



James D. "Jay" Lea

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Jay has been received into the loving arms of Jesus. He was baptized and confirmed at All Soul's Episcopal Church as a young boy and always lived a Christian life. Jay graduated from Putnam City High School in 1970. He received his BA from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He entered the first class of OU College of Dentistry in 1976, and received his DDS degree in 1980. Jay entered private practice with his father and practiced his profession for 28 years in Oklahoma City. During this time he served his community and his profession through the following commitments: Clinical instructor OU College of Dentistry; a weekly Volunteer dentist at Variety Health Center; consultant to the state of OK Employees Group Insurance Plan; volunteer dentist at Baptist Boy's Ranch; OK Dental Association Well-Being chairman; volunteer dentist Baptist Rescue Mission; active member Chance to Change Foundation; board member OK Healthcare Professional Recovery Program. He sold his practice and moved to Carmel by the sea, where for seven years he lived the "American Dream" playing golf and enjoying God's magnificent creations of splendor. In 2014 Jay was appointed as an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, where he was currently serving. The listing of Jay's education, his recognition as a lecturer and clinical instructor in dental education, his service as a dental consultant, his voluntary participation in community services verifies his qualifications but does not quantify his overwhelming commitment and dedication to his beloved profession and his significant additions to the enrichment of the life of others. Jay's quiet demeanor, kindness and devotion to God served him well in his life-long journey of service to his fellow man and woman. Jay is preceded in death by his wife, Lisa, his father Dr. James D. Lea, Sr., nephew Rory Francis Malloy. He is survived by his mother and step father, Barbara Lea Slagle and Dr. William F. Slagle of Edmond, OK., his sister, Sarah Malloy and her husband Paul



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Malloy of Nichols Hills, OK and their children Hugh Albert Stout, III and wife Kimberly and son Lexington of New York City, Kyle Harrington Malloy and Mallory Malloy. Also Jay leaves behind Lisa's children, Caitlan and Ryan whom he loved as his own children. A memorial service will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN on Friday, March 3, 2017 at 4 pm. A future service in Oklahoma City will be announced at a later date.



Tribute Wall

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Camille posted:

To visit the school and not seeing your light has been hard. May your light continue to shine above this world. Until we meet again. Love you my heavenly brother ~Camille

March 2 at 5:21 PM



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