



## Walter Harvey Jacobs, M.D.

February 13, 1929 - October 1, 2012

Walter Harvey Jacobs, M.D., former President of the American College of Gastroenterology, passed away October 1, 2012. He had been battling dementia for a number of years. He was born February 13, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York, to Clara and Irving Jacobs, respectively a special needs teacher and an ophthalmologist, and was a graduate of New York University and Chicago Medical School. He received his specialty training in Gastroenterology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City under the auspices of the renowned Henry Janowitz, M.D., the leading pioneer in the field of Gastroenterology. Dr. Jacobs practiced with the Statland Clinic for his entire career until his retirement in 2006. He was one of the very first Gastroenterologists in the lower Midwest and in his positions as Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Kansas Medical School and Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UMKC Medical School, was responsible for training many of those who practice around the nation today. He also conducted research in the area of pancreatic cancer and served as Past President of the Medical Staff at Menorah Medical Center. He was both a member of Oakwood Country Club and The New Reform Temple prior to his illness. He was an avid reader and accomplished sport fisherman. He leaves behind his children: Dr. Andrew Jacobs; Jacqueline Jacobs Caster (Andrew) of Pacific Palisades, CA; Joanne Jacobs Newman (Mark) of Northbrook, IL; Cornelia Jacobs and Josh Jacobs. Survivors also include 6 grandchildren: Jonathan and Gregory Jacobs; Stephanie and Melanie Newman; and Bryce and Jocelyn Caster. He also leaves: his brother, Robert Jacobs of Pembroke Pines, FL; his companion, Mrs. Betty Ford; as well as many grateful patients. Many thanks to his dedicated medical partner and friend, Gustave Eisemann, M.D. as well as to Howard Stark and the late Bernard Brown for their lifelong friendships and loyalty. Services will be private. The family requests that any donations be made to The Everychild Foundation, P.O. Box 1808, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 or the charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ To Dr Jacobs family, He was such a wonderful man and mentor. If it weren't for him, I would not have made my way into the GI Lab at Menorah and a career as a GI nurse that I have loved for the last 18 years. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace. Jenny P.

**Jenny Parkhurst** - November 09, 2012 at 11:55 PM

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“ I first went to Dr. Jacobs soon after I arrived in Kansas City in 1986. I suffered from colitis, and nothing seemed to relieve the symptoms. Dr. Jacobs, in his down to earth way, was able to work with me and get the disease under control. It is now 26 years later and I am still following his regimen and still healthy. My visits to his office were always pleasant, for he had a way of joking with me that made me follow his instructions even when I didn't want to. I have missed his excellent care since he retired and wish his family well.

**Evan Luskin** - October 18, 2012 at 02:30 PM

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“ On behalf of our whole family, including my mother Gloria, we have our thoughts and prayers with you all.

**Michael Block** - October 15, 2012 at 01:07 PM

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“ Sorry for the families loss. He was my doctor for 25 years. He was the most caring and loving I have ever met and I have met alot of them before he was my doctor.He saved my life more than once. Once again very, very sorry for his loss, Deborah A. Spiking

**Deborah A. Spiking** - October 15, 2012 at 11:52 AM

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Corie,

Drew told me about your dads passing. I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. I'm sure your dad was very proud of you.

fondly,

Cindy Whitney

**Cindy Whitney** - October 09, 2012 at 11:24 PM