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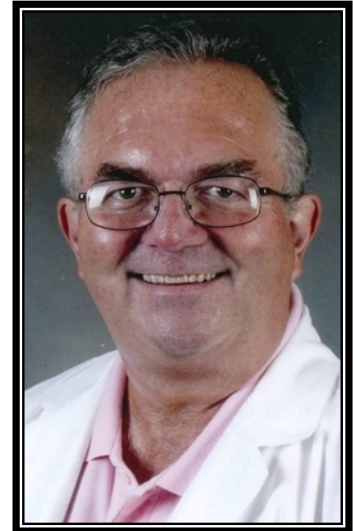
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PASSING OF RETIRED CAPT JONATHAN L. GRAY, DC, USN

Dr. Jonathan “Jon” Gray’s life (November 6, 1946 - December 12, 2015) was characterized by service to both his country and his specialty with numerous academic involvements over his professional years. Dr. Gray earned his DDS from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in 1968. He then served 21 distinguished years in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, receiving his specialty training at the Postgraduate Naval Dental School (1979) and then, among other assignments, serving on the residency training staff (1985-1990). He retired in 1993 with the rank of “Captain” and military awards for excellence. He was a Diplomate of both the American Board of Periodontology (1982) and the American Board of Oral Medicine (1979).



Jon’s second career began with the Indiana University College of Dentistry from 1993 to 1999. During that time, he received the “Outstanding Teacher of the Year” twice (1997;1998) and eventually became the Program Director for their Residency Training Program. He then served in a similar capacity at the University of Florida College of Dentistry (1999-2003). He subsequently returned to the University of Indiana College of Dentistry’s residency program assisting in various capacities until his retirement in 2009, although he continued mentoring residents until 2012.

Dr. Gray was a site visitor for the ADA Accreditation Commission, an appointed examiner with the ABP (2003-2008), and participated with AAP In-Service Examination Committee including chairmanship (1995-2000) among other national level appointments. Even in retirement, Jon continued to “serve”, assisting with the “English as a second language” program with the Indianapolis public library system.

Dr. Gray was a member of a vast array of professional organizations at the local, state, and regional level in addition to his national service. He has a publishing history of near 50 publications of clinical research manuscripts, abstracts, textbook chapters, and co-editor of the Periodontal Syllabus (4th and 5th editions).

Dr. Gray’s legacy resides with those scores of residents he mentored and inspired through his association with the Navy’s residency program and those of the University of Maryland, University of Florida, and University of Indiana.

He his survived by his wife, Suzanne and son, Charles and his family.

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