



## Robert M. Unger D.D.S.

November 25, 1923 - September 3, 2017

Dr. Robert M. Unger Veteran of the Army during WWII, born in Chicago on November 25, 1923 to Austrian immigrant parents, Robert and Mary Unger. Loving husband of Dorothy nee Kinnavy. Devoted father of Margaret (Robert) Unger, Marilyn (Cary) Nusbaum, Robert, Richard (Pamela), Dr. Joseph (Susan), Dorothy J., the late James (Dawn), and the late Michael Unger. Proud Grandfather of Natalie (Brian) McIntire, Colleen, Nyssa, Joshua, John (Lizzie), Claire, Madeline Unger and Samuel Nusbaum. Dear Great-grandfather of Ethan McIntire, Amelia McIntire, and Jayson Unger. Fond brother of Rudolph (Theresa) and Hilda Joy (James); Brother-in-law of Martin (Nancy) Kinnavy. Robert is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Educated by the Benedictine Nuns at St. George Elementary School, the Christian Brothers at De La Salle Institute, and the Jesuits at Loyola University of Chicago. Received his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1946. Honorably discharged as a Captain from the U.S. Army Dental Corps in 1948. He went to daily mass. Lay Director of the Liturgical Commissions, Archdiocese of Chicago, 1964-1994. Maintained a private practice on the Southwest Side of Chicago from 1948 to 2006. Served as the head of the dental clinic at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. School for Exceptional Children in Palos Park from 1950 to 1965. Life member of the Chicago Dental Society, Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He Served as President of the Englewood Branch of the

Chicago Dental Society in 1964, was a Cofounder of the Illinois Dental Political Committee (currently DENTILPAC) in 1962, serving as its president in 1972. Served as President of the Loyola Dental Alumni Association in 1972, President of the Illinois State Dental Society in 1973, 1st Vice-President of the American Dental Association 1973-1974 , helped establish Illinois Dental Service Insurance (Delta Dental of Illinois) in 1975, President of the Chicago Academy of General Dentistry 1976, Trustee of the American Dental Association 1980-1986, member of the American Dental Association Political Action Committee 1986-1992.

Funeral Thursday 9:30 AM from FORAN FUNERAL HOME 7300 W. Archer Ave.(55th st. just west of Harlem) to St. Jane de Chantal Church for a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3 PM to 9 PM. In Lieu of Flowers contributions to the Illinois State Dental Society Foundation, 206 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL. 62701 would be appreciated. For information 708-458-0208

# Cemetery Details

## Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S. Wolf Road  
Hillside, IL 60162

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
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## Prayers

SEP 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert M. Unger D.D.S.*



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**Foran Funeral Home** - September 05, 2017 at 03:10 PM

CP

*My deepest sympathy*

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**Chris petry** - September 07, 2017 at 10:56 PM

JW

“ *My condolences and deepest sympathies to the Unger family in this time of loss. Dr. Unger was a mentor, colleague, and inspiration to me. His leadership and guidance will be missed by the Chicago and Illinois Dental Societies, but most of all by our Progressive group. My prayers go out for Bob and his entire family.*

*Jeffrey S. Wittmus*

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**Jeffrey Wittmus** - October 05, 2017 at 05:42 PM

RB

“ *We would like to send our condolences to the whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Cousin Willi Baumann and family (Kohfidisch, Burgenland, Austria)*

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**Regina Baumann** - October 02, 2017 at 02:07 AM

JG

“ *deepest sympathies to you all on the passing of your dad.*

Janet Gellert - September 09, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert M. Unger D.D.S..*



September 06, 2017 at 05:06 PM

JG

“ *Jane Grover lit a candle in memory of Robert M. Unger D.D.S.*



Jane Grover - September 06, 2017 at 05:01 PM

JG

“ *Bob Unger was a very special person and a true professional. My favorite Christmas to receive each season was from Bob, who always wrote a special note to me in his perfect handwriting. Condolences to the family who are in my thoughts and prayers. We were so lucky to have known him!*  
*Jane Grover Chicago*

Jane Grover - September 06, 2017 at 05:00 PM

MI

“ I was drawn to the obituary of Dr. Unger in the Chicago Tribune because his name was very familiar to me as a peer of my father, Dr. Robert B. Shira (1910-2002), retired Maj. General of the U.S. Army, former president of the American Dental Association (1975) and former dean of Tufts University Dental School. They were both very dedicated to their profession of dentistry, and their paths certainly crossed through their association with the ADA, the Chicago Dental Society and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Dr. Unger's contributions to dentistry, his accomplishments and awards are impressive and will obviously be missed by the dental profession.

Mary Ann Shira Irvine, Park Ridge, IL

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**Mary Ann Shira Irvine** - September 06, 2017 at 01:19 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Robert M. Unger will surely be dearly missed by so many. As Natalie (Unger) McIntire's in-laws, we only met Dr. Bob a couple of times; but his warmth and class came shining through!! Our thoughts and prayers are with ALL of the Unger family. God Bless, Marty & Becky McIntire

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**Marty & Becky McIntire** - September 06, 2017 at 01:55 AM

MK

“ Marty and Nancy Kinnavy purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert M. Unger D.D.S..



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**Marty and Nancy Kinnavy** - September 05, 2017 at 02:31 PM

BE

“ Dear Bob, your father sounds like he was a wonderful man. please accept my condolences for you loss. with the pain of his loss are also all of the happy happy memories now of a life well lived. Beth.

bethcongiu - September 05, 2017 at 11:23 AM

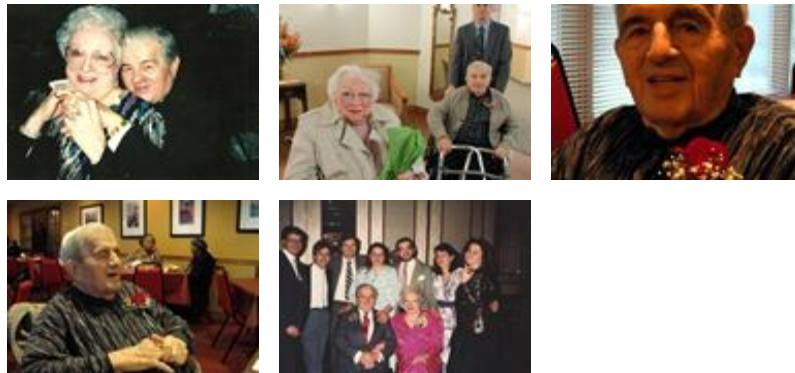
RG

“ We extend to the entire Unger family our sincere condolences at the loss of Dr. Robert. A statesman and spokesman for organized dentistry for decades and will be sorely missed. His friendship and humor shall be long remembered. God bless.  
Ida and Randy Grove

Randy Grove - September 05, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ 95 files added to the album LifeTributes



Foran Funeral Home - September 05, 2017 at 10:59 AM

JW

“ *What a grand man, he will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by the Entire Dental community... he touched so many lives. Thanks Dorothy for being part of the team and sharing him with so many...  
John and Sherry Williams*

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**John R Williams** - September 05, 2017 at 10:51 AM

AH

“ *My family grew up on the Southwest Side of Chicago, Dr. Unger was our dentist - I remember walking over from 63rd Mozart to Dr. Unger's office -if I remember it was at 63rd Western.  
I walked over with my brothers, Fred and Steve Margevich. Our sister Alice was also a patient when she was home from college.*

*I saw Dr. Unger's picture in today's Tribune and wanted to send my condolences to his family.*

*Sincerely,  
Arlene Margevich Hogan*

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**Arlene Hogan** - September 05, 2017 at 10:06 AM

LJ

“ *A man well bred, a family well raised, a life well lived, and a friend well loved...  
Bob Unger live on through all of us.*

*Laura Jean Nalepka and George F. Prescott*

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**Laura Jean** - September 05, 2017 at 10:04 AM

XD

“ Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity/Keith and Peggy Dickey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert M. Unger D.D.S..



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**Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity/Keith and Peggy Dickey** -  
September 04, 2017 at 10:32 PM

AB

“ He was truly a legend in his time. What a blessing for the family to have had him in your lives for so long. My thoughts and prayers are with the Ungers and their extended family.

*Alice Boghosian*

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**Alice Boghosian** - September 04, 2017 at 08:56 PM

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**Bob Unger** - September 04, 2017 at 08:17 PM

BS

“ *To the entire Unger family:*

*We are so very sorry for the loss of Dr. Unger. He was a great father, dentist, dental leader, and mentor for so many. May he and your wonderful family find peace in this most difficult time.*

*Donna and Brian Soltys*

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**Brian Soltys** - September 04, 2017 at 08:00 PM

DH

“ *You will be missed Dr. Unger. May your soul Rest In Peace. Our sympathy to all your family. Robert and Denise (Hale) Sorpassa*

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**Denise Hale** - September 04, 2017 at 07:12 PM

JD

“ *A wonderful man, a great mentor and friend. The world always send a little smaller when someone special passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Unger family. Barry and Connie Howell*



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**J. Barry Howell, DDS** - September 04, 2017 at 06:27 PM

TS

“ *He was a mentor to me and so many in dentistry. He will continue to influence us all.*

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**Timm Schwartz** - September 04, 2017 at 04:56 PM

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**Rich Unger** - September 04, 2017 at 01:35 PM