



Claude Werth

June 4, 1937 - October 28, 2019

Claude James "C.J." Werth, MD, died peacefully in Ocala, Florida on October 28, 2019. He was born June 4, 1937 in Hays, Kansas to Clemet and Agatha Rupp Werth. As a graduate of high school and a 3-sport varsity letterman he spent the summer playing minor league baseball. After four months of traveling by bus to small towns, he decided to take another path. C.J. graduated Magna Cum Laude from Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, having majored in Pre-Med. He received his MD degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas. Following a one year internship at St. Lukes Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, C.J. was assigned to and spent three years as Captain of the Medical Office with the National Security Agency, US Embassy, London. Following his service at the US Embassy in London, he completed residency training in Neuropsychiatry at The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He was in private practice within the greater Kansas City Metro Area and served as the Medical Director of the Stress Unit in Sedalia, Missouri, where he and his wife Linda were in private practice together for eleven years. He retired in 2002 to a life of leisure in Ocala, Florida. His main hobby was an unsuccessful attempt to become perfect at an imperfect game of golf, but had 5 "Hole in Ones" to his name! C.J. was a Kansas City Royals and Chiefs Fan and a forever loyal Jayhawk! He loved traveling, reading and bird watching. C.J. claims he lost his battle with squirrels. As a guest columnist, he contributed to both the Kansas City Star and Ocala Star Banner. Dr. Werth is survived by the love of his life his

beloved Wife Linda; 4 Children, 6 Grandchildren; Brother Clem; Sister, Cynthia and his faithful Brother-In-Law Peter Littlefield. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, November 10, 2019 at the Werth's home from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. C.J.'s ashes will be inurned in Denver, Colorado at a later date. Donations can be made in his memory to the Salvation Army online, give.salvationarmyusa.org or by calling 1-800-725-2769. Arrangements are under the direction and care of Roberts Funeral Homes, East Chapel, Ocala, Florida. Condolences and memories can be shared at robertsfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dr. Worth's progressive treatment of bipolar and ocd helped three generations of my family lead successful, productive lives. He treated so many of my extended family that he thought a study should be done on how the disorders can be treated. From the bottom of my heart, I am so thankful.

Lynne Raaf Matile

Lynne Matile - November 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Dr. Werth in the early 70s when he and two other psychiatrists started the psychiatric unit at Bethany Medical Center in Kansas City, Ks. Later, I worked with him when he stated the first hospital based chemical dependency unit in the Kansas City area, again at Bethany. He was the most brilliant person I worked with in my 42 year career in Mental Health. With regard to psychotropics and treatment of people with various psychiatric disorders, he knew no peer. I consider him the most important mentor in the development of my career. He played a primary role in the treatment of countless people with chemical dependency and psychiatric issues. He was a pioneer in "dual diagnosis" for chemically dependent people. Always willing to share his expertise and wisdom, he was a positive influence on those who worked with him. My condolences to his family.

Steve Corey, PhD

Steve Corey - November 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Recalling so many good times together, Saint Benecicts, dating days, early marriage, children. You always were such a good dependable, reliable friend. Rest in peace, CJ ! 🙏 Tony & Ginny Torchia*

Ginny Torchia - November 17, 2019 at 12:00 AM