



## Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr.

March 7, 1945 - January 10, 2023

New Castle - Alphonse Joseph (Skip) Homicz, Jr. passed away on January 10, 2023, at Hyder House in Dover, NH, following a battle with cancer that he waged with the extraordinary determination and resolve that defined him.

Skip was born to Alphonse and Mary Homicz and raised in East Long Meadow, MA. He was a standout student athlete and would go on to play division 1 college football. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, he attended Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery. He served as a Lieutenant in the Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy before starting a thriving private practice in Antrim, NH that he ran for 35 years. He was widely respected by his peers and recognized with numerous awards for his extraordinary dedication to the profession. He served as President of the New Hampshire Dental Society and was awarded a fellowship in the prestigious International College of Dentists. Skip and his wife Cathy raised their three children in Peterborough, NH, before retiring to New Castle, NH.

Skip was passionate about public service, and specifically the people of Haiti. He made numerous trips to the island with the Sisters of Charity and the Haitian Health Foundation to provide dental and medical services to rural villages. In retirement, he was a tireless advocate for access to care. He gave generously of his time, skills and expertise, serving as Director of the Families

First Dental Clinic in Portsmouth, where he worked both in the mobile clinic for the homeless and behind the scenes securing grants. His work with Families First led to consulting work for other Federally Qualified Health Centers and he was appointed to the American Dental Association's committee for access to care.

Skip's other passion was his eight grandchildren. He reveled in demanding hugs, shepherding them down the slopes of Sunday River and chasing them across the golf course. He was omnipresent at their concerts, games and events; rejoicing in their triumphs and commiserating in their defeats.

He was an avid golfer, skier, fly fisherman and a licensed private pilot.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Cathy (Hamlin), his sister Christine Homicz, his three children, Julie (Homicz) Struble, Adam Homicz and Lucas Homicz, and his eight grandchildren, Cole, Abigail, Adam James, Austin Joseph, Nolan, Summer, Tyler and Lucy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the St. Theresa Parish Church, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach, NH 03870. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.org/>) or to St. Jude Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Theresa Church  
815 Central Rd  
(603) 964-6440  
Rye Beach, NH 03871

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ I met Skip when I was doing caregiving for his mother and sister, Chris. The family has been on my mind a lot lately, but I just found out about his passing. I know he is greatly missed. Robin Alexander

Robin Alexander - December 07, 2023 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ Skip and I first met in Junior High in East Longmeadow, MA. We became good friends and spent countless hours at each others homes, serving as alter boys at St Michael's, playing youth and high school sports.

Skip was a stand out person from an early age and that never changed.

Fortunately we reconnected at a High school reunion and despite me residing on the west coast we found a way to pick up where we left off and were able to enjoy talking about investments, fly fishing, our families and friends. Our golf trips to Scotland and Arizona were a blast, as was having the opportunity to meet Skips friends and introduce him to mine.

As Skip would say “life is good” but for me it is not as good as it used to be.

May you rest in peace. Love you, Jim Brock

Jim Brock - June 27, 2023 at 05:52 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Brock - June 27, 2023 at 04:43 PM

BR

“ As a patient of his for a number of years, I admired Skip's professional skills and his unique, personal touch. He left us far too soon.

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**Bob Rogers** - April 19, 2023 at 01:51 PM

CC

“ I have just heard of this news and my heart and memories go into over load.  
The guy that had the hands, confidence, the passion of dentistry and determination to handle my small mouth and numerous wisdom teeth (an oddity) with his side kick I believe was Bob to get those teeth removed.  
The start of my forever career was formed by these two men who believed in me and what I could become.  
I did it Skip, the talk of me being a hygienist one day just short of your retirement from Antrim, became an actual career I have loved from the start!  
Much love to the family and may you all know how many lives big, small, and all walks of life from so many countries right down to his practice were impacted by Skip (Dr.Homicz). The world lost a rarity but we all were blessed with his time, his impact, his passion and love of what he did with a caring nature and to inspire and help many!  
Skip you will be missed!

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**Cheryl-Lee Clough-Garvin** - February 14, 2023 at 01:22 AM

RS

“ My condolences to Skip's loved ones. I had the privilege of working with Skip at Families First. He was an early and innovative champion for accessible dental care for all. And just wonderful person all around. It was a pleasure to know him.  
Rob Slocum

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**Rob Slocum** - January 21, 2023 at 07:15 AM

SP

“ My deepest sympathies to every member of the Homicz family on Skip's passing. I was so blessed to have known and worked with him over the last 20 years through Bi-State Primary Care Association and NH Oral Health Coalition. I learned so much working with him. He was a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend. I will forever treasure the memories of working together and continue to be inspired by his example of what is possible.  
Sincerely, Stephanie Pagliuca

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**Stephanie Pagliuca** - January 17, 2023 at 05:11 PM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to the Homicz family. I always enjoyed chatting with Skip about the things we were doing to make access to good oral health care available to everyone. He was a great humanitarian, kind, and a fun guy to be around. I will miss his infectious smile and enthusiasm for life. David B. Staples, DDS

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**David B. Staples** - January 17, 2023 at 11:12 AM

KG

“ Dr. Homicz provided dental care for me and for my children for many years, when that was something we couldn't afford. He allowed me to pay what I could over time, thus helping but also respecting me. He was also my son Eric's first basketball coach! He left behind him the heritage of a good man and may his family be comforted by memories that bring joy as well as sorrow. May the perpetual light shine upon him.

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**Kathryn Geier** - January 16, 2023 at 03:05 PM

TI

“Skip was our family's dental provider for many years. He was not only our dentist but also a very good friend. Our condolences to his family. God bless u, Skip.

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**Thomas Izbicki** - January 16, 2023 at 01:40 PM

PD

“Skip is one of my heroes— a faithful man who lived a life of love and service as Jesus calls us. I see myself as a Sancho Panza to his Don Quixote as he broke trail to create access to dental care programs both locally and nationally. We worked side by side at Families First, he came to my office for the Doctors With a Heart service days and had a blast participating in an incredible health fair in New Orleans after Katrina. He had a compelling way— huge generosity of spirit as well as a sharp intellect, quick wit and ability to analyze issues and move forward with a smile. He will remain in my heart forever.  
Peter A Thomas, DMD

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**Peter A Thomas, DMD** - January 16, 2023 at 08:44 AM

DW

“When I saw the announcement of Skip's passing from the NHDS, after the "Oh no! moment, a flood of memories, both personal and professional, poured into my mind. I never saw him unhappy; frustrated at times, perhaps, but always seeking something better for his patients and the world around him. He followed his referrals to our office for the simple reason that he wanted his patients to know how much he cared about them, that he had referred them to receive surgical care that he could not provide. He was passionate about his profession like no other dentist I have known. While I have lost a friend, his legacy will endure in countless lives. Dr. Bob Wilson

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**Dr. Bob Wilson** - January 16, 2023 at 12:14 AM

BM

“ Sorry to hear of Skip's passing. I knew him from my neighbors Jimmy & Jackie Brock from East Longmeadow in the early 1950"s. He was older than me,& a legend in town. He was at the time, the tallest person I had ever seen. Glad to hear he had a hugely successful career & life. Bruce Moore

Bruce Moore - January 15, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



January 14, 2023 at 05:43 PM

RP

“ Skip was an incredible advocate for his family. What a tremendous loss. Sending love to all. Robyn Powley

robyn powley - January 14, 2023 at 04:37 PM

PB

“ We, too, have so many memories of the gracious man we all called Skip. He was a true gentleman, always bringing a positive spirit to whatever he was involved in. He is the perfect example of leaving the wood pile taller than how you found it. We will forever miss his infectious smile, his amazing attitude on life and yes, his incredible handshake - his hands were stronger than some longshoremen's hands, and he conveyed warmth and passion for life when he shook your hand and looked at you with those intensely fiery eyes. Rest in peace, we will all miss you immensely. Paul Brand & Marian Sawicki

Paul Brand - January 14, 2023 at 04:14 PM

EC

“ With deepest sympathies for his family. We will always remember what a great guy and how generously gave of his time and knowledge. Sending prayers. Rick and Eileen Connor

Eileen Connor - January 14, 2023 at 11:36 AM

EC

“ Eileen and Keith Crochiere purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



Eileen and Keith Crochiere - January 14, 2023 at 09:01 AM

RG

“ Skip, Dale Witwer and I were teammates and fraternity brothers at Cornell. We have shared a special bond for 60 years. I will miss his wit and wisdom but our love endures. Rest in peace my brother. Richard Gerken (Gerk)

Richard R Gerken - January 14, 2023 at 07:44 AM

Mary Lindstrom

“ My profound sympathies to Skip’s family. He was an outstanding man who made the world a better place. Mary Lindstrom

Mary Lindstrom - January 14, 2023 at 06:20 AM

JB

“ I could never thank him enough for the remarkable care he gave me over the years. I shall be forever grateful. He will be missed by many.

