

## Dr. Joseph W. Foote

May 10, 1948 - February 26, 2010

Joseph W. Foote, DMD, MD, of Ardmore, PA, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Fri Feb. 26, 2010 at the age of 61. of Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma.

The New York native received his Bachelors Degree from the College of Holy Cross in 1970. In 1974, he earned his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He then served a dental internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, and from 1975 to 1977, served a two year residency in anesthesiology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. From 1977 to 1980, he completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He then returned to the Medical College of Pennsylvania where he received his medical degree in 1985 and served a medical residency at Presbyterian Medical Center following his graduation. He was first appointed to the faculty in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 1986. For the next twenty-five years, he served as full-time faculty in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department and also held the titles of Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (from 1989 to present) and Chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center (from 1989 to present). He was board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and was a member of the American Dental Association, the American Medical

Association, the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the International Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Foote was held in high regard by his students, residents and fellow faculty. During his 30-year career, hundreds of dentists and physicians referred complex patients to him. He was nationally recognized for his particular expertise in microsurgical repair of maxillofacial nerve injuries. He was clearly the “doctor of last resort” for patients with debilitating facial pain who relied on him for his technical skill, but also for his never ending benevolence and empathy. He championed care for those less fortunate and no patient was ever denied his skill and care regardless of circumstances.

He was the beloved husband of Susan Foote(nee Quinn) and devoted father of Katie, Emily, Joey, Meredith, Amanda, Travis and Conor. He is also survived by his father, Joseph W. Foote, Sr and his sisters and brother, Donna, Brian, Sharon, Denise, Colleen, Patti and Michele along with many nieces and nephews.

The Family will receive guests on Sun. from 4-8pm in the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave. Ardmore, PA. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Mon. March 1st, 10am in Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 31 Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA. Burial will follow at St. Paul's Cemetery, Ardmore.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to a charity of your choosing.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Good Counsel  
31 Pennswood Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
(510) 525-0147

# Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Dr. Foote at Presbyterian Hospital for 11 years starting in 1985. He was an excellent surgeon and a great person to know. As a nurse anesthetist, I loved working with him. I know it's been many years since his passing, but I looked him up on Google and I thought that his family would want to know that those who worked with him still think of him.

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Kathryn Lillie - May 29, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to his family, and children. He saved my life and taught me how to be a better person. During the three years I got to know him, he never once allowed me to give up or carry the burden on my own. He was my hero, and a saint sent from "God" to show others how we should be to each other. He will forever be missed by many.  
God Bless his family and friends  
Sincerely  
theresa king##imported-begin##theresa king##imported-end##

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April 23, 2010 at 03:45 AM



“ To the Foote Family:

*Dr. Foote was my doctor for many years. He was not only my doctor he was my friend. He was very caring to his patients and always did the best he could for them. In all my years I have never found a doctor as kind and caring as he was. Whether it be day or night he would always take the call or squeeze me in. He will be sorely missed. My sympathies for your family.*

*Donna Iacono*

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March 25, 2010 at 06:44 PM



“ I just want to say how sorry I am to hear of Dr. Foote's passing, and want to give my condolences to you and your family.

*Sincerely,  
Helen Radgowski*

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March 25, 2010 at 02:11 PM



“ Dr. Foote, you were wonderful to my mother over the years, always kind and caring. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you rest peacefully and be free from pain.

*Alisa Radgowski*

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March 11, 2010 at 07:42 PM



“ Mrs. Foote, the Foote Children, and Monsignor Quinn,

*I can not stop thinking about Dr. Foote and all of you, especially since last Sunday evening. I came to Dr. Foote's viewing to offer comfort to you, but instead, all of you comforted me. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and charity. You treated me the exact same way Dr. Foote did every time I saw him. Praise God for the blessing of your family. You are a great witness of love and hope.*

*My twin boys both have braces, and one of them just had them removed today. I wish I had mentioned that to Dr. Foote a few years ago, because I am sure he would have recommended Katie. Then my sons could have experienced the wonderful Foote charm. I read Katie's on-line profile about patient care from her web site. She is the image of her father.*

