



John Kevin Bower

January 23, 1958

Life Legacy

Dr. John Bower passed away at home after a protracted battle with Parkinson's Disease. He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Joanne (Kizilski), son CJ (Christopher), Grandson Ren, Brother Brian, Sisters Barbara Rubi and Kris Hill (Tony) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Col. John A.B. Bower and mother Katherine Bower (Kennedy) Born January 23, 1958 in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After graduating High School in 1976 he attended New Mexico Tech where he obtained a B.S. in Biology and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Following college, he joined the Navy and attended The University of New Mexico where he received his Medical Degree in 1984. John did a surgical internship at Naval Hospital Oakland from 1984 to 1985, where he met Joanne, and they were married on February 1, 1986. After his internship he spent a year as Medical officer on the USS Camden stationed out of Bremerton, Washington, from July 1985 to July 1986. He then went to Okinawa Japan where he worked as an ER physician. From Okinawa he was stationed at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, CA as a clinic physician. He was Honorably Discharged from the Navy, at the rank of Lieutenant Commander, in June 1989, and went to Merced County Hospital, where he did his residency in Family Medicine. John and Joanne moved to Carson City in July 1992, with their son CJ, where John joined Carson Medical Group. Desert

Sage Medical, co-owned by John, was founded in 1999. In 2005 he closed his practice and worked for Med Direct, in clinics in Carson City, Minden, and Dayton as a Family Physician. Due to his Parkinson's he stopped practicing medicine in October of 2009. John enjoyed teaching, hiking, golf, backpacking with his son, kayaking, and spending time with family and friends, but his biggest passion was motorcycle riding. He and Joanne traveled all over the west coast and Canada on the backs of their many motorcycles.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Kevin Bower*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *John Kevin Bower*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ *To those who were friends of John. I remember him coming to my 6th birthday party. He and I attended the same schools from elementary to college. I really liked John. Wishing you peace in his passing. Eric Dillon*

Eric Dillon - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr Bower became my Dr in 2002. He was the best, most personable Doctor I've ever had. When he closed his practice in Carson I was so sad as I had been dealing with spinal issues and fibromyalgia. When he came to Dayton it was wonderful I hugged him and said "never lave again!" He lead me to get the help I needed. RIP you will be greatly missed by all.*

Dottie Finnell - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Joanne and family, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of John. John was a great man, kind and compassionate physician, astute clinician and loved by his patients. Many of his patients spoke and told me of how much they admired him. This devastating disease took John too early, but he lived a life that mattered and fought the disease with courage. He will be greatly missed in the medical community. My condolences to you Joanne and your family, may his legacy live on through his son and grandchildren. God bless!*

Nick Carlevato, M.D. - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *I was a patient of John Bower and considered him both my doctor and my friend. His passing has saddened my heart deeply. He was such a compassionate man. My sincerest sympathy to his wife and family. He will be missed by many.*

Nellie Revelle - August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Our thoughts are with Dr. Bower's family at this difficult time. He was a wonderful physician and is truly missed.*

The Shouppe Family

Teresa Shouppe - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Joanne, CJ and family; I read about Dr. Bower passing - We started going to him shortly after he joined Carson Medical Group and then when he opened Desert Sage went transferred there until it closed. I did go out to Dayton when I heard that he was practicing again - Dr. Bowers you were a great doctor and you had a great staff at Desert Sage - thanks for being there for our whole family - hugs and prayers to the family

Betty A Hunnewell - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ We will miss your smiling face John. Our prayers are with you and the family.

Sincerely,
Rita and Keith

Keith and Rita Mackie - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Hey, John...Thanks for being our Doc. Thanks for always being there. Pretty tough to get a doctor to make a "house call" these days. Thanks for the parties, the motorcycle rides, the trips to V.C. We have a lot of fond memories that we will keep and share forever. Rest in Peace, Bro.
P.S. I never told a soul about the day you fell over on your bike on Carroll Summit. (yeah, right!) We'll miss you!

Tom & Kathy Hammill - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ We will Miss you Dr. Bower.

Frank & Joan Papianni - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Dr Bower rest in peace. You will be missed. Ann and George*

Ann and George Gerlach - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *RIP my friend. Your were always right when it came to my health. No one can fill your shoes.*

Condolences to your family! You will be missed but not forgotten.

Sergio Colome - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *To Brian's Family,
Sincere condolences upon hearing and reading of cousin John's
passing. My thought and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Best regards,
Richard (Dick) Bower
Germantown, TN*

Rich Bower - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Dearest Dr. Bower,
I am so sorry to hear of your passing but relieved you are not
suffering any longer. You were my physician, colleague and friend.
We had so many laughs together. May your family rest in what a
great man you are!
Love and Peace, Sandy*

Sandy Wartgow - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dr. Bower was my physician from 1995 until 2005. He always gave me great care and was a great doctor. May he rest in peace.

Robert M. Hellen, Sr. - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ John, you will be missed. thank you for the care and wisdom you shared with your patients at their bedsides. Rest in peace, sir.

Rosanne Hoff, RN - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ I was sorry to read of this in the Appeal today. Dr. Bower was my physician for some years. My respects to his family.

Rodger Vorce - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dr. Bower was our Dr. since 92 when he joined Carson Medical Group. He was such a great Dr. and a down to earth person. My heart goes out to his family, and may God bless them.

Debbie Fazzino - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ So sorry to hear about John. He was an excellent clinician and a blast to golf with. I'm thankful I got to know him.

My deepest sympathies to his family. He will be missed.

Merritt Dunlap - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ John, you don't know how hard it was when I heard of your passing. I am so very sorry that I wasn't there for you more, to go eat a couple of those good ole fattening donuts or a trip up to Virginia City to have us a shot of Irish whisky. I will never forget the many hours we spent on the golf course chasing that damn silly ball around and the amount of times we spent in areas that we shouldn't be to retrieve those ball's from the many water hazards. I'm glad that we at least got to watch one last time watching the super bowl together. You will be greatly missed my friend.

Larry Davis - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ My deepest sympathy to Dr. Bower's family. He was my physician for many years and I was disappointed when he closed his practice. And was saddened to read of his passing.

Nancy Tatum - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ As a pharmacist, I enjoyed working with Dr Bower in helping patients health. John and I played some tennis years ago. Both of us being left handed made it interesting.

Kirk Wentworth - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ RIP my friend. It was a long hard battle you fought. You are free from the grips of your disease.

Condolences to Joanne and CJ

Elsie Colome - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM