

Dear faculty, students, and staff members,

I am deeply saddened to inform you of the passing Dr. Frank James Kratochvil, UCLA Professor Emeritus of Dentistry, a pioneer of removable prosthodontics, in La Jolla, California on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the age of 93. He leaves his wife Verna Mae Kratochvil, his three children James, Gary, and Pamela. In addition he leaves behind seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dr. Kratochvil joined UCLA in 1967 after a distinguished career in the Navy. He built the highly regarded predoctoral removable prosthodontics program, and his textbook on Partial Removable Prosthodontics became the authoritative textbook for over two decades. In 1975, he started the renowned postgraduate residency program in Prosthodontics that trained generations of prosthodontists who became leaders in fixed, removable, implant, and maxillofacial prosthodontics.

Dr. Kratochvil has been recognized with numerous awards and honors for his excellent contributions, including lifetime achievement awards from leading professional organizations. He provided leadership in the most elite organizations such as the Academy of Prosthodontics and was a Senior Fulbright Scholar to Guys Hospital in London, England. He provided remarkable service to the professional journals, and advised the CDA, ADA, and government agencies leading to high standards of care and protection of patients.

Dr. Kratochvil has forever enriched our educational program, our faculty, staff, students, and the lives of countless patients in our community through his tireless support of UCLA School of Dentistry. His visionary commitment to excellence in clinical care and education continues to guide our development of innovative methods to improve the quality of care, and education. We mourn the loss of a distinguished leader, teacher, clinician, and friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. The information for visitation, funeral mass, and burial are provided below.

Visitation

Thursday, June 16
4:00pm-8:00pm
El Camino Memorial
5600 Carroll Canyon Road
San Diego, CA 92121

Funeral Mass

Friday, June 17
11:00am
Mary Star of the Sea
7669 Girard Avenue
La Jolla, CA 92037

Burial

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA

With regards,

No-Hee Park, DMD, PhD
Dean, UCLA School of Dentistry