



Dr. Kevin E. Morkel

September 1, 1951 - June 10, 2017

Dr. Kevin E. Morkel, age 65, of Columbus and Mansfield, OH, passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Dr. Morkel grew-up in Mansfield, OH and graduated from Lexington High School. He also graduated from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico, Medical School in 1982 with an MD and Purdue University in 1975 with a Bachelor Degree in Arts & Sciences. After his graduation from Purdue University and first year of teaching, he wanted to return to college to complete his long-term goal and objective to attend Universidad de Guadalajara, an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

Dr. Morkel had a vested interest in education, arts, and health sciences, and he showed it in the many roles that he took on during his life. He was an Art Teacher at Lexington Local Schools, Mansfield City Schools, a Science Teacher at Hammond City Schools in Indiana, and Cumberland School in North Carolina, a Chemistry Teacher at Howe Military School, and taught at Columbus State Community College. He worked in R&D for Ross Laboratories in Columbus for three years and four years in Sturgis, Michigan. After that he devoted the remaining years of his career to higher education in the Health Sciences field. He went on to take a faculty position in the Health field at Fortis College in 2006 and Florida Career College vocational nursing programs in 2013. It was during this time that he coined the phrase "Nurses are linked with the past, engaged in the present, and poised for the future." Unfortunately, his tenure was stopped early when he was diagnosed with CLL

which he courageously fought with a BMT. Despite his condition, Dr. Morkel was always willing to contribute and participate in research to find a cure to benefit other people.

Being fresh out of Art School, he had many good project ideas he enjoyed doing with his students. He was a creative person during his life and always had a new project in his mind. His other passions and hobbies included playing on the 1970 Purdue Freshman Football Team, being part of the 1970-74 Purdue Crew Team, 1969 Culver Military Academy Crew Team, motorcycles, Amphicars and Star Wars movies and memorabilia.

Dr. Morkel is preceded in death by his father, Dr. Gordon F. Morkel MD and is survived by his mother, Rachel W. Morkel. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 17 years, Maria Morkel; stepsons, Juan F. Castillo and Jose F. (Liping Zhao) Castillo; granddaughter, Celeste Castillo; siblings, Karen (Gene) DeMoss, Karla (Dave) Roth, Keith G. Morkel; all his loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and his dog.

Friends and family may call from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 on Friday, June 23, 2017. A Celebration of Life will be held in Mansfield, OH on Friday, July 14, 2017. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kevin's memory can be made to Bone Marrow Transplant Fund (305404) at The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute- 660 Ackerman Road, P.O. Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Kevin E. Morkel*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To Rachel & the entire Morkel family I send my condolences. We have many fond memories of going to Dr. Gordon Morkel with my parents & Grandparents who held Dr. Morkel in such high regard. We all are very grateful to him Rachael & their staff for the many years of dedicated service to our family & the Mansfield community. Dr. G Morkel was so proud of his family Rachael was the Magic glue that kept everything running so smooth. Our prayers go out to you all.*

Tim Keever

tim keever - July 18, 2017 at 02:29 AM



“ *Dr. Morkel was a good friend of mine while he was working in Boynton Beach, Florida. We were planning to launch a website that enabled patients around the world to have access to medical advice using our knowledge and expertise as physicians. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with cancer but left us an unforgettable impression that life is about hope. He was a hard working, driven individual that had lots of passion for life, education and the future. He will be missed by many nursing faculties and myself. My sincere condolences to his wife, brother, mom and all of his family members.*

I still carry the bracelet he sent me that says... "MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!"

Forever in my heart,

Robert Ghassemi, MD

Robert Ghassemi - July 02, 2017 at 02:56 PM

JC

“ Kevin was my step-father. We miss him enormously already. He was an incredibly strong man who shared his love for education and knowledge with us. He stood up for us and supported us without any hesitation. He fought for us and made many sacrifices for us so that we could become a family. All his love and determination to provide a safe and better future for us is what made him a great father.

Despite the difficulties, the downward turns, and the tribulations we encountered all the years he was with us he would always emerge with a solution to continue moving forward towards a better life. He truly had an exemplary fighting spirit for which he will be dearly remembered.

His sense of humor and his smile were so unique that I am sure anyone who knew him will always remember it after having heard his jokes and seen him laugh. He was a man of great ideas which he hoped would solve many problems to help others in the medical field. He would constantly develop ideas and plans he wanted to accomplish, but the biggest impact he had in his life is to those around him including us, to whom he taught with love and patience and we learned to become better individuals thanks to him.

As a man of many words we will miss his stories. He loved to share with those around him his experiences and his ideas and I will hold them close to my heart always. I wish I could have more time to show him how grateful I will always be. I pray that your fighting spirit continues to be part of our lives always. I am more than proud to have shared so many years with you and will always be thankful for your love. I know God is taking care of him, he is as blessed as he was a blessing for our lives.

Jose F. Castillo - June 23, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 23, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 23, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ Kirk & Sally Woodward purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



Kirk & Sally Woodward - June 23, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 22, 2017 at 08:45 PM

MM

“ *Maria Morkel lit a candle in memory of Dr.
Kevin E. Morkel*



maria morkel - June 21, 2017 at 05:35 PM

MM

“ I am very proud of the foot print Kevin left in many people around him. He was a person who cared about family, students and friends. He was a kind person with a big heart, who fought very hard to stay with us. In his journey to recovery he was always thinking of ways to help others and enrolled in different trials to find the cure for his disease.

I remember him teaching my sons how to do things around the house and become good persons, in the same way he encouraged his students to become good nurses.

We shared wonderful moments traveling, and enjoyed seen our kids meet their goals and seeing our granddaughter grow. He always baked cookies with our granddaughter, who will miss him.

He had a good sense of humor, and respect for others.

I remember many times he came back home tired for the long days, but with the commitment to his students.

I am very thankful that he received the best care and love from the BMT nurses and doctors at Ohio State James Cancer Center.

Kevin, we will miss you enormously, and only time can help us to heal. Thank you for your love, caring and fight to stay more time with us. Rest in peace.

Con todo mi amor,

Maria

maria morkel - June 21, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JZ

Maria, My prayers continue to be with you and your family. I am so sorry I am not in town.

joanne zanetos - June 21, 2017 at 10:17 PM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Maria Morkel - June 21, 2017 at 12:48 PM

LY

“ *Maria and family: I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you and your family. Lisa Young Howard Hanna Realcom Pickerington*



Lisa Young - June 20, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JC

“ Kevin, aka Dr. Morkel, was my stepfather. I am immensely grateful for everything he did for my family and myself. He was one of the most open-minded and open-hearted persons that I have ever met. He was quite an individual, very intelligent, analytical, creative, and with a great sense of humor. I always admired his hands-on and think-outside-the-box attitude. He was truly a father to me. He thought me how to do oil changes and tune-ups. I wish now that I had taken notes. I will remember his clever insights onto the inner workings of this system. He was very proud of his students and enjoyed telling us about the sweater vest parties, Snow White movie, and wax your axons stories that others have mentioned here. Good times.
The world is truly a sadder place without him.
Kevin, I thank God for putting you on our path. You left us too soon. Looking forward to seeing you again.

Juan Castillo

Juan Castillo - June 19, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 19, 2017 at 02:27 PM

RC

“ June 19, 2017
Dr. Morkel was a wonderful Professor. He passed his love life and learning to all of his students. I feel blessed to have learned from him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Robyn Connelly - June 19, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ *Maria,
I am so sorry for your loss. Those words seem so trite, but I am truly sorry. I've missed seeing you around the office. Prayers for you and your family.*

Jo Ann Stanley

Jo Ann Stanley - June 19, 2017 at 11:02 AM

HC

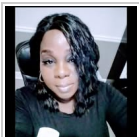
“ *Dr. Morkel was a kind, caring, and thoughtful professor. He cared deeply for his students and wanted us all to succeed. He taught us fun ways to recall important information about anatomy and physiology and ensured he went to every nursing graduation that was held. Dr. Morkel will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.*

Heidi Campos - June 19, 2017 at 07:23 AM

RA

“ *My favorite memory of Dr. Morkel was when he was teaching nutrition and had our nursing class watch Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs. After we watched it our assignment was to diagnose each dwarf with a nutritional disorder. I think he knew with it being close to the end of the year that we were all exhausted and he wanted to do something fun with/for us. He really did care about each one us. He was a great instructor and will be deeply missed.*

Raven Andrews - June 19, 2017 at 06:43 AM



“ *As your P Waves Eternally Rest. Your memory will continue to hold a special place in the hearts of your students! #RIHDrMorkel #BoheckerNursingClass08 🥹😌💙*

Katrina Adam - June 19, 2017 at 03:57 AM

ME

“ Dr Morkel was a co-worker at Fortis College Columbus (formerly Bohecker College). He was an excellent professor to the students who taught outside of the box. As a colleague, he had time to lend advice and to volunteer for student festival activities. He will surely be missed by the students, those of us who worked with him and his family above all. Marjorie Eichorn



Marjorie Eichorn - June 18, 2017 at 11:19 PM

TM

“ Dr Morkel was a colleague of mine at Fortis College Columbus. We were very close because he was ALWAYS there and we shared an office space. He was truly one in a million in academics and life. I learned so much from his creative mind. Many days I would just pick his brain because his ideas worked and were phenomenal. R.I.H. Dr. Morkel. May you finally rest.
Tracie Manning MSN, RN
Fortis Nursing Faculty

Tracie Manning - June 18, 2017 at 09:56 PM

JZ

“ R.I.H. Kevin. You will be missed terribly. My heart goes out to Maria and the family. I wish I were there. I will never forget when we danced together on our special days; my wedding day coinciding with your anniversary. Maria, you, Roger and I celebrated moments that will be eternal in my heart. Heaven is receiving an angel.
Joanne Zanetos,

Joanne Zanetos - June 18, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ Rest in Peace Dr. Kevin Morkel 🌸🌸

Dr. Morkel was my colleague, a co- faculty member at Fortis College of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. He's well known among his students and co-faculty members for his excellence, jolly, and creative teaching. My co-office mate who sat one table away from my desk, who's not tired of sharing lots of funny things to me, you rest in peace now 🌸🌸🙏 THANK YOU 😊

Lawrence Christoph von Cologne - June 18, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ Awesome teacher. Thanks for the knowledge. Waxing our axons!

Matt Patrick - June 18, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 18, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Kevin E. Morkel.



June 18, 2017 at 08:48 AM