



DR. BERNARD KOLE

September 27, 1959 - March 12, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 2:30 PM TUESDAY 3/15/2022 at CLOVER HILL PARK CEMETERY

A RECORDING OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE IS AVAILABLE, PLEASE GO TO THE PHOTO AND VIDEO WALL OR THE TRIBUTE WALL OF THIS WEBPAGE AND CLICK ON THE PROVIDED LINK.

A physician, a professor, a friend, a colleague, and an all-around mensch. His life's work was caring for others and giving of himself to those who needed it most. He cared for so many without hesitation or expectation of recognition or thanks. He always took an interest in caring for the underserved and most downtrodden in the community. His reach in the lives of those he loved and cared for was far and his touch deep. He led an extraordinary life of service, kindness, and selflessness. His family was his greatest joy in life. His wife and children will be his everlasting legacy.

Age 62, of West Bloomfield, died March 12, 2022.

Beloved husband for 35 1/2 years to Linda Otis Kole.

Devoted father of Elizabeth Kole, David Kole, and Samuel Kole.

Loving son of the late Betty and the late Abe Kole.

Cherished brother to the late Irwin Kole.

Treasured son-in-law of the late Rose and the late Irvin Otis.

Dear brother-in-law of Dr. Lyle (late Sheila) Sklar.

Proud uncle of Jennifer (Brandon) Wildermuth, Andrew Sklar, and Stephanie Sklar.

Dearest great-uncle of Skyler Wildermuth and Isla Wildermuth.

Bernard was cherished and valued by many dear friends and patients.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Harold Loss

Cantor Neil Michaels

INTERMENT:

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

Following the interment, the family will observe Shiva at Temple Israel in
KORMAN HALL

5725 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323

with a Minyan Service to be held at 7:00 pm.

On Wednesday, the family will be at Temple Israel in KORMAN HALL
beginning at 5:30 pm with a Minyan Service to be held at 7:00 pm

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

DR. BERNARD KOLE

you may do so by making a contribution to:

A FUND IS BEING SET UP IN DR. KOLE'S MEMORY at
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

6892 W. Maple Rd

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248.788.7878

www.friendshipcircle.org

or

KOLE-OTIS-SKLAR FAMILIES EARLY EDUCATION FUND

C/O TEMPLE ISRAEL

5725 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township, MI 48323

(248) 661-5700

www.temple-israel.org

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

MAR 15. 2:30 PM (ET)

Clover Hill Park Cemetery
2425 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Dr. Kole was such a wonderful psychiatrist. He was so kind, patient, and so very concerned with every word I spoke. Although I now live in Denver, Colorado I do think of Dr. Kole, his family, and friends. I can not say enough about him. Please know that I shall never forget him as long as I live. I will compare him to every Dr. I meet. So sorry he passed and I am sure that everyone he treated will miss him dearly.

Lea Trager - May 31, 2022 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ I just found out about the passing of Dr. Kole. He was my psychologist since 1982. He was a great doctor who helped me so much. My condolences to his family and friends. He will be truly missed.

Debbie Calender - May 04, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DC

He was my psychiatrist.

Debbie Calender - May 04, 2022 at 05:55 PM

TR

“ We just learned of Dr. Kole's death. Our condolences to Linda and his entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Tom and Linda Rumschlag

Tom and Linda Rumschlag - April 10, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ I just found out about this - so sad!

Bernie, Jay Morros and I hung out together in junior high, frequently playing basketball at my house. We moved away from Michigan in 2005 so it's been many years since I've seen him.

He was both super smart and super kind. I pray that his family finds peace at this difficult time and may his memory be a blessing for them.

- Jon Peisner

Jon Peisner - April 04, 2022 at 01:47 PM

IA

“ *Dr Kole was my psychiatrist, but more than a guy who just gave me my medication. Early on he liked to ask how I was, talk, I was immediately fond of him, after a few appointments I sarcastically asked, "Can I call you Bernie??" He went deadpan with a "No", he had good timing. A few weeks before he passed my girlfriend left me, he was so sweet, he took on an almost fatherly tone and spent extra time with me going through different strategies I could take to try and win her back, I couldn't believe how caring and empathetic he was. He wanted to see me the next week to make sure I was hanging in there. He was a rare kind of doctor, just a totally caring guy, always respectful always kind and funny on top. To his family I want you to know that he was SUCH A GOOD DOCTOR, such a sweet man, my heart goes out to you, I.A.*

Ian - March 27, 2022 at 11:12 PM

GH

*My mother and I returned from Florida recently, and didn't find out what happened until a letter arrived today. Mom was a patient of Dr. Kole, and I participated in the sessions for many years. Dr. Kole made us feel very comfortable confiding in him. We respected him deeply for his compassion and warmth. We will miss him!
Condolences to Dr. Kole's family!
Gary & Karma*

Gary Huston - May 04, 2022 at 04:43 PM

MG

“ I just learned of Dr. Kole's death and I am so saddened. He was my Dr and his care and kindness will be missed. My condolences to his family. Their heartache must be hard to bear right now. I'm sorry you lost such a good man.

Mary Groat - March 24, 2022 at 12:22 PM

GF

“ I was so saddened to hear about Dr. Kole. As a patient, I knew him to be a kind and caring person. My deepest sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Gil Friedman

Gil Friedman - March 16, 2022 at 10:40 PM

HW

“ I am a therapist in one of the rural communities of Michigan where Dr. Kole saw our most indigent clients through Telehealth. I have worked with him on and off for a number of years. He became known to me when he reached out to me as the therapist of a client he was seeing for Medication Management. It is unusual for a psychiatrist to seek out a therapist of a client when both professionals don't work at the same facility. Dr. Kole cared so much about his clients, that he wanted my perspective as to how the client was doing before he made a medication change. His kindness and deep caring for his clients came through in this extra effort he made in this professional outreach. Dr. Kole will be missed, and his care not easy to replace. He was a good man and an excellent psychiatrist.

Halusia Witkowski, Lakeshore Therapy, Sandusky, Michigan

Halusia Witkowski - March 16, 2022 at 04:27 PM

HM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



hebrew Memorial - March 16, 2022 at 11:24 AM

LI

“ Our sincere condolences to Linda, Liz, David, and Sam. Bernie's kind and genuine attributes are shining through all of you. May your beautiful memories bring you comfort.
Linda and Harvey Finkelberg and family.

LINDA - March 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

TI

“ Thank you Dr. Kole for showing compassion and care in a way that changed my life. You answered all of my questions and made me feel so secure with steps in mental health journey. Your care for patients was incredible. May God rest your soul.
Tiffany Shamoun

Tiffany - March 15, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ Bernie was a high school friend whom I always had the utmost respect and admiration for.
Bernie was so smart, with a great sense of humor, a true mensch.

Love and light to the Kole family.

Cathleen Nolan - March 15, 2022 at 08:54 PM

SH

“ I'm so very sad to hear of Bernie's passing. Linda, Liz, David and Sam, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sanda Hartway - March 15, 2022 at 08:42 PM

BB

“ Deepest sympathy for Dr. Kole's Family , I had the pleasure to be part of Dr.Kole's team with his Psychiatry Telehealth Practice . A truly genuine caring person, this news saddens me with his early departure, he will be deeply missed by many.
With Sincere Condolences
Betsy Bowers

Betsy Bowers - March 15, 2022 at 08:02 PM

JE

“ I remember Bernard taking me to Mex Restaurant and had me try the corn there . I'll never forget it, what a loving father and husband. He was such a wonderful person to be around . Glad I was Able to know him . Sending my love thoughts and prayers to Linda David and family
Jenny Mindell

jennifer - March 15, 2022 at 06:40 PM

ES

“ The Finck family wants to express our condolences, and we are sorry we are unable to be with you during this tough time. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and know that your wonderful memories will be blessings every day. Many hugs, Dr. B will always be with Stephanie, and we are hoping to be able to be with you soon.
Many hugs and prayers for you during this time . We are blessed that he was there for us.
Mike, Eileen Stephanie and Adam.

eileen Shevin-Finck - March 15, 2022 at 03:53 PM

BA

“ Bernie was a kind soul and a gentle spirit. We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you Linda and your children. He is gone much too soon.

Rachael and Ben Amber and family

ben amber - March 15, 2022 at 03:45 PM


AL

“ Linda,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Bernie was such a kind and good person. Our thoughts are with you and your family, during this time.

Allen and Karen Amber, and family

alamber@comcast.net - March 15, 2022 at 02:28 PM

 Kevin Moss

“ *My heart is broken upon hearing the news of my old friends passing. Bernard and I were best friends in our early teens and through high school. We had in recent years re-connected and I got to meet his family on occasion. To Linda and their children, my heart and soul goes out to you.*

Bernard was always a kind, gentle person ever since we were kids and till now. I was always in awe of Bernard's humor but especially his intelligence, which is off the charts. I will miss him dearly.

With love and admiration to Bernard and his family.....

Kevin Moss

Kevin Moss - March 15, 2022 at 11:48 AM

MA

“ 3 files added to the album Bernie Cole



Marty Abrin - March 15, 2022 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ No words can express my absolute heartache for Linda, Liz, David and Sam. The entire Kole family has always made me feel like family. I feel like I’ve lost a member of my family, too. I had the utmost respect for Bernie and his kind and gentle words were so important to me. His laugh was always unexpected, as he watch me laugh at myself and joined in. He and Linda were always there for me, even on my birthday I was treated to phone call, a duet from both of them of the Happy Birthday song, no matter where I was, that call always was made. I never thought when I said goodbye and hugged him on March 7th, that it would be the last hug we had. Stay strong Kole family...,
Love to all of ...
Maureen

Maureen Bergman - March 15, 2022 at 11:03 AM

PF

“ We are deeply sorry to hear about Cousin Bernie’s sudden passing. He was very kind and gentle with us growing up and always quick to smile. Holding a big place for your family in our hearts.
Love,
Aviva, Julie, Rob, Becky, Marty, Elaine, and our generation’s partners and kids

Pearlman family - March 15, 2022 at 10:43 AM

JS

“ Dear. Kole. Families. Mom. David. Brother. Cousins. Jeremy. And. His. Wife. Nieces. Also. Nephews. My. Father.Died. Nine. Years. Ago. With. Bancrus. Cancer. Summer. 2015. I. Know. Exactly. How. It. Feels. Very. Sad. Painful. Sorrow. But. I. Know. Kole. Family. And. David. Dad. Is. Here. With. You. Always. Love. You. Guys. Trevor Or. Joseph. Shammami

Joseph. Shammami - March 15, 2022 at 08:34 AM

VP

“ My thoughts and prayers for his family. Dr. Kole was a wonderful provider, coworker and kind thoughtful man. I had the pleasure of working with him at the Telehealth clinic. I recall a time when I was new at the clinic and the video equipment was not available. I was so nervous and he sat there patiently and I wasn't able to get the video viewer to work. He said "thank you for trying your best" He always said thank you and so kind to me. When you work in the medical field, thank you is not the response you would get from a provider. He will be dearly missed 💔 - Vera Phillips

Vera Phillips - March 14, 2022 at 07:16 PM

AN

My thoughts and prayers for his family. I had the pleasure of working with him. He will truly be missed. Ann

Ann - March 16, 2022 at 12:15 PM

TH

“ We are all saddened to hear of Bernard's passing. We remember him as as such a wonderful and caring friend, and a devoted physician to his patients. We will miss him. May his memory be a blessing. Love
Tami, Jordan and Yale Halpern

Tami Halpern - March 14, 2022 at 06:48 PM

BH

“ We are heartbroken to hear this awful news. What a wonderful man Bernie was. Our condolences to his loving family and friends. We are thinking of you all.
Beth and Larry Hirsch and family

Beth Hirsch - March 14, 2022 at 06:44 PM



Mellisa Sanders

“ Sending my heart felt condolences to the family. I’ve had the honor of working with Dr. Kole and experiencing his kind and genuine personality. A truly wonderful man with a heart of gold, not to mention an amazing doctor who was adored by his patients and coworkers. When he would come for meetings at the Telehealth office he’d always stop by our door to say hello to us and have little chats. He often spoke lovingly of his wife and family, and you could just see that they were his whole world. He will be greatly missed by many!

Mellisa Sanders - March 14, 2022 at 04:50 PM



JG

“ We are sending our sincere condolences on the sudden passing of Bernie. We were so sad to hear this. We are thinking of you and the kids and know how heartbroken you must be. We remember Bernie being a wonderful Husband and an amazing Father!
Love, Julie and Brad Gelzayd

julie gelzayd - March 14, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ We are thinking of all of you and praying for your strength and comfort at this difficult time. We love you and will miss our dear cousin Bernie.
Sending all our love from Chicago,
Julie & Anthony, Lara, Mindy, Jeremy & Simon

Julie Pearlman - March 14, 2022 at 12:50 PM

ST

“ We are so sorry about the sudden loss of Bernie! Your family has been our family for years and we are all hurting for you. Bernie was the sweetest most devoted human being and our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest In Peace Bernie. With love, Stacie, Jeff, Allison and Matt Rein

stacie - March 14, 2022 at 10:44 AM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Kole. I worked with him for 4 years. Great person and doctor. He will truly be missed.

Molly Staley - March 14, 2022 at 09:25 AM

MB

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Kole family on the sudden sad passing of Bernie. He was a wonderful person, always thoughtful, considerate and kind. He has always been so devoted and loving to Linda and the kids. He was a great friend, and he will never be forgotten. May his memory be a blessing and may he rest in peace. With love, Marty and Mike

Martin Brown - March 14, 2022 at 12:45 AM

CB

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Dr Kole. Dr Kole and his wife made me feel like family when I worked for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Love Cindy, Dan and Jesse Baut

Cynthia Baut - March 13, 2022 at 10:38 PM

AF

“ We are so sorry about the devastating loss of this wonderful man. Bernie was a warm and kind person, a real mensch. He was so caring and loving, easy to talk to and a wonderful listener. We know he treated his sweet Linda like a queen and cared so deeply for his children, family and friends. Bernie will be missed and he will always be remembered lovingly. With much love, Aunt Ida and cousins Debbie and Fred

Aunt Ida, Debbie and Fred - March 13, 2022 at 06:30 PM

PF

We are deeply sorry to hear about Cousin Bernie's sudden passing. He was very kind and gentle with us growing up and quick to smile. Holding a big place for your family in our hearts. Sending so much love from Aviva, Julie, Robby, Marty, Elaine, our partners and children.

Pearlman family - March 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM

PF

Sending lots of love and hugs from your family in Baltimore. Bernie was a true mensch and we will miss him very much. --Becky, Peter, Shoshana and Shira

Pearlman Family - March 14, 2022 at 04:27 PM

TB

I miss you Dr. Kole!

I hope all of us patients will be ok without you ...

*Love your patient (forever),
Teisha Bills...*

Teisha Marie Bills - March 17, 2022 at 10:56 AM

BL

“ *Bernie was one of my very favorite students in Berkley Schools of all time. He was a joy to have.*

Barry Lepler

Barry Lepler - March 13, 2022 at 03:05 PM

EP

Elaine & Martin Pearlman. We were saddened to hear Bernie's death. He was a real mensch... thoughtful, caring, intelligent, sweet. We always enjoyed interacting with him. Your 3 wonderful children are a tribute to both of you. Bernie made the world a better place. He will be sorely missed.

All our love,

Elaine & Marty

Elaine & Martin Pearlman - March 15, 2022 at 02:11 PM

CB

I have suffered from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder since childhood. I woke up in the hospital and a man miraculously stood by my side. An angel had entered my life, or I would not be here. Thanks, Cara Bruce

Cara Bruce - October 08, 2023 at 03:08 PM