

Obituary: Denis Patrick Lynch, DDS, PhD



Dr. Denis Lynch passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019, at age 67 years. He was born in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1951. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Utah. In 1976, Dr. Lynch graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), where

he also completed an internship in the Division of Oral Medicine, Department of Oral Biology. He completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 1978 and received his Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Pathology in 1986, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Lynch joined the faculty of the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston, Texas, in 1981, eventually serving as Executive Associate Dean. In 1993, he joined the University of Tennessee, Memphis, as Executive Associate Dean of the College of Dentistry and served as both Professor of Dentistry and Professor of Medicine until 2002. He served as Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 2002 to 2015. He was Professor in the Department of Surgical Sciences at Marquette University School of Dentistry and Professor in the Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin from 2015 until his passing.

Dr. Lynch authored numerous scientific articles and book chapters, as well as co-authoring *The Mouth: Diagnosis and Treatment*. In 2009, Dr. Lynch was the 72nd recipient of the UCSF Dental Alumni Association Medal of Honor. He was awarded a University Doctorate, *honoris causa*, from the Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Timisoara, Romania. Dr. Lynch was inducted into the Irish 100, which comprises the 100 most influential educators of Irish heritage in the United States. He was an examiner for the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Dr. Lynch was an active member of Psi Omega, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the American Dental Education Association, the Chicago Dental Society, the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association, the Wisconsin Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Dental Forum of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Odontological Academy, the American Association for Dental Research, the International Association for Dental Research, and Sigma Xi. He was also an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Friends of St. Patrick.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Monica; 2 daughters, Sydney (Chris) Kellenberger and Shannon (Eric) Maki; and 5 grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to: Attention: Mr. David O'Neill, Marquette University School of Dentistry, 1801 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233, USA.