



Dr. Jay W. Smith

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Dr. Jay Smith was born on March 21 1955 in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from LSU in 1977 and from LSU Medical School New Orleans in May 1982. He performed his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and was the recipient of the Lange Scholarship Award. Dr. Smith joined the North Oaks Medical Center in April 1990 and was promoted to the Medical Director of the Emergency Department(ED) in 1994. He was elected by the medical staff as it Chief of Staff in 1998. His passion for improving people's live and making a difference in the health of the citizens of south Louisiana is evidenced by his determined efforts to establish the ED as a certified Stroke Center and a Level II Designated Trauma Center. Dr. Smith earned North Oaks top physician award in 2014, as the Physician Leader of the Year. He was appointed by the governor to sit on the state-wide Louisiana Emergency Response Network Board to improve pre-hospital and ED care.

Jay loved life and family which included his wife Melanie, and his son Alex and daughter Shelby along with brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins He loved the outdoors, walking barefoot, working in his yard, and exploring nature. He set high expectations and worked tirelessly to accomplish them. He loved food, cooking, and art. Jay loved music and loved to dance. He will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life for Dr Jay Smith will be held at the E Brent Dufreche Conference Center at the North Oaks Medical Center, in Hammond LA from 2-5pm on Sunday July 24, 2016.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the North Oaks Medical Center Foundation to assist patients and their families in the Emergency Department.

Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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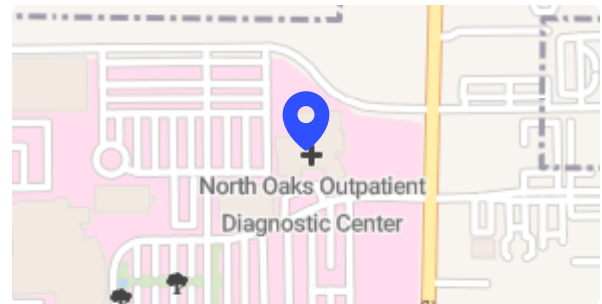
Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, July 24, 2016

 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CT

 **E Brent Dufreche Conference Center at North Oaks Medical Center**

15790 Medical Center Dr., Hammond LA 70403





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SW

Stephanie Wilson posted:

Omg Mel I just found out today that Jay had passed away. I am so sorry. My heart is just broken with this news. Praying for you and the children. Call me when you get a chance 985-520-7703. I love you, Steph

June 30 at 1:03 PM

PN

Peter Newman posted:

I had the pleasure to work for Dr Smith in the North Oaks ER for three years. He was a great leader and friend.

July 27 at 9:53 AM

CW

Chris Womack lit a candle in honor of Jay.

To Melanie and family, Our Deepest Sympathy from Chris & Alethea. Praying for healing for your family. (So many Memories...Thanks Doc... We Love You!!!)

July 25 at 6:35 AM



BS

Beckey Smith lit a candle in honor of Jay.

Dr. Jay Smith thank you for you dedication and service to our community. It has been an honor to work with you. Prayers for your family in this difficult time. God's Speed. Beckey Smith

July 25 at 3:08 AM



SB

Sherry Bailey posted:

My heart is heavy on learning of the death of Dr. Jay Smith. Never heard a harsh word or unkind remark from him at any time that I was ever in the ED. He was an exceptional physician and tremendous loss to the Medical Staff of North Oaks Health System. May God give his family strength to face each new day without him. His spirit will live forever in their hearts.

July 24 at 4:39 AM



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SP

Sandy Patterson posted:

Melanie, Alex, Shelby and family...how can any of us express our profound sorrow at this time. From the first time I met him, I saw that Jay wore his enthusiasm and love for his work, his family and his friends like a badge of honor. It was the first thing you noticed about him and each subsequent encounter was just as memorable. He was passionate in all that he did...he literally attacked any project with an energy that was both admired and inspiring to anyone lucky enough to work with him. He had the rare ability to identify needs on a broad base and would work tirelessly to improve healthcare delivery, while at the same time, devote that same zeal and energy to provide the best care possible to each individual patient on every encounter. Each patient was important to him and great care was taken that every need was recognized. It is said that "a hero is never a hero in his own hometown." However, that statement doesn't apply to Jay, for he most definitely was, and always will be, a hero. He is a hero to those of us fortunate enough to work with him on endless committees and improvement endeavors for causes that sometimes seemed impossible...because he helped us see what we could be. He is a hero to those who worked tirelessly alongside him in the ER as he inspired with his dedication and lifted spirits with his ever-present smile, easy laugh and endless energy...because he made them proud of who they are. Most of all, he is a hero to countless patients whose lives were saved through his artful and gifted delivery of care...because they are here. Thank you, Jay. You will always be a treasured gift to us all. Sandy Patterson

July 23 at 6:24 PM

BB

Barbara Beauvais posted:

In our teens Jay and Freddie Duracher were best friends....both are gone now and i cant stop thinking Heaven will be a lot more fun now that they are reunited....Jay was always an all around great guy. I have not been in touch with jay for many years now but remember his charm and wit as though we never lost touch....To the days at the Shed...as a Munga Hunga..(lol) ...and the times at the Warehouse...to just great weekends at the Lakefront....he will always bring a smile to my face when i think of him.....my condolences to his family....

July 23 at 3:40 PM

SH

Sherri Hayes posted:

Melanie & family, I am so very sorry! I hate to hear this extremely sad news. Jay was someone that made a true difference in this world through his sheer love of life. I enjoyed 18 years of working with him on numerous projects and will forever remember his passion and devotion to his family, his friends and coworkers, and of course, his patients. His smile would light up every room he entered and his laugh was contagious. His jitters and nervous energy would make me tired at times. It seemed that his body just couldn't contain his enthusiasm! :) He will be remembered with great fondness and respect. Please know my thoughts, prayers, and love are with you! Love, Sherri Hayes

July 23 at 12:12 PM



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Gwen Watson posted:

Jay...Jay...Jay, I consider it an honor for our paths to have crossed. It was a pleasure working in the ED with you for all those years. I can't ever remember seeing you angry, instead you were always cool, calm and collective. You and Mel are like family to me. North Oaks, especially the ED will never be the same without you. You left some big shoes to fill. I will truly miss you. Melanie, if you need me for anything, I'm just a phone call away....Love You Gwen Watson

July 23 at 12:11 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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