



## Dr. Nick Palmer

June 19, 1947 - January 16, 2025

Dr. Nick Palmer was born on June 19, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, and was deeply proud of his Ukrainian heritage, which shaped his values and commitment to community service. He graduated from Osborn High School in 1965. In 1969 he earned his B.S. in Biochemistry from Michigan State University, then married his high school sweetheart, Carol. He went on to get his M.A. in Biochemistry from Wayne State University. His passion for dentistry led him to Case Western Reserve School of Dentistry, where he earned his D.D.S. in 1975. He then went on to earn his Masters in Orthodontics, where he received the prestigious Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award from the American Association of Orthodontics for his master's thesis.

In 1977, Nick, his wife Carol, and their two young children returned to Michigan. He then established his orthodontic practice and for 46 years dedicated himself to creating perfect smiles. He also shared his expertise as Associate Clinical Director of the Graduate Pediatric Orthodontics Program at the U of M School of Dentistry, where he taught and mentored students for 20 years.

A devoted member of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nick helped develop the St. Josaphat Banquet Centre and co-chaired the first Sunflower Festival in 1986. As Board President of the Ukrainian Village (2002-2012), he

led major facility upgrades, ensuring it remained a thriving cultural hub.

Nick found joy in fishing, golfing, and boating, as well as tinkering with endless projects at his cottage on the beach. There, he cherished time with family, neighbors, nature and glorious sunsets. With his warm smile, sharp wit, and generous heart, Nick made a lasting impact on all who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family, community, former students and patients.

Nick was the beloved husband of Carol for 55 years, a devoted father to Michele (Kevin), Stephen (Lauren), and Lauren (Charlie), and a loving Grandfather to Cameron, Emma, Madeline, Gavin, Charlie, and Carter. He is also survived by his brother Dr. Lawrence Palmer (Helen) and many cherished extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to CWRU School of Dental Medicine/Orthodontic Department or St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church (Roof Repair-optional).

# Previous Events

## Instate

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Josaphat Church  
26401 St Josaphat Dr.  
Warren, MI 48091

## Memorial Mass

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ I am very sad to hear of Dr Palmers passing. I was a patient of his for a few years. I met him in tears after many doctors failed to help me. Dr Palmer with patience and great compassion, and the goal of "getting me to smile again without pain", cured my extreme bite problem and extreme pain. Meeting him was the beginning tomthe end of 5 yrs of debilitating pain. He gave more.than skill and talent, he had a jolly personality, often joking, or just talking, making me feel like family. His encouragement was a huge blessing every time I saw him. He kept his promise and got me out of pain. He touched my life in a big way, and I look forward to seeing him again inheaven, since he was a fellow believer. My daughters ended up getting their braces there later, and they were fond of him too. My prayers are with his family and all who love him. Thank you Dr Palmer. Thank you Palmer family. God with with you now



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Debra Devroy - March 03, 2025 at 10:38 PM

LL

“ I just learned of Dr. Palmer’s passing, and I am heartbroken. I was the Department Administrator for Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry and met him in that role. We shared a Ukrainian heritage and often spoke of that culture and food. He was kind, emphatic, and hilarious. I will miss him dearly and will remember him forever.

Lou Ann Lenio

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Lou Ann Lenio - March 02, 2025 at 08:59 PM

MM

“ Michelle Murray lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nick Palmer



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Michelle Murray - March 01, 2025 at 08:27 AM

MM

“ I worked with Dr. Palmer for 7 months and he was the kindest person I knew. I'm heartbroken. He was like a Dad to me for those short months. Condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.

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Michelle Murray - March 01, 2025 at 08:26 AM

SP

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Nick Palmer's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Dr. Palmer was a remarkable individual—intelligent, funny, and exceptionally giving. During my time in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan, I had the privilege of witnessing his dedication firsthand. Dr. Palmer had a tough exterior, but beneath it, he was a gentle soul—a big teddy bear. He consistently stood up for his staff, ensuring that everyone felt valued and respected. One of his greatest gifts was the way he pushed residents to excel; he demanded their best and, in return, instilled in them the confidence to diagnose and understand the orthodontic needs of their future patients. His legacy will live on through all those he mentored and cared for. I will miss him dearly.

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Sandy Pecoraro - February 24, 2025 at 07:16 PM

RM

“ Cant believe he s gone met nick in 1990 repaired his ac next thing i know he gets me an account at ST josaphat s church / banquet center he was beyond kind to me and everyone that he ever met , he was one of the kindest people ive ever met.

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**Rick marone** - February 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM

EA

“ Dr. Palmer was my orthodontist growing up and he helped reshape my mouth. It was a long process, and I got to know him over the span of my childhood into my high school years. Last year I visited him for an aligner, and it was like old times. He was the same goofy guy that I always remembered, it was such a good experience getting to see him after 15 years. My thoughts and prayers go to him and his family during these times. I will always remember him as the humble man he was. - Erik Amann

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**Erik Amann** - February 24, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SR

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Dr. Palmer was an amazing instructor. I will never forget Ortho Fridays! I remember sitting in the pedo conference room until 9pm listening to Dr. Palmers commentary about our presentations. You taught me a lot and I will always be grateful. Rest in peace Dr. Palmer.

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**Swati Rastogi** - February 24, 2025 at 07:36 AM

NB

“ Sending condolences to you all. Dr. Palmer was sharp, funny and an all around pleasure as an ortho instructor. His impact will not be forgotten.

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**Nickie Hosseini Bastani** - February 23, 2025 at 07:47 PM

NY

“ Deepest condolences to Carol and your family.

*Dr Palmer was a wonderful teacher. He filled the room when he came to U-M. He was like a big grandpa and he'd make all the kids laugh even if he was jamming a RME in their mouth. We all loved him very much and we are grateful for his time with us as residents.*

*We will miss you very much, Dr Palmer! Rest in Peace.*

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**Ninna Estrella Yuson** - February 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about Nick's passing. He was a tremendous friend and mentor and I will always cherish our times spent together. Best wishes to his entire family. He will be missed.

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**Jason Golnick** - February 23, 2025 at 02:15 PM

CC

“ *Chiung-Fen Chen lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nick Palmer*



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**Chiung-Fen Chen** - February 23, 2025 at 11:05 AM

GS

*I just found out about dr. Palmer's passing. My three children were his patients and he was excellent as a dentist. His staff were always welcoming. In addition to being a great dentist, he relished speaking about his Ukrainian identity. rest in Peace Good Sir.*

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**George Dimitrios Skrettas** - April 04, 2025 at 01:01 AM