



Joe Kemker

June 12, 2021

Joe Kemker at age 85 passed away on June 12, 2021. He was born in Nashville Tennessee. He served his country in the US Air Force. He graduated from the University of Tennessee, receiving his Masters degree and from the University of Denver, Colorado with a PhD in Audiology. He started his career at Vanderbilt University, Bill Wilkerson speech and hearing Center, Nashville Tennessee. He had a distinguished career as an audiologist at the University of Florida, where he served as chief audiologist for 28 years. He started the hearing aid program, universal newborn hearing screening program in the state of Florida, and started a cochlear implant program. He retired as full professor emeritus for the department of communicative disorders, University of Florida, 2003. He was a founding member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church and served on the board for Catholic Charities.

Joe is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Vivian Marcella Kemker. He is survived by his sons, Bryan (Judy) Kemker, Brett (Denise) Kemker and Brad (Doris) Kemker and 4 grandchildren: Joe, Elizabeth, Nicholas and Cameron.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 10900 SW 24th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32607 on July 27, 2021 at 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorial donations be made to: Catholic Charities, 1701 NE 9th St, Gainesville, FL 32609.

Events

JUL **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM
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Queen of Peace Catholic Church
10900 SW 24th Avenue, Gainesville, FL, US

Comments



“ Dr. Joe Kemker was a great teacher and a caring, thoughtful and compassionate man. He always acted a true gentleman. A few years ago and many decades out of school we met him quiet accidentally at the Village and shared some time together and some adult beverages. We will always remember him fondly. Our condolences to his family.

Al and Peggy Crowley

Albert Crowley - July 08, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing! What a great man and fine gentleman. A significant loss for the UF and for Audiology. His dry humor was contagious and always memorable. He had the ability to make anyone laugh! So many lives today are better just for knowing Dr. Joe Kemker. We miss him already.

Donna & Larry Scheitler

Donna & Larry Scheitler - July 02, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Kemker at Vanderbilt and lived close to his family in Green Hills. Could not have asked for a better boss. He cared about his patients and the staff. We really missed his humor when he left Vandy.
Susan Logan

susan a. logan - June 28, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ I was Joe's next door neighbor when he lived in The Village at Gainesville. Joe was a great neighbor and friend. We all miss him at our morning coffee group. God bless him and his family.

Mac McCombs

George M McCombs - June 22, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ Joe was one of the finest men I have ever known and a wonderful friend. We worked together for many years. His compassion for patients, students, and people in general was unsurpassed. Joe’s sense of humor was contagious and could light up a room. So many of my memories working at UF include Dr Joe. Joe was so proud of his family and rightly so.

May he be at peace with Vivian. I feel blessed to have had him a dear friend. I send my love and prayers to the Kemker family.

Alice Holmes



Alice Holmes - June 20, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ What wonderful memories I have of a great, God loving man. Bryan,Brett and Brad I’m so sorry for your loss and will pray for your mother and your dad who are once again United .

Victor McDonald

Victor McDonald - June 19, 2021 at 10:20 AM