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Dr. Douglas "Papi" Applewhite, Sr., age 63, of St. Augustine, died on January 30, 2012 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring in the company of his 3 sons that he loved so much. Dr. Applewhite was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. He graduated from medical school at the Universidad Central de Venezuela in the late 1970s. Later in life he moved to Houston, Texas and served as Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Texas. In the early 1980's he completed a fellowship in microvascular neurosurgery in Chicago and then returned to Houston to complete a fellowship in head & spine trauma. From the mid 1980s until the turn of the century, Dr. Applewhite had a private practice in Venezuela and in West Virginia. Extremely talented and highly skilled, Dr. Applewhite was very sought after as a surgeon, and successfully treated patients from around the globe, many times taking cases no other surgeons would even consider. In 2000, he "hung up the stethoscope", moved to St. Augustine and returned to his true love: teaching and living a salty, humble life. He briefly served as Professor of Anatomy & Physiology at F.C.C.J. before moving on to St. Johns River State College where his love for academia really flourished. He remained passionately attached to the college until his final days. Dr. Applewhite had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed cross country trips on his motorcycle and spending time with his family. He is survived by his sons, Douglas "Happy" Applewhite, Jr.

and his wife Christine, of St. Augustine, Anthony "Tony" Applewhite and Andres "Andy" Applewhite, both of Caracas; sisters, Frances Maman of Caracas, Eileen Applewhite of Germany, Lucy Bourne of West Virginia; brothers, Virgil "Butchi" Applewhite, John Applewhite, and William "Billy" Applewhite, all of Caracas; grandchildren, Isabella Marie Applewhite and Sullivan Antoni Applewhite, both of St. Augustine. A celebration of Dr. Applewhite's life will be held this Friday the 3rd at 6:00 p.m. on the campus of St. Johns River State College in St. Augustine. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Applewhite's memory may be made to a memorial fund for the establishment of a monument at the campus of St. Johns River State College. Checks written to St. Johns Family Funeral Home, memo: Dr. Doug Applewhite Memorial Fund, can be mailed to: 385 State Road 207, St. Augustine, FL. 32084. Let's honor Dr. Applewhite's philosophy, no black or formal attire and please bring your celebratory mood. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I certainly have great memories of Douglas in Medical school

gary sterba - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Good bye my friend I will miss seeing your smiling face.

Judy Kyzer Jackson - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I am so sorry about Douglas. I missed the service at the St. Johns Tech Center Please contact me back. My husband has also a brain tumor and I want to know if they are the same kind.

Marianne Lerbs - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ My favorite teacher, i will always remember you. with love - celia

Celia Glassey - February 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies in the loss of a loving father. May it help you to know that the hearts of others are deeply touched by your loss. Even though our hearts ache, we can find comfort in the God of all comfort whose is near to us with a broken heart. (psalms 34:18)

Jackson Family - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Thank you Dr. Applewhite for taking the time to mentor me in the wonderful world of Anatomy and Physiology. You never failed to provide encouragement and support. We will miss you. RIP.

Dr. Deanne E Grayson - February 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our Community celebrates the memories and legacy of such an amazing man. One thought that comforts me is that he lived a very full life. Full of love.

Shawna Petrello - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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IW

“ Wonderful man, a mentor to me as an instructor at the college. ALWAYS happy! So sorry he left us so soon.

Ingrid Wright - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ As many people know, he touched the lives of everyone he spent time with. I enjoyed every minute of class time with Dr. Applewhite and only wish I could've thanked him one last time for always believing in me. I'm so thankful to have known such a wonderful man.

Kimberly Carter - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ You were such an inspiration and will be missed by many. But now you have the best view & can ride forever. Thoughts & prayers for your family.

Amy Thornton - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I am honored and consider it a privilege to say I knew this wonderful man and to say I was taught Anatomy and Physiology by this brilliant professor. You made a difference in my life and I am grateful for that. You are loved by many and will be missed. Rest in Peace Dr. A, I will forever remember you.

Sue Dameron - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM