



George S. Cochran

May 14, 1950 - May 10, 2020

George's heart, well heart(s), both the original and new, were always too big for him. But that didn't matter. He always found a way to give generously, and he fought vigorously for that privilege even up to the last moment of his life.

George Stephen Cochran was born on Mother's Day, May 14, 1950 and he died on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. Despite his happenstance birth and death, he was not a man that believed in living his life through chance or coincidence. He was a dynamic, intellectual, pragmatic man who created a life by making decisions driven by love. Love for his family, love for his wife, love for his community, love for his patients, and of course, his love for THE Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was always a fighter for the things he loved. As a '74 graduate from THE Ohio State University College of Dentistry, he was able to obtain both his undergraduate degree and his Doctorate in Dentistry in seven years. He then moved back to his hometown, Napoleon, Ohio, to practice with his brother and eventually opened his own office, serving as a life-long dentist for 40+ years.

Most people who knew George only knew a small piece of him. To some, he was an avid blanket lover who enjoyed a two slice bologna sandwich accompanied by a two hour nap. To others, he was their childhood dentist who used way too many ornate family photos to decorate his office. He had a way of talking (a lot), that made you feel important because no one was ever a stranger to him. His door was always open, and he was always willing to find a way to help.

We are each fortunate enough to only have known a part of this man. He was kind and he was generous. He touched a lot of lives in the community. So if you decide it prudent to mourn this man, do so for you and loved ones – George, however, would prefer you focus your energy on celebrating his life and the times he spent with his beloved family and friends. He lived a life that proved that love does not make things easier, it just makes them worth fighting for. So, go fight for the things you love!

Married February 25, 2006 to Nicki Cochran.

Survived by his 12 grandchildren and 12 children: Natasha (Hector) Cruz, Nicole (Jim Roberts), Alix (Matt Arvan), Anthony (Melanie Myles), Ashley (Jason Rathburn), Nicholas, Aimee, Austin Nguyen, Micalia, Bo, Mia, and Bentley. As well as 2 siblings: CP (Donna),

Phil (Barb), and brother-in-law: Dick Mengerink.

Reunited with his parents: Robert and Corinne Cochran, sister: Mary Lou Mengerink, nephews: Jeff Mengerink and Michael Cochran, and many other loved ones.

The family will be planning a public Memorial Service in loving memory of George in the following months. Details still to be determined.

To sustain George's love for further education, memorials are suggested to the Bentley Cochran Education Fund and can be sent to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home 1010 Westmoreland Ave. Napoleon, OH 43545. Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergergray.com.

UPDATE: A Celebration of the Life of George Cochran will be held on June 27, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the family home. We would like to take some time to honor the life of George by coming together to share faith and memories within the community. Feel free to wear your best OSU gear! For more details visit: <https://georgecochranmemorial.eventcreate.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Cochran Family home
14382 County Road T
Napoleon, OH 43545

Memorial Service

JUN 27. 5:00 PM (ET)

Cochran Family home
14382 County Road T
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

TM

“ So sad to hear of George’s passing. I believe that he was an original member of the class of ‘68 K-12, always there and always participating. He was a close neighbor of mine and all of the memories I have of him are happy ones. His accomplishments in life certainly were impressive! He will be missed.

Terry McGill, NHS Class of 1968

Terry McGill - June 15, 2020 at 02:37 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rodenberger Gray Funeral Home - May 21, 2020 at 01:26 PM

DR

“ I worked for George when I was in school studying health occupations. He was my dentist also. He was a great man, a funny man, and a wonderful dentist who was an Ohio State man through and through. George died on my 62nd birthday. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.!

Debra Rohrs - May 17, 2020 at 08:35 AM

KB

“ Going to Put inn Bay a couple summers ago. Always had a smile on his face and was such a caring man, always made sure to make me feel at home when I was over at the house hanging with his son bo.

kaelen brown - May 15, 2020 at 02:15 PM

CL

“ From the Lambert Family,

Thank you Dr. Cochran for being our family dentist off/on for many years. He was always a pleasure to talk to and visit with and always did a great job. Our blessings go out to his family and close friends.

Carla Lambert - May 14, 2020 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ I was very sorry to hear about George. He was a great friend and I am pretty sure I spent more time at his house on Riverview than I did at my own house during high school. I will always remember the thousands of driveway basketball games, the Dodge Charger, Acey Duesy, endless Cool Aid, trying to retrieve the Wiffle ball from the grouchy next-door neighbor lady and trips to Tiger Stadium with his mom and dad in 1968. Blessings on the Cochran family. Trust in the fact that the Lord will give you peace and comfort.
John Hammon

John F. Hammon - May 13, 2020 at 08:17 PM

 John Walker

John Hammond - your comments sure brought back some great memories! Hope you are doing well.

John Walker - May 14, 2020 at 03:28 PM

JH

We are doing well John. I hope you guys are also.

John F. Hammon - May 14, 2020 at 07:58 PM

RH

“ Our condolences to the entire family. Our prayers are with you all!

Rick & Hoilyn - May 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM

CW

“ Dr. Cochran was always such a nice man. I will always remember his generosity to the HI Y Club of Napoleon High School. One year he even bought our club a large Christmas Tree at the Symphony of Tree's. We used it for 15 years!! He was always so generous with donations to support our annual Children's Christmas Party to help those less fortunate. A wonderful, giving, calm and gentle man. I feel very blessed to have known George. My thoughts, prayers and sympathies to the family and friends. Char Weber



Char Weber - May 13, 2020 at 08:21 AM

MG

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Cochran family! What a wonderful man he was!
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Shelby and Myrna Gibson

myrna gibson - May 12, 2020 at 10:14 PM

PW

“ We are so sorry for your loss George Always knew how to enjoy life I remember a skit put on at St Augustine with his side kick Phil It was hilarious I can still see them up there in their attire feeding off of each other !!!!! Please know we will keep all of you in our Prayers !!!! Our Love will and pat

pat wagner - May 12, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George S. Cochran.



May 12, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George S. Cochran.



May 12, 2020 at 10:44 AM

LA

“ I just remember the first year I participated in the Henry County Relay for Life. He brought a camper and all his children! Napoleon Football games, George and his family were all decked out in Napoleon attire. Always so happy!

Linda A - May 12, 2020 at 06:12 AM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of George S. Cochran.



May 11, 2020 at 11:14 PM

PN

“ *The thing that I always remember is the big JESUS he always put in his back yard to remind everyone that saw it that Christmas was the day that Jesus was born. Adorable wife , children, and grandchildren. Hugs for the whole family. He was loved*❤️

Pamela and Jerry Nagel - May 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened and extend my sincere sympathy to George's family! I have great band memories of George and we were also classmates. God's blessings of peace and comfort to his family and close friends*

Shirley Leslie - May 11, 2020 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of the news of George's passing. I send my prayers & thoughts to the entire family. I am certain he will be missed by the so many that were fortunate enough to know him.*

Julie Heinze - May 11, 2020 at 05:43 PM

JH

“ *Julie Heinze lit a candle in memory of George S. Cochran*



Julie Heinze - May 11, 2020 at 05:41 PM

LC

“ *Laura Cox lit a candle in memory of George S. Cochran*



Laura Cox - May 11, 2020 at 03:47 PM

MH

“ *He was my childhood dentist. My condolences to your family at this time. Go rest high on that mountain, George!*

Michelle Helberg - May 11, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SB

“ George was such a prayer warrior and always provided words of encouragement for my husband, Terry Brubaker. Every time Terry was hospitalized he would encourage him to keep fighting!! Prayers to the family since they are the ones that are left with the void.

Sharon Brubaker - May 11, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of George S. Cochran.



May 11, 2020 at 03:22 PM

BB

“ I have three daughters and he worked on all my girls teeth and my own... He was a super nice guy and I will miss him greatly

bill bechtol - May 11, 2020 at 02:27 PM

John Walker

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John Walker - May 11, 2020 at 02:23 PM

KW

George and John Walker

Kay Walker - May 11, 2020 at 05:12 PM

John Walker

George - always smiling.

John Walker - May 14, 2020 at 03:26 PM

TM

The best band in the land!

Terry McGill - June 15, 2020 at 02:43 PM

JR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to you all...💕



Jackie Rodriguez - May 11, 2020 at 02:20 PM

John Walker

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John Walker - May 11, 2020 at 02:16 PM

John Walker

George - Greg Schuette - John Walker

John Walker - May 11, 2020 at 04:09 PM

John Walker

Roger King Band. Notice everybody's feet in the lines showing are in the exact same place in their step. HA!

John Walker - May 14, 2020 at 03:25 PM

GH

High school band. Way more fun with George.

gary haas - May 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM

John Walker

“ The entire Cochran Family always meant much to the Walker Family. Geo was always there as a close friend for John in the "early" years, then later as Kay and John started our own family miles and miles away. Seems like a lifetime away when friendship began. It will always be there until the galaxies fade away. We will miss you George. John and Kay Richard-Walker

John Walker - May 11, 2020 at 02:00 PM

TA

“ Tony & Lori Adams lit a candle in memory of George S. Cochran



Tony & Lori Adams - May 11, 2020 at 01:28 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing.
My Sympathy to all of you. He was a great guy and caring
Dentist. (even though I'm a grown baby when it comes to
having anything done with my mouth!) He'd always come in
and say
"I know that you've had better days but what can I do for you without making you
cry?" 🤔
Rest in peace Doc. I will miss you.



Liza Gerken - May 11, 2020 at 12:36 PM



Liza this made my day! He absolutely loved you as a patient and friend.

Nicki Cochran - June 07, 2023 at 03:50 PM

KB

“ I will so miss his contagious smile, giving heart(s) his random messages of
support for me and Big B. His Popeye noodles and everything else he did to
make the world a better place. Many prayers to you Nicki & Bentley.

Karren Blue - May 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM