



## Jerjis Jamil Denno

August 8, 1952 - April 10, 2017

Jerjis Jamil Denno, MD, 64, of San Antonio, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 10th, after a 7 year courageous battle with Prostate cancer. He passed at his home with his family by his side.

Jerjis was born on August 8, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Alice and Jamil Denno.

He attended Cooley High School in Detroit and continued his education at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. Then went on to the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, earning the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1981. His postgraduate education continued with an internship in general surgery at Buffalo, NY, residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, and fellowship training at Spine Surgery at South Texas Spinal Clinic under Dr. Gilbert Meadows. He completed his training and worked as an adult spinal surgeon for the next 30 years at South Texas Spinal Clinic as a partner.

Jerjis had a passion for people and life. He loved taking care of his patients, gardening, running, fishing and traveling with his family. Jerjis always knew from a young age that he wanted to be a physician to help people. Giving and serving were true qualities of his and he did this in through the community and

the clinic. From early childhood, he was always serving at his family church, taking care of elderly widows in neighborhood, to then serving in various capacities in the Boy Scouts (Troop 346) and the Girl Scouts (Troop 1111) and at his children's schools, St. George Episcopal School, and The Winston School of San Antonio. His humbleness and genuine heart left a lasting impression on everyone who came in contact with him.

Jerjis will be remembered as a loving husband and devoted father. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Shatha and their three children, James, Christopher, and Nora; Sister Mary (Yervant); Brother Benjamin (Linda); Sister Zena (Severius); Brother Basil (Mervat); Great uncle, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Jamil Denno and his mother Alice Eramya Denno.

The family will forever be grateful to all relatives, friends, neighbors and St. George Episcopal Church parish for their prayers and support.

Please join the family and friends to honor and celebrate the life of Jerjis, on Saturday, April 29th, 10 am at St. George Episcopal Church at 6900 West Ave. San Antonio, TX 78213.

In lieu of flowers, donations will support the Jerjis J. Denno, M.D. Endowed Scholarship Fund. Checks may be made to "University of Michigan" and sent to Medical Development, 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

You may also call 734-764-6777 or visit the website <http://victors.us/jerjisdenn> o to make your gift.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Episcopal church  
6900 West Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78213

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I'm am so sorry to hear about Dr. Danni. I just found out 2 wks ago that he passed. He was my Dr. Since 93. Then I didn't go back he had done all he could do to my back. I always would ask but I hadn't ask in over a year I was hoping he was gonna come back. I did see him at the office & he told me about his cancer. I prayed he b ok. But at least he won't suffer anymore. Now he's in heaven I will miss him. Again I'm so sorry. He was a wonderful Dr.



Josephine castillo - August 24, 2018 at 04:48 PM

CC

I'm, so so sorry to know that Dr. Jeri's Denno passed my husband Luis ,F Cantu was taking care of by him he did a back surgery on his disk and follow ups on his spine in 1991 in San Antonio Texas and for many years after that I want to thank him for his nice kind generous human been he was so loving and careing Always with a big big smile he would greet us nicely and all his other pacience the same he healed my husband and he did an excellent job on his back he can walk perfectly now. I send my condolences to his wife and family. He will never be forgotten I am so sad and in tears cuz I just found out I was looking up his profile on Google to my surprise to know he is no longer with us. May he rest in peace. From Mr. And Mrs. Luis F. Cantu and family. PS. Your home now in Heaven with the Lord.

Celia Cantu - April 14, 2019 at 01:04 PM

JC

“ Such a wonderful person. Can't believe he's gone. He will be missed greatly. 🥹

jose cabrera - June 05, 2018 at 12:05 PM

CH

“ So sorry to just hear of Jerjis's passing. I remember him from times the Barson family and the Denno family got together. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

*Chris (Barson) Hahnenberg. James Barson was my husband.*

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**chris Barson hahnenberg** - August 10, 2017 at 10:06 AM

MB

“ I just found out that Jerjis passed away. That is what happens when everyone ends up scattered all over the country. I am so sorry for the late condolences.

*Jergis was my 3rd cousin on my fathers side. I hadn't seen him in many years.*

*I remember as a child our family and the Denno family would get together during the holidays. It was always such a special happy time. Some of my favorite memories of my youth. I am so sorry for your loss. I don't remember Jergis too much, (because he was much older than I was at the time). I do remember him being very handsome and very cordial and had an unforgettable smile. Like his fathers. I remember when he went off to medical school. How happy we were for him. I am glad he lived such a beautiful life, surrounded by wonderful friends, and having had an amazing family to love and support him. Please accept my deepest sympathies.*

*With respect,*

*Mary Barson, James Barsons daughter.*

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**Mary Barson** - August 09, 2017 at 03:24 PM

GR

“ As unusual as it is for me, it is hard to express in words the type of man Jerjis was and the impact he made on my life and career. As a partner, mentor and friend for 23 wonderful years we shared many things together including fun times, hard times, stressful times, and times of both sorrow and joy. As much as I would have liked to have spoken at his beautiful service, I know certainly I would not have made it past the first sentence. In all the time I knew him I witnessed him get angry but one time where it was a common occurrence with me. His calming and confident nature helped me get through difficult times and always brought a sense of stability for a wonderful working relationship. He was a man of great passion for his work, church, family, patients, and friends. The word no was not in his vocabulary and anytime I asked him for a favor he gladly responded in a positive way without hesitation. If I could model a mere fraction of his personality traits in my daily life I would consider it a blessing. In my opinion it is extremely rare throughout one's life to meet somebody that possesses the personality traits of Jerjis. I will forever consider myself lucky to be able to call him my friend. Throughout his long and extended battle with cancer, which I was intimately involved, his attitude, good nature, and always positive outlook was an inspiration to all that knew him and one which people could only hope to exemplify if they were in the same situation.

*Jerjis, my dear friend, you will be greatly missed, but your wonderful legacy will live on for many years to come. Rest In Peace sweet man and please look down on us to help us live a life that attempts to model yours.*

*Gregg*

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gregg - May 01, 2017 at 08:49 PM



Catherine Carr

“ *Seldom do I attend a funeral and feel as uplifted as I did today! Jerjis made us smile, and I'm so happy to know him as a friend in Christ.  
Catherine and Paul Carr, April 29, 2017*

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**Catherine Carr** - April 29, 2017 at 03:47 PM

AE

“ *Rest in peace my dear nephew, Jerjis. Words can not express our feelings and sorrow.  
I am a fortunate uncle who watched you growing up since you were 9 years old.  
We may not understand why you left us so young, at 64, but our love for you is eternal.*

*You were in our prayers and thoughts when you were with us, and now, your picture is among our loved ones whom we remember and bless every day.*

*God gave us the gift of handling grief and pain. Our prayers are with your wife, Shatha, and your children, James, Christopher, and Nora. Also, our prayers are for your sisters, Mary and Zena, and for your brothers, Benjamin and Basil.*

*Love,*

*Uncle Adeeb, Auntie Heddy, Allen and Jackie, and Ellen Eramya*

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**Adeeb B Eramy** - April 28, 2017 at 12:44 PM

MO

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the Family and Friends. Someone so Special not be forgotten. How hard is it to part those, we hold on earth so dear, the heart no greater no sorrow more severe. Having lost someone is a difficult moment of life. May God provide you the strength you need to cope with this difficult situation. May Dr. Jerjis Denno rest in peace.*

*My love and sympathy to Family and Friends*

*MARI LIZ DIAZ OCASIO*

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**MARI LIZ DIAZ OCASIO** - April 27, 2017 at 05:00 PM

AM

“ *Many things make our neighborhood special-the trees, the lane, the deer...but the people and neighbors set it apart. Jerjis was one of those people and our neighbor.*

*He shared himself with us in many ways. We got to know Jerjis on his walks with his beloved Spunky. He stopped to talk, asked about our families and shared his knowledge of medicine when asked. He loved his neighborhood, home, yard and worked constantly on improving it all.*

*As neighbors, he gave us "gifts", but it was all because he just loved doing it! He decorated his yard at Christmas for us all and added to his Wonderland annually with a child-like delight. People came from other neighborhoods to see his displays! He decided to learn to play the Bagpipes and would play TAPS magically at dusk outside for all to hear!*

*Jerjis gave us many gifts and has passed these on to the family he loved. Our neighborhood is changed because of him and the gifts he gave us all!*

*Amanda, Danny,  
Ashleigh, & Brandon Mills*

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**Amanda Mills** - April 26, 2017 at 09:40 PM

RJ

“ *Fond memories of an outstanding individual who always had a warm, friendly smile. Prayers & condolences go out to the Denno family. Robert L , Bob Jones*

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**robert I jones** - April 24, 2017 at 10:43 AM

JJ

*I knew Dr. Denno from the neighborhood before I ever worked with him at St Luke's hospital as the surgical patient liaison. He was one of those people who lit up every room he entered with a friendly smile and pleasant greeting. Condolences to his family. Our prayers are with you. J.R. Jarowitz*

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**J.R. Jarowitz** - April 25, 2017 at 08:47 AM

KP

“ I had the privilege of knowing Dr. Denno as a friend and advisor. He taught me many things about medicine and the art of spine surgery while I advised him during some challenges he faced as a physician. Every contact I had with him left me being helped and encouraged. I was supposed to help him, but he always managed to give me more than I gave him. That's just the way it is with an individual who possesses great goodness and generously shares it with others.

*As a physician, he possessed great skill. His passion to deliver excellent care was only surpassed by his genuine concern about the well being of each of his patients. He was comfortable handling challenges because he always responded with the assurance and strength that can only be found in a man of honesty, integrity and moral goodness. When his friends, colleagues or patients were threatened by trouble, he always thought of their needs before his own.*

*As a friend, he was loyal and supportive of those he worked with. I will always remember when he told me that, above all else, he wanted to make certain his colleague was protected even if it meant that his challenges were made more difficult. He was a warrior when it came to protecting those he cared about.*

*As a man, Dr. Denno set a high standard and called forth the best in others. He wanted others to join him on the high road and was a faithful supporter of those who shared a calling to be the best one can be in honoring the Lord, loving one's family, improving one's profession, and easing the pain and suffering of others.*

*He will be missed greatly. Heaven's gain is our loss, if only for a little while. I pray for his family and the many friends whose lives were made better for having known him.*

*Ken Patterson  
505 Riverpath*

Colleyville, Texas 76034

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**Ken Patterson** - April 24, 2017 at 10:33 AM

PS

“ *My condolences. Dr. Denno and his associates at South Texas Spinal cared for many of the injured workers whose claims were handled by the law firm where I worked.*

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**Pete Siegel** - April 23, 2017 at 09:15 PM

JA

“ *Dr. Denno was our neighbor. We first admired him because he was consistent with his exercise. He humbled himself to care for our neighborhood by picking up litter. He taught us by his example. We met him and grew to know him. He was wise, had great humor! He was a meticulous and respected physician. Mostly, he was devoted to his family whom he loved and worked to protect and provide for. He loved Spunky but kindly shared him with us.*

*We learned to greatly respect and love Dr. Denno. We miss him and are so saddened at his dear family's loss. God bless each of you. We hope that knowing how much he loved you and how proud he was of each of you will give you joy and strength.*

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**Jacqueline and Stephen Ackley** - April 22, 2017 at 09:56 PM

AR

*I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Denno when he performed my fathers back surgery years ago, I also had the privilege of working at South Texas Spinal clinic and we met again. He was a true man of faith and it was a pleasure working and learning from the best. God has another angel till we meet again my friend.*

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**Annie Reynolds-Sapaugh** - April 29, 2017 at 05:45 PM