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From Hy's Desk: Goodbye My Friend July 2007

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It is with a very heavy heart that I write this. Today, I learned that one of my very favorite people was killed in an unfortunate, avoidable accident. Dr. Dennis Munholand of Port Charlotte, FL was killed in a one-car accident while returning home from his vacation home. His lovely wife Debbie fortunately survived the accident. He did not because he was not wearing his seatbelt. This is not a criticism, but I know his wife Debbie and his best friend Dr. Gary DeWood would want you to know this as a preventive caution. Please wear your seatbelt!

Dr. Munholand was truly an example of what dentistry should be. He was an Alumnus of the Pride Institute where he not only practiced the Pride management principals, but taught and shared them with his colleagues. He was not only a Pankey dentist, but taught management concepts and philosophy for the Pankey Institute.

His ethics and integrity were unimpeachable. He always strove to provide the very best dentistry and to share his knowledge and expertise with his colleagues. He was compassionate, sometimes to a fault. And that smile – I never saw him without it. Dennis was my friend. Dennis was my perception of what a dentist should be. Dennis was an example to be emulated by his profession.

We, and especially I, will miss him.

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