

First of all, on behalf of the family I would like to thank everyone for attending this morning as it means a lot to us.

Joe Steven Jr.

Joe was an incredible man with many aspects of his life. Doctor, father, husband, mentor, confidant, lecturer and friend.....He was also very very good at throwing golf clubs but most importantly he probably had the thickest and best mustache of any person I have ever had the privilege of meeting!

Joe had a special trait and it was the ability to connect with everyone and make them feel special. There have been so many gracious words written and spoken about Joe from people all over the country. This was also evident by the number of Joe's patients who became emotional when they found out he was sick. Joe connected with everyone and it takes a special type of Doctor to pull those type of reactions out of their patients.

Joe had many sayings and words he would always use but the one I remember is "UNBELIEVABLE". Joe would always use this when we were talking about different topics or out on the golf course. It was always "UNBELIEVABLE" the cards that came when he was playing poker. Or, "UNBELIEVABLE" how a certain political situation ended up.....Joe and his politics were something else....If there is any type

of email up in Heaven then everyone better get ready to get slammed with an inbox full of Obama emails! When we played golf, it was always “UNBELIEVABLE” when he would miss a two to three foot putt.....Joe and I were hanging out the other night and we were reminiscing and giving each other a hard time and I told him he was probably one of the worst short range putters I have ever golfed with. We just started laughing and Joe said “I know, that’s UNBELIEVABLE”!

Joe loved the girls in his family more than anything and that is one thing that was very evident at the end of his life. There are not very many positive aspects about cancer but one thing that is positive is that it gives you a process. Cancer gave Joe the ability to say “I Love You” and to say “Thank You” and to say “Goodbye”. It also allowed him to tell me how important his staff at the dental office has been to him and the success of his career.

Shae, he was so grateful you came home to be with him in his last days. He told me he cherished the conversations you two had on the way to his appointments and the evenings you spent just hanging

out. It was special for him. Jasmin, he was so proud of you for the woman you have become and to have you as his business partner. He greatly appreciated you stepping up and going back to work full time to keep the legacy he had built running smoothly. The day before he passed away he was able to tell me “That Jasmin is a strong person”. Sandra, he always got choked up when he started talking about you. You were there for him in some of his toughest moments. He would simply tell me “Sandy is my angel”. See, Joe’s cancer gave everyone a different role to play this past year. Everyone made sacrifices in their lives to accommodate those roles and it was exactly what Joe deserved.

We all benefited from the time we had with Joe and we are all better people for it. It does make me very sad our little girls, Harper and Lola, will not have the opportunity to grow up with their Giddi, as he was a great one. However, we all need to realize that the quality of one’s life isn’t measured in years but by the number of people it touched. And with this measurement of life Joe has

outlived us all. You were a great friend to me Joe....goodnight my friend and may you rest in peace forever.