

## Requiem for Ron

Ron Fisher was from Canada, good things can come from Canada, eh? He received his specialty degree, his Master of Science in Prosthetic Dentistry from Indiana University Dental School. He was a couple of years ahead of me. So, I really did not know him; but I knew of his passion and intensity. So about where does a Canadian who attends Indiana University end up? Why, South Florida of course!

He had a great love for dentistry, helping patients and teaching. He related to me about several cases where his patients he treated were denied coverage. They were patients who had cancer and were restored with a special prosthesis (an Obturator). The Obturator is a medical prosthesis and should be covered by medical insurance. But the claim was denied because it was fabricated by a dentist. We all know that insurance companies want to help you and pay out all claims 😊. He acted as a lawyer, appealed the claims, and even went to court on behalf of the patients. He explained to the judge what happened, and that the prosthesis was a medical device. Because of his passion, he won a positive judgement for the patient.

He loved his profession. He started teaching Removable Prosthetic in 1995. He could come into the clinic for as few as three doctors. He was very willing to share his knowledge and expertise. He would invite dentists to his office to watch how he treated patients. He will be missed!

Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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