*If it is the Lord's will that I be ordained a deacon in June of 2012, I would be honored if you could attend at the Cathedral, in memory of Dr. Foote.*

*God bless. You are in my prayers. Please let me know if I can ever be of service in any way.##imported-begin##Michael Pascarella, Jr.##imported-end##*

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March 05, 2010 at 05:16 PM



“ Both my wife and I and our entire family wish you our most sincere sympathy's for the passing of your husband and father .. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##DR. & Mrs Paul J. Batastini##imported-end##

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March 02, 2010 at 12:13 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Joe ,Catherine and rest of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Beverley A Crawford##imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 08:25 PM



“ Sue and family--words cannot express the sadness we feel over Joe's passing--he left such a great and lasting impression on everyone he came in contact with--also what a great loss to the medical profession because you know there will never be another "JOE FOOTE" -.Friends and neighbors will all feel his passing but rest assured he will never be forgotten-  
You and your family will be in many prayers##imported-begin##maria cermignano##imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ Joe's loss will be felt profoundly by all who had the opportunity to know him. I extend my heartfelt sentiments to his family.##imported-begin##Arthur Kuperstein##imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ Joe always took an extra few minutes to see how I was doing and he always inquired about my family. He was a great colleague and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Foote family.##imported-begin##Faizan Alawi##imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 12:30 PM



“ *To Dr Foote's family  
I offer my sincere condolences for your loss. It was an honor to work  
with Dr Foote here at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center  
He will be greatly missed  
You are in my prayers  
Carmela Mantis, RN  
Director CRM & SW* *###imported-begin###Carmela Mantis  
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March 01, 2010 at 11:52 AM



“ *Words cannot express the feelings of loss of such a champion. Joe  
touched so many in such profound ways. He was friend and mentor  
to everyone he met. Our thoughts and prayers are intended to give  
comfort. Joe's legacy is that he will live on forever in the hearts of us  
all.* *###imported-begin###Kenneth Kent D.M.D.###imported-end###*

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March 01, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ *Dear Suzy and Children,  
Elaine and I are so saddened to hear of the passing of this  
wonderful gentle man who was your husband and father. His  
kindness, compassion and generosity was so genuine and so  
obvious whether it was your first meeting with him, or just one of  
many. We were all blessed by his presence in this world. Our  
prayers are with you and him.* *###imported-begin###Vito  
Geroulo###imported-end###*

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March 01, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ as a new nurse in the late 1980's i remember dr. foote as a "moonlighter" at BMH. he was unfailingly kind and treated the nurse with respect. no matter the time or reason he took your call seriously.

we thought he was amazing and loved hearing about the kids. i think there were only 5 then!

i was sad to see he was taken from you so soon.

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kim cooke, RN###imported-begin##kim cooke###imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ Dear Susie and family,  
My heartfelt condolences on all you have suffered while Joe was so sick and his loss. He was a truly wonderful man and the whole community will miss him. I will be on a trip soon but will be back in early May and will call you. Susie, we will talk. It is with sadness that I welcome you to widowhood but know that Linda and I will help you meet its challenges and you will have a lot of people who care. I will keep you in my heart and thoughts.

Love,

Maryanne###imported-begin##Maryanne Schiller###imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 10:26 PM



“ Dr. Joseph Foote was truly a friend to all of us.  
Certa certamen bonum Fide.###imported-begin##Jack and Joan Mooney###imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 07:29 PM



“ We are deeply sadden with Joe's passing. The world was definitely a finer place because of his presence. I last saw Joe in the Spring of 2003 during a visit to Philly. He had not changed a lot from the days at the Cross. he was so extremely proud of his family and we spent most of evening talking about them and Susie. We are even more sadden that we cannot be there for his final celebration. But we know he will be there with the Lord and continue to look out for his family.##imported-begin##Tom & Louise Walmsley##imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 05:48 PM