Joyce Bosse - January 13, 2023 at 07:19 PM

BG

“ I got to know Skip just in the last five years, as we both enjoyed golf and fly fishing together in retirement. However it seems like I have always known him. We also shared a commitment to health care for the underserved. His work at Families First was fantastic and head of his time in adding dental care to the work of a community health center. His love for life, Cathy and all his friends and family was inspirational and I will truly miss him

Bill Gunn - January 13, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



January 13, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



January 13, 2023 at 02:11 PM

GF

“ Skip was an inspiration to many in the dental world - and a trusted leader there for many years. I have good memories of him on several levels, but the simplest and most durable memory is of what it felt like to shake his hand. He had big, strong hands that said more in a millisecond than words can ever say. "Glad to meet you - we are strong - life is good" and more. If you ever shook his hand, you know what I mean. Rest in piece, my friend...

George T Felt - January 13, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JH

“ His faith and love for Jesus Christ and his love and devotion to Cathy, his children and his grandchildren was extraordinary. He was my friend and fellow Islander. He fought with all his strength to defeat the enemy, Cancer. A true hero has gone to God. May he receive and Bless him. John Hill

John Hill - January 13, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



January 13, 2023 at 11:41 AM

CH

“ The Homicz house was my second home growing up and I will treasure my memories of all the good times with Skip, Cathy, Julie, Adam and Lucas. Its a friendship that will endure my lifetime. Sending deepest sympathy to the entire family during this time.

Candice Hahn - January 13, 2023 at 11:07 AM

FD

“ Skip was classmate and teammate at Cornell. Such a quality guy Loved and lived his faith throughout his life. Skip was one of those people that you always admired and are thankful for having shared a part of their life. Nothing but great memories and love for Skip and Cathy. RIP, my friend.  
Fred Devlin

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**Fred Devlin** - January 13, 2023 at 11:03 AM

EH

“ Skip is the one who drafted me for service with the dental society. When I had questions about issues regarding practice at my community health center, I knew he was the one to speak with. He will be greatly missed. My sympathies to his family.

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**Eric Hirschfeld** - January 13, 2023 at 09:42 AM

NW

“ What an incredible legacy. My deepest condolences to the Homicz family and everyone whose lives he touched.

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**Niki Wilson** - January 13, 2023 at 07:38 AM

RW

“ My warmest wishes and condolences to the family. I remember Skip with such fondness. My time with him in high school and in his practice were the reason I became a dentist and a Navy Dental Officer to boot. I owe an incredible debt of gratitude to Homicz's for my wonderful career. Much love, Reid.

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**Reid Winkler** - January 12, 2023 at 03:04 PM

CG

“ I will always remember Skip’s kindness which was boundless and his spirit. Skip would bring coffee to our WWP Group on the coldest days of winter. My condolences to Cathy and family 🙏❤️ Rest in peace Skip 🕊️

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**Connie Gardoqui** - January 12, 2023 at 12:27 PM

NG

“ Sending love and prayers to Cookie and Skip’s beautiful family. Our hearts are with you always. What a tremendous legacy left for all to hold onto. Love, the Goyette Family



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**Natasha Goyette** - January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

RO

“ Skip was the true definition of what it means to be a professional. His warm, caring personality transcended everything he did, and his joy was infectious. I had the pleasure of serving with Skip at the NH Dental Society Board, where he lead with the same compassion and commitment. I considered him a mentor and a friend. My thoughts are with the Homicz family at this time, as I know he will be missed by so many.

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**Ray Orzechowski** - January 12, 2023 at 11:48 AM

SU

“ Skip was a great friend and leader in dentistry. He changed the narrative of the New Hampshire dentistry of helping the underserved receive the dental care they needed. He made me a better person. I share this picture of us at a Cubs game while he was doing his work at the American Dental Association on the the Council on Advocacy For Access and Prevention. Rest in Peace my friend as your impact will live on.



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**Stephen Ura** - January 11, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JD

“ It was a great day when Cole won last year’s junior club championship. Grandpa was quite proud.



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**Jim Demers** - January 11, 2023 at 07:10 PM

DG

“ A wonderful and dear, man of God. We drank beers alongside each other on a mission to Ecuador where Skip performed his dental magic on the poorest of people while they sat in a lawn chair! I will miss his wit, wisdom and fellowship for the rest of my life.



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**David Gutierrez** - January 11, 2023 at 05:08 PM

MK

“ Skip and his family were members of Immaculate Conception Parish, Portsmouth while I was Pastor there. His dedication to the faith and to his fellow man, was known and appreciated by many. This dedicated and generous man who did so much for his faith, fellow man and community now receives the reward promised by the Lord for those who live faithful lives. His generous giving of self should be an example to all that he leaves behind.  
Rev Msgr Edward J Kelley

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**Msgr Edward J Kelley** - January 11, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alphonse Joseph Homicz Jr..



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January 11, 2023 at 03:09 PM