



## Dr. Richard D. Knowlton Jr. DMD

August 5, 1956 - March 11, 2020

Dr. Richard D. Knowlton Jr. DMD, 63, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Lancaster General Hospital, surrounded by loved ones. Born in Lower Merion, PA, he was the son of Virginia (Hubay) of Stratford, NJ and the late Richard D. Knowlton Sr. Rick was the husband of Susan (Cashin) with whom he celebrated 33 years of marriage this past August.

Rick was a graduate of Sterling High School, class of 1974. He received his bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1978 and a Doctorate in Dental Medicine from Temple University in 1983. In 1991, Rick earned a Fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry and in 1998 was awarded Mastership status. He was also inducted into the American College of Dentists in 2013. Dr. Knowlton was the 2016 Olympic Team Dentist for the USA Field Hockey Team, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, and as a Free and Accepted Master Mason, he was a member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, in Elizabethtown. In his free time, Rick was involved with the Rheems Athletic Association and founded the Elizabethtown Summer Volleyball program.

Rick is survived by his wife, Susan, three children: Richard D. Knowlton III of Dover, NH, Kenneth A. Knowlton of Lancaster, and Amie E. Knowlton of Marietta, GA. Also surviving is his sister, Lesa Knowlton of Haddon Heights, NJ.

Unfortunately, due to health concerns with the coronavirus (COVID-19) the family will be postponing Rick's celebration of life service until this summer and will make an announcement at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Jefferson Office of Institutional Advancement, 125 S. 9th St. Suite 600, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (checks made payable to Thomas Jefferson University).

# Comments

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“ I pray our condolence isn't too late nor that it brings sadness to your family. Because of the Covid-19 virus, we did not know of Dr. Knowlton's passing. This morning we called his office about an appointment and learned this sad news. In 1987 our family (with 4 young children) moved to Elizabethtown and looked for a dentist and found Dr. Knowlton. He treated our family well. He always remembered details about what was going on with the children even as they left home and moved out of the area. We will miss him always.

**Calvin and Sharon Benner** - May 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Caroline Mcwilliams-owens** - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP Rick. So very sad. Rick was very ki d to me during the 80's when I was a student at Temple university. I was an overseas student (from Ireland), having accepted a field hockey scholarship. He accepted my hall of fame award, some years later in my absence. Mat you rest in peace my dear friend Rick. Condolences to his family.

**Caroline Mcwilliams-owens** - April 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was shocked to hear about Dr. Knowlton's death. His loss will be felt deeply by so many: your family, his numerous friends, all his patients, the dental association, as well as many groups within the community. His absence leaves a gaping hole that will not be able to be filled. I am so sorry for everyone's loss of a true friend who freely gave his all to so many individual,organizations, and various causes. Richard was a true hero! May God bless you as you mourn his death; I'm sure Heaven is welcoming his spiritual presence.

**Sylvia** - March 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Bruce Cohick** - March 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I m so sorry for your loss .i remember Richard from being with the central Pennsylvania piranha football team. Fitting players with mouthpieces etc he was always a great asset to the team. Great person and will be remembered by many

**Denny Gable** - March 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was a patient of Dr. Knowlton way back when he took over Dr. Thome's practice. After a gum procedure, I had some problems. He came into the office on the 4th of July and cheerfully took care of my problem. When we moved out of the immediate area, Dr. Knowlton referred us to a classmate of his, with whom we still visit for dental care. They had a shared story about Penn State goalposts.

**Beth Warren** - March 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was a fantastic friend, leader, dentist and an altruistic example to all of us. Rest In Peace dear friend!! Gordon Christensen

**Gordon Christensen** - March 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was a fantastic dentist, but most importantly a fantastic person. We found him as a dentist when we moved to town many years ago. He soon became a friend. He was also our sons soccer coach at Rheems for several years. He believed in our son and encouraged him and worked with him and made a difference in his life. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for Sue and the family.

**Kelly Krieger** - March 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ my Thoughts and Prayers go out to all his Family and Friends Dr Nolton was a great dentist and person we had many conversations in the office I will miss him

**Tena Jenkins** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Knowlton thru Dental Lifeline Network/Donated Dental Services for the past 11years. Dr. Knowlton was very compassionate, willingness to help others, a long time volunteer with this organization, and a member of the Pennsylvania Leadership Council. He tirelessly strived to better the field of dentistry. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all that knew him.

**Marsha Thomas** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Irwin and myself were deeply saddened to read of your husbands death. We wish you and your family peace.

**Irwin and Marcia Forman** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ So very saddened in the passing of Dr. Knowlton. He was my dentist since he took over Dr. Thome,s practice. Many years. He was the best, as a dentist and a caring person. He was so kind to my parents in their elderly years, being loving and caring while meeting their dental needs. I will miss him as a person, and as my excellent dentist. Deepest sympathy to his dear family. With love and prayers

**Marion** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was a support to me and young dentists joining our sports academy I will personally miss this most remarkable man! Danette

**Danette McNew** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Rick over 21 years ago in peak and am a better dentist because of him. I was glad that we reconnected a few times in person at recent AGD events. I am sad and will miss him. Condolences to his family.

**Michael Matthias** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Dr. Knowlton at the Academy of Sports Dentistry meeting in New Orleans a few years ago and he was a true class act and gentleman. I was inspired by his passion to give back to the community and to our profession and he will be truly missed. Will keep you all in our prayers.

**Dr. Hal Rider** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was a fantastic guy and full of enthusiasm for the ASD. He made me feel so welcome at the ASD meetings, as someone living outside the USA. He helped me to publish in several journals . It is difficult to believe that this lovely guy is just a memory , but what a memory.He left us too young and we are so sad that his wonderful life was cut short.

**Brett Dorney** - March 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was two years ahead of me in high school but he was a real;ly nice guy. No drama, never acted "better-then" to underclassmen. Just a real nice guy. What a terrible tragedy. May memories of him be as a blessing over his family

**James Kennedy** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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**Glenn Barnett** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dr knowlton I could be among his first original patients in e town not only a dentist felt like a ygood friend always would would offer his thoughts on a wide range of topics I know knowlton dental will live on great staff dr ed dr cook will carry on his leagues y. In his elizabethtown office however knowlton dental wont be the same with rick he will always be missed by patients and staff

**Glenn Barnett** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick was an inspiration to all of us involved in dentistry. His devotion to the profession was evident in his involvement in the AGD, PAGD and Sports Dentistry. Rick urged us all to improve our game and did so with compassion, humor and his fine leadership. He will be missed and there will be a big hole to fill as a result of his passing. My sincerest condolences to his family as you go through this difficult time.

**Fred Lally** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so thankful for all he gave of himself. My son was put at ease while Dr. Rick straightened his smile. My daughter was petrified of going to the dentist but Dr. Rick's care and glove balloon made her feel better. They are now adults and like me will be forever grateful for the privilege of being Dr. Knowlton's patients. He will be sorely missed.

**Dawn Sprance Loser** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ My dearest friend, it is with a heavy heart that I must say my final farewell. For almost 30 years you have been my best friend,mentor,life coach,and spiritual guide. You taught me how to find the good in every situation. I will cherish the memories of our football trips, concerts and long weekends at the cabin. Albert Pine once said, " what we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Your legacy will live on forever and is one to be lived up too.

**Skipp** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was deeply saddened when I saw this today about Dr. Knowlton. He has been my dentist since he first started in Etown and I always felt I was getting the best care from him. He will be greatly missed. May the lord be with his family in this difficult time.

**Colin** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dr. Knowlton was a great guy. He had been our family dentist for years. He was so kind to my Aunt who was at Masonic Homes. He would send a tech out to pick her up and then drive her home. The community has lost a great man! Lifting the family up in prayer at this difficult time.

**Melanie Hensel** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ May God grant the family love, peace and comfort in the coming days and weeks.. Thanks for your great service, Doc, for our community. You will be missed. Rest in peace.

**Ivan Arnold** - March 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rick - what can I say? - always such a wonderful guy -husband, dad,son, brother, dentist and friend- we just reconnected in the last few years . I'll miss you my friend  
Laurie

**Laurie** - March 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I went all through high school with Rick and am deeply saddened by his loss. He was funny, caring, polite, and compassionate, even at that young age. I am truly sorry for your loss. God Bless.

**Cindy (Lincoln) Scullion** - March 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rest In Peace pal. See you on the other side. Joey

**Joey** - March 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dr Knowlton had a vision of organized dentistry that very few dentists hold. He put his time, money and efforts toward preserving a profession that he loved so much. His honesty and concern for others was unique and his influence on the Dental Cooperative and on me personally was profound. We will miss you. Andrew Eberhardt  
Dental Cooperative, COO

**Andrew Eberhardt** - March 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM