

LIFESGAME

Kick it

Out to the stars, the heavens,

Way out there

Till you can't see it

But you can still feel it.

And then go for it

Because you know it's there.

—Harvey Peck



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Harvey Peck died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Boston on Friday July 31, 1981. His untimely death deeply grieved and shocked all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. The Eastern component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists will especially miss this dedicated past president.

Harvey practiced orthodontics with his brother Sheldon in Boston and Newton, Mass. He also served as Adjunct Professor of Orthodontics at the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry and held a staff appointment at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

His life was one of extraordinary devotion and achievement. Born in New York City in 1937, Harvey spent his boyhood in Durham, North Carolina. His keen intelligence and vigor marked him early as a person of exceptional promise. After graduating as high school valedictorian in Durham, he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a University Scholar. He graduated in 1959 as president of Phi Beta Kappa, and in 1962 he earned his dental degree with honors from the same university.

The abilities demonstrated during his liberal arts and professional education moved a distinguished professor to write at the time that "Harvey Peck possesses one of the most outstanding academic records in the 186-year history of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill."

He entered Boston University in 1962 as a graduate student in orthodontics under Dr. Herbert I. Margolis. After earning his M.Sc.D. degree,

he continued his affiliation through faculty service. His students were invariably impressed by his vital regard for details and high principals, never asking more nor less of them than he asked of himself.

Harvey and Sheldon were a unique team, with their individual viability compounded in cooperative efforts. Together they published a steady stream of original papers, and "Peck and Peck" are recognized around the world for those publications. Harvey lectured before most major orthodontic societies in The United States, as well as in Egypt, India, Thailand, Turkey, Hong Kong, Israel, Great Britain, Peru, Guatemala, Denmark, Hungary and Canada.

Harvey was a true professional. He was a perennial student, continually searching for the truth to better serve his patients who he referred to as his "family." He always treated them with love and encouragement, and considered the hours in his office among his greatest pleasures.

His zest for life and people carried beyond his professional environment. In addition to active membership in many professional societies, Harvey also held memberships in the Masonic Order, the New Century Club of Boston, the Explorers Club of New York, and was active in many civic and charitable causes in the Boston area.

In keeping with his own gifts of style and showmanship, he delighted in keeping abreast of the performing and fine arts as both spectator and participant. His artistic flair found expression in his writings, in prize-winning photography, and even his penmanship.

His avocational writings ranged from poetry to a full-length play to a guidebook on "The Ups and Downs of Trekking in Nepal," reflecting on his own experiences in the Himalayas.

Harvey Peck often said that for him the game of life was the pursuit of excellence. He brought to this pursuit an unbounded vision and enthusiasm

which can be best expressed in his own words in the verse opposite his picture.

Many of us will treasure our memories of Harvey Peck as a scholar and a gentleman of rare quality; an inspiring man is whose company we felt better and we became better.

Irving D. Buchin and Sheldon Peck

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