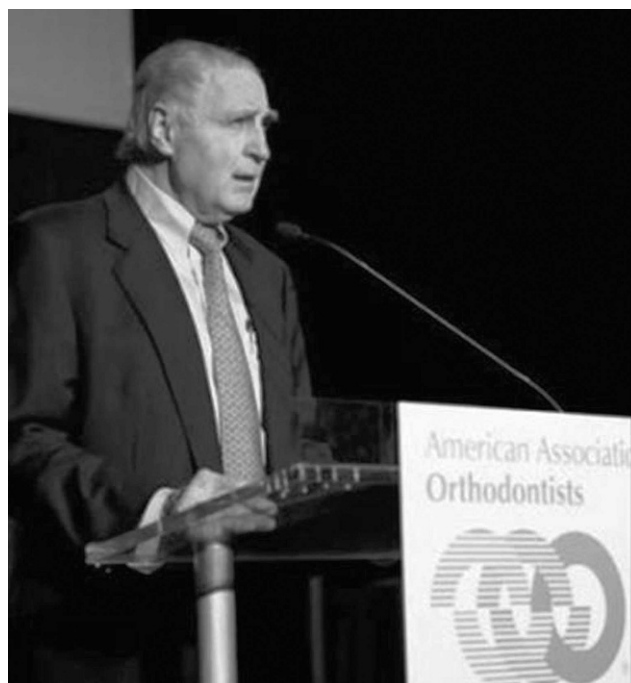


## In Memoriam

### Anthony A. Gianelly, 1937–2009



Dr. Anthony A. Gianelly, internationally recognized and admired in orthodontic circles, died of a heart attack on Thursday, May 28. He was 72. At the time of his death, Dr. Gianelly was Chair ad interim of the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine (Painter), son, Todd, daughter Lisa and her husband, Jeff Levinson, and grandsons William and Matthew Levinson. He was the brother of the late Dr. Ralph Gianelly.

Tony, as he was known to most of his colleagues and former students, was born in Boston, the younger of two brothers, and moved to Medford at the age of eight. He graduated from Harvard College in 1957, where he was a leading fullback and linebacker on Harvard's varsity football team in the 1954–56 seasons. He was also a member of Harvard's varsity track team and the rugby team.

He received a doctor of dental medicine (DMD) degree from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1961 and a certificate of advanced graduate study in orthodontics from Harvard/Forsyth Dental Center in 1963. He earned a PhD in biology and biochemistry

from Boston University in 1967 and a doctor of medicine (MD) degree from Boston University School of Medicine in 1974.

Tony began his career as a Research Fellow in Orthodontics at Harvard School of Dental Medicine in 1963. He was appointed Associate Professor of Orthodontics at Boston University's School of Dental Medicine in 1967 and held the position until 1969, when he became a full Professor, a position he held until his death.

Tony served as Chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at Boston University from 1968 to 2003 and had returned as Chair ad interim in 2007. In addition to teaching at Boston University, He was a familiar and sought after lecturer nationally and internationally. Early in his career he picked up Italian to free his seminars in Italy from translation. His fluency in Italian led to a special relationship with Italian colleagues, who numbered among his closest friends.

For over 40 years, Dr. Gianelly served as a mentor and father figure to his students, who affectionately called him Dr. G. Dr. Jeffrey Hutter, Dean of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental

Medicine said, "Dr. Gianelly positively influenced countless lives as a teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend during the years he spent at the BU Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Both my wife Kathy and I have been profoundly touched by his presence, his dedication, and his passion for our School. He was an integral and founding member of what became the legacy of our School."

Tony was a true intellect, the consummate teacher, a dedicated mentor and above all, a true friend. He was loved and admired by his students, past and present. For those of us fortunate enough to teach along side of him it was an honor and a privilege and we are undoubtedly better orthodontists and educators for it. His knowledge of the literature was unmatched and his recollection of the year and page of specific citations is the stuff of legend.

Dr. Jack Bednar, former student as well as friend and colleague, wrote of Dr. Gianelly not long before his death, "Tony immediately establishes his friendship with his students and it becomes clear that as a friend he wants you to be proficient, honest, exhibit integrity, and be successful in the field he loves and to which he has dedicated his professional life. As an educator, Tony has the unique ability to analyze why a student has a problem understanding a concept and he then sets out to simplify it in such a way that it is clear and easily comprehensible to the student."

In addition to his scholarly and literary contributions, Dr. Gianelly developed the Bidimensional technique, a widely respected edgewise variation that in the minds of many, has greatly simplified the technical aspects of treatment.

Tony received many prestigious awards over the course of his career, including most recently, the 2009 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award, presented at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in May 2009. Boston University awarded him the Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1999. The same year, the Italian Society of Orthodontists gave Dr. Gianelly the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Despite his many achievements, friends describe Tony as self-effacing and never wanting to bring attention to himself. "He was the most humble man I ever knew. He was a giant, but he was so humble," said family friend Marion Lipson.

He was also a generous and uncritical man, and "he got along with everybody," said college friend and football teammate Phil Haughey. His family was extremely important to him and he was an understanding and devoted husband and father. He delighted in his two grandsons and took great joy in playing football, baseball, and pool with them and taking them to games at Fenway Park. A lifelong fan of Boston sports teams, Dr. Gianelly spent many happy hours with his grandsons watching professional games over the years.

Dr. Gianelly held numerous non-academic appointments throughout his career, including: Advisor to the Massachusetts Medicaid Program (1970–1972); Research Council Member for the Northeast Society of Orthodontists (1979–1984); Consultant to the American Journal of Orthodontics and Angle Orthodontist (1992–1995); Editorial Board Member for Angle Orthodontist (1992–1995); Orthodontic Educational Development Committee Member for the American Association of Orthodontists (1992–1995); Council on Education Member for the American Association of Orthodontists (1996–1998); and Education Liaison to the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (1997–1998).

He co-authored 90 journal articles between 1965 and 2007 and authored or co-authored three books: *Biologic Basis of Orthodontics* (1971); *Ortodonzia, Concetti Pratici* (1985); and *Bidimensional Technique: Theory and Practice* (2000).

He was a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, and Charles H. Tweed Foundation for Orthodontic Research.

Our profession has suffered an enormous loss and we mourn the passing of our teacher, colleague and friend, Tony Gianelly.

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