and comfort and know that I am thinking of you.Debbie SchererDaphne, AL. (former patient)

October 31 at 4:18 AM

CL

Claudia posted:

My condolences to the family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.Isaiah 25:8 -Â He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces.

October 30 at 2:45 PM



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SM

Susanne Mayfield posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Atteberry. It will be said many times that he was the best dentist. He took good care of me for decades for before his retirement. He was such a kind and caring doctor. He will be missed by many. In sincere sympathy, Susanne Mayfield

October 30 at 1:16 PM

BK

Brenda Kelley posted:

Dr. Atteberry was the best dentist and person . He cared so much about his patients and family and friends. H was my dentist for 36 years. He will truly be missed. Prayers to his family. Brenda Kelley

October 30 at 10:41 AM

DR

Dan Rees posted:

Ray had THE best smile and was one of the best guys I have ever had the pleasure to cross paths with. Happy Trails Buddy and put in a good word for me when you get there. Dan Rees

October 30 at 8:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ray by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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