“ Dr. Joseph Foote is going to be sorely missed. His world-class knowledge and expertise, caring personality and humble disposition made him one of the most influential teachers. Lots of love to the Foote family for this tragic loss.##imported-begin##Milita Ghassemzadeh Borguet##imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 04:47 PM



“ I am deeply sorry to hear of Dr. Foote's passing. He was such a wonderful person, and a truly gifted teacher, not to mention his enormous expertise and talent as a surgeon. But I will personally remember him most as a kind, warmhearted person. And he will be missed.##imported-begin##Kate Lacoste Surprenant##imported-end##

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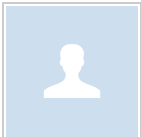
February 28, 2010 at 02:47 PM



“ I sustained nerve damage when a wisdom tooth extraction went wrong at the hands of another oral surgeon. The best thing that doctor did for me was to refer me to Dr. Foote as a patient in 1998. (3) nerve surgeries, (1) molar extraction, (1) dental implant and (11) years later, I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Not only was he a skilled Doctor and Surgeon, the care and compassion he showed exceeded what I could have ever expected. He was truly an exceptional person. Not an office visit went by over the last 10 years of treatment where he'd ask when I was going back to the Philippines, which was a reference to a work related trip I took in 1999. To me that was his way of telling me that "Yes, I do know who you are and I won't forget it." In reply to 'get well' wishes I sent to him last summer, I was lucky enough to receive a hand written note from him last fall when he was in treatment and in typical fashion he deflected any thoughts of his treatment to ask how my family was doing. Which was typical of him, to put everything else ahead of himself. Our deepest sympathies go out the the Foote family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##John & Kelly Colarelli##imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 02:24 PM



“ To the Foote family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am so fortunate to have met such a wonderful person, and I will keep him in my heart and thoughts forever.  
I am sorry I will not be able to attend the services as I am a half a world away. Please know that you are all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Neil Little##imported-end##

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February 28, 2010 at 01:32 PM



“ Dr. Foote was not just my doctor, he became my good friend. He was caring and gentle, and treated me like I was his only patient. I needed oral surgery in 2001, and then in 2003. In 2006, he treated me for some jaw issues. I kept going back for follow-up visits every few months, not really because I needed to, but to talk baseball with Dr. Foote. He loved baseball, as do I. He followed my sons' Little League careers for years. He always asked when I was going to take my boys to Cooperstown. I never did. I think we will make the trip this summer in honor of Dr. Foote. He was also looking forward to my ordination as a permanent deacon in 2012 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He said I reminded him a lot of his brother-in-law, the Monsignor. Dr. Foote was a deeply faithful man. He modeled his life after Christ, the Divine Physician. I can not express the sense of loss that I feel. It is people like Joe Foote who bring the love of God into the present, and make it real for all of us. My prayers are with his family, but I will be soon praying to Dr. Foote, because Heaven just added a saint!###imported-begin###Michael Pascarella, Jr.###imported-end###

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February 28, 2010 at 07:55 AM



“ We were truly saddened to hear about Dr Foote's passing. His compassion and selflessness were just a few of the qualities that made him loved by his residents and patients alike. He was a great teacher and friend to me, and I would not be the person I am today without him. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the Foote family.###imported-begin###Chris and Abra Perrie###imported-end###

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February 27, 2010 at 10:02 PM



“ My prayers are with the family! May god bless you in your time of need!##imported-begin##Jean Skillern##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Dr. Foote was somebody all of his residents looked up to. His compassion for those less fortunate, humanism, empathy and dedication made him a role model for us all. To me personally he was a great teacher, mentor and friend. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Foote family.##imported-begin##Joe Howard##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 08:20 PM



“ Dr. Foote took my wisdom teeth out the summer before I started college in 2007. And although I only knew him for a very short time, I will always remember how truly genuine he was. He took the time to ask me about my life, what I was up to, and made an instant connection with me. He made me feel at ease. I remember telling him in my follow up appointment, "you know, you did a wonderful job" and he replied something like "That's because you were such a good patient." He made you feel good and there was nothing false about him. I will be praying for the entire Foote family. Dr. Foote will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Kevin Duckett##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 01:58 PM



“ With our deepest sympathy to the entire Foote family,

*In September of 1994, Dr. Foote literally saved my face after a devastating car accident. However, it was not only this one act that made Dr. Foote such a special part of our lives. Over the past 16 years, Dr. Foote's continuous care and friendship has illustrated to us the type of human decency and pure goodness that we all should strive to attain.*

*In short, Dr. Foote was an amazing man and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Ellen (Reese) and Marc Goldich##imported-end##*

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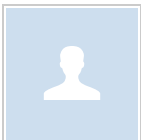
February 27, 2010 at 12:44 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by his loss. Dr. Foote was a role model to many of us, a true family man with a heart of gold. He will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Foote Family.##imported-begin##Brian and Sheila Harris##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by his loss and will cherish the times we had together. He touched many lives and helped us become better surgeons. His big heart and smile will be everlasting in our memories. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Foote and Quinn families. Deepak and Rupam Kademani##imported-begin##Deepak Kademani##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ Dr. Foote will be greatly missed by past and present surgical residents. He was truly a genuine human being. He was always a Class Act when dealing with people--patients, surgical residents, dental students, etc. There truly was never a surgical procedure that was too big or too small for Dr. Foote. He had a broad scope of practice that was a great benefit to many patients and surgical residents. A true role model for all of us. Our time at Penn would not have been the same without Dr. Foote. We are very grateful. Our deepest and sincere condolences go out to the Foote and Quinn families.##imported-begin##Drs. Craig and Susan Vigilante##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 10:50 AM



“ I first met Joe along with a group of his New England buddies at Penn Dental's orientation day. We hit it off right away and became fast friends. We studied hard, played hard and always had time for each other. We had a great time as members of the infamous "Extractors" football and basketball teams that dominated the Penn graduate intramural league. I remember Joe as being both intensely competitive, yet compassionate. I feel badly we had lost touch over the years, but am sure Joe was a wonderful husband and father. To Susan and the kids as you grieve your loss; always remember the happy times, the laughing times and bright and sunny days...we are sure there were many.  
In prayer and sympathy.  
Pete & Debbie Ryan##imported-begin##Pete & Debbie Ryan##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ *Susie and family,  
We will never forget the wonderful memories we have of Joe during those Dental School Days when we didn't have 2 nickels to rub together but we built friendships that lasted a lifetime. Joe was one of the most generous, loving and caring friend anyone could ask for. Good-bye dear friend and God Bless....##imported-begin##Mike and Bunny Whitehouse##imported-end##*

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February 26, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ *We will always remember Joe and Joey sitting in the car in the driveway across the street from left field with a good view of the Radnor Varsity Baseball Field last July. Conor made several key catches in center field, but most of all, Conor drove in the tying and winning runs to clinch the win as victors of the Main Line League of American Legion Baseball - what an exciting finish! We could not see Joe's smile but we felt it - he was that kind of guy - devoted husband, father, brother, son, and, to all, loyal and caring friend. Conor also led the Lower Merion Dawgs, with all the cheering Feet in the Raiders' stands, to capture a sweet and forever memorable win over Radnor in November. Conor rightfully was awarded MVP - then we did see Joe's smile and we will never forget it. Requiescat in Pace.##imported-begin##mary & jim brown##imported-end##*

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February 26, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ *Grief is a journey. Each of us must find our own path. As you travel this time of sadness and loss rejoice in the good days for they are a precious gift. Hang on tightly to the memories of good times and love shared....*

*With love and prayers,  
Joe's cousin, Candy##imported-begin##Candace Brann##imported-end##*

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February 26, 2010 at 07:41 PM



“ *Dear Foote Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Duane & Liz Serpentine##imported-begin##Liz  
Serpentine##imported-end##*

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February 26, 2010 at 06:22 PM