



Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.

November 23, 1961 - October 12, 2025

Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr., 63, passed away on October 12, 2025, in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Born on November 23, 1961, in Cobleskill, New York, Jay lived a life marked by compassion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to others.

A proud graduate of Cobleskill High School, he pursued his higher education at Union College and continued his academic journey at Albany Medical School where upon graduation, he pursued a career in medicine that would span more than two decades of service to the North Country. As a compassionate surgeon, he devoted 25 years to caring for his community with skill and empathy. His patients and colleagues alike recognized his deep commitment not

only to healing, but also to mentoring the next generation of medical professionals. Teaching

future medical students brought him great joy and was a testament to his belief in the power of knowledge and service.

Jay's infectious personality made him beloved by all who knew him. Whether in the operating room or among friends and family, he had a natural ability to make people feel seen and valued. He was known for his generosity of spirit and his genuine desire to please others- a quality that left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

Outside of his professional life, Jay found happiness in many pursuits. He was an avid skier and golfer who relished time outdoors. He took pride in his flower

beds. A skilled cook with a love for travel, he embraced new experiences with enthusiasm. He also enjoyed spirited political debates—always engaging with curiosity and conviction.

Above all else, Jay cherished time spent with his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Connie Dewell; his children, MacKenzie Philbert (Brian), Ryan Dewell (Lauren), Corey Walton (Amanda); his grandchildren, Carson Philbert, Kennedy Philbert, Amelia Philbert; his siblings, Susan Gallagher, Dennis Gallagher (Martha), and Sarah Dewell (Ken Moore); his aunt, Elizabeth Dewell (Connie); his uncle, Robert Dewell (Anne); his stepmother, Tordis Hollenbach Dewell; his stepsisters, Heidi Wall (Scott) and Carolyn Winter (Scott); mother and father-in-law, Patsy and Karl Trainer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Marie Trainer and Kris and Brigitte Trainer; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and cousins. Jay was predeceased by his mother, Joan Mina Rich; father, Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Sr.; and brother, John David Gallagher.

Those who knew Jay will remember him as a great husband, father, grandfather, boss, teacher, surgeon—and above all—a true friend. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched with kindness and care.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire compassion in others.

Calling hours will be held at the First Congregational Church, Malone on Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. A funeral service will immediately follow at noon.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
Malone, NY

Service

NOV 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church
Malone, NY

Tribute Wall

SI

“ Stanley I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr..

Stanley I. - November 08, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JS

“ Our condolences to Connie and family. Jay was so welcoming to us when our family joined the Titus Mountain Race Team. He always had a smile and went out of his way to talk to our young racer daughters and encourage them with their skiing. As they grew up he was genuinely interested to hear what they were doing. He was a part of the happy memories our family will forever have of being part of the Titus Mountain family.

John, Joanne, Sarah & Lily Sidorchuk - November 08, 2025 at 09:17 AM

KB

“ Go rest high on that mountain. Son your work on earth is done. Go to heaven a shoutin' love for the father and the son.

Kathryn Benham - November 07, 2025 at 08:45 PM

AB

“ To all the Dewells, Gallaghers and Ilowieckis,

Please accept my most heartfelt condolences and sympathy on the tragic loss of your dear Jay. As I have been out of touch for quite some time, this was, of course, a real shock, not to mention his comparatively young age. Indeed, it seems like just yesterday that we met at one of your family's sumptuous Thanksgiving dinners at High Ridge, just as he was beginning medical school. Also is the loss of your beloved brother David, just a couple of months ago. Please know that you are very much in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Anne Burland - November 05, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Jay Dewell, a talented surgeon, devoted father, and cherished friend. Taken far too soon, his loss leaves a tremendous void in the lives of those who knew and worked alongside him. His skill in the operating room, his dedication to his patients, and his unwavering kindness made a lasting impact on everyone he encountered. He will be profoundly missed, but his legacy of excellence, compassion, and friendship will live on. Our hearts are with his family, colleagues, and all who were fortunate to know him during this difficult time.

Drs. Vladimir, Marina, Pavel, and Michael Medved

Michael Medved - November 05, 2025 at 07:41 PM

AB

“ Anne B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr..

Anne B. - November 04, 2025 at 02:44 PM

CG

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a great person and surgeon. I would have to call him at two in the morning from the ED with some surgical issue and he would always answer the call with a "Hello, this is Jay". Nobody answers the phone at 2 AM so kind, but that was Jay. My deepest condolences to Connie and his family.

Christopher Grudowski - October 30, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BK

“ With our deepest sympathy and love in the loss of such a wonderful man! My husband grew up across the road from Jay and Joan and we watched him grow up! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time! May he rest in peace now!
Barb and Doug Knapp

Barbara & Douglas Knapp - October 23, 2025 at 04:46 PM

GC

“ I am absolutely shocked to read this, I worked for his Dad for 30+ years. He was so proud of him, would give us updates concerning his career. I want to send my thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

Ginny Collins - October 21, 2025 at 06:35 PM

AC

“ Ann Cook lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.



Ann Cook - October 21, 2025 at 05:56 AM

SM

“ *Sheila M. lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.*



Sheila M. - October 20, 2025 at 08:31 PM

MT

“ *I was honored to have scrubbed with Dr Dewell at Alice Hyde. He was very down to earth and caring man. I will cherish our games that we played while waiting on those frozen sections.*
Mary Tashjian

Mary Tashjian - October 20, 2025 at 09:58 AM

MC

“ *I will forever cherish the time we spent together. He always told the best stories. He became a great friend. Michelle Coleman, RN First Health Hospice*

Michelle Coleman - October 19, 2025 at 09:42 PM

LS

“ *Lori Dwyer Spinner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.*



Lori Dwyer Spinner - October 19, 2025 at 07:15 AM

RP

“ *Rosemary Pacific lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.*



Rosemary Pacific - October 19, 2025 at 02:53 AM

JB

“ *I'm sad to learn of Dr Dewell's passing. He was a wonderful, skilled surgeon who cared for my mother at Potsdam Hospital! He was very compassionate and listened attentively to my concerns when Mom and I needed him! Please accept my most sincere condolences on your loss!*

Jan Baldwin - October 18, 2025 at 11:18 PM

JU

“ *To Connie and family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Dr. Dewell was such a kind and caring doctor. He did a couple of surgeries for me, and he was just so wonderful. He genuinely cared for his patients, and will be missed by anyone who knew him. May he rest in peace.



Julie Jarvis

Julie - October 18, 2025 at 08:51 PM

KB

Mere words cannot begin to convey the depth of my feeling. Kind. Compassionate. Gentle. Honest. Humble. Funny! At perhaps the lowest point in my life he could make me laugh. A true gift. We began as doctor/patient and became friends (his words). I will hold him in my heart.

Kathryn Benham - October 20, 2025 at 06:42 PM

LF

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Jay's passing. Although we hadnt been in touch lately, we spent alot of time together in Med school skiing, hiking and studying. He will be missed. Condolences to his family.

Leonard Frank

Leonard Frank - October 18, 2025 at 05:00 PM

CM

“ I will miss the broad smile of my med school classmate. A surgeon with skill, compassion, and judgment. He made us proud of our calling. Claude Roland MD

Claude Roland MD - October 18, 2025 at 03:29 PM

SD

“ Shasta Dailey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.



Shasta Dailey - October 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM

SD

Gave my father 2 more years of life after surgery for cancer, very caring one of the best surgeons, my Dad was in great hands

Shasta Dailey - October 18, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LJ

“ *Very sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Louise Jarvis - October 18, 2025 at 12:13 PM

KC

“ *Dr. Dewell's empathy was off the charts. The most compassionate doctor/surgeon in the area and I am thankful to have had experienced the kind of doctor he was. Not sure there will ever be another like him. Rest in Paradise Dr. Dewell. You will be missed by so many! Thank you!*

kathy cox - October 18, 2025 at 08:35 AM

SG

“ *Dr. Dewell will always be remembered by myself and my family for the great care he always provided for me! He was so compassionate and caring. We shared recipes, concerns and I considered him not only my surgeon but a friend! He told me once that he wanted to be remembered as a caring and helpful person. He certainly accomplished that!!!! RIP and know how much you helped us all!!! Sharon Gratton*

Sharon Gratton - October 17, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SG

“ *Sharon Gratton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.*



Sharon Gratton - October 17, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers for the family. He was such a great provider and person. I remember how he came in to perform my surgery when he could have signed out to another surgeon, but didn't. He always had a smile on his face and made you feel comfortable. There will never be another person like him. He will be missed. It was an incredible opportunity to know him and Connie.

Cynthia Swinyer - October 17, 2025 at 08:06 PM

B(

“ Not only was he an inspiring and dedicated provider, but he also played a meaningful role in shaping the nurse I am today. I fondly remember having his 6 a.m. coffee ready as he began his rounds and always looked forward to visiting with Connie while she patiently awaited the completion of his surgeries. I will forever cherish those moments of teaching, encouragement, and inspiration. My heartfelt condolences to his family and all who were blessed to know him.

Brittni Beard (Fountain) - October 17, 2025 at 07:47 PM

DP

“ Dr. Dewell was a very kind compassionate man, a great Dr. that treated all very well, he definitely will be missed, a great loss. Thoughts and prayers sent to all, may he forever rest in peace. God Bless

Darlene Pickering - October 17, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DP

“ *Darlene Pickering lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jay Vickers Dewell Jr.*



Darlene Pickering - October 17, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *The loss of a great man and surgeon. He loved his oatmeal raisin cookies with walnuts. For his 50th birthday, I made him 50 mini oatmeal cookies and stacked them to form a cake. He just smiled that beautiful smile. Forever in my family's heart.*

Mary McKane - October 17, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MP

I heard about this amazing cookie cake, he HAD the biggest sweet tooth, and always loved the treats everyone brought in for him. Thank you for this memory.

- Mackenzie Philbert (Dewell)

Mackenzie Philbert - October 22, 2025 at 03:57 PM

SR

“ *It was a joy and honor to work with Dr. Dewall at CPH. He treated his patients, families, nurses, employees, and other MDs with respect. He held not only phenomenal talent as a surgeon but great compassion and empathy as a genuine person. We were truly blessed to work alongside him for so many years. To his family, I extend my deepest condolences.*

Sally Remington - October 17, 2025 at 05:00 PM

ER

“ Dr. Dewell had such a wonderful heart for his patients and his family. I was privileged to have worked near him for a few years, he was always a joy! God Bless him and his family. May he Rest In Peace.



Erica - October 17, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DL

I only saw Dr. Dewell once, to discuss his opinion on whether a questionable area of my mammogram needed further investigation. Partway through our discussion I had a hot flash, always embarrassing, but seconds later he mopped his own forehead. He leaned over and patted my hand. "I have cancer and I'm taking estrogen," he whispered. "I'm that rare man who really understands what you're going through." I couldn't help laughing, which was extraordinary in the circumstances, and I never forgot his kindness in showing his own vulnerability during what was a frightening time for me. My deepest sympathy to the loved ones of this extraordinary man— Deborah L

Dr Deborah Lewis - October 18, 2025 at 08:39 PM

CW

We were sorry to hear of Dr. Dewell's passing. He did surgery on my Mom when his diagnosis was first known. He was a very compassionate, and empathetic person. He gave my Mom another 4 years and we truly appreciate that gift from him. Our deepest condolences to his family and colleagues. May he rest in peace. Cindy W.

Cindy Wood - October 21, 2025 at 08:23 AM

LY

Rest in peace Jay, you will be missed by so many. Thanks for being a great friend. Linda Yelich and family

Linda Yelich - October 27, 2025 at 11:43 AM

CL

As the former ER Director at AHMC, I had the pleasure of working alongside Dr. Jay Dewell for over a decade. I witnessed firsthand what an outstanding surgeon he was—hardworking, dedicated, and tireless in his commitment to providing the very best care to his patients and community.

More importantly, I had the privilege of knowing Jay as a friend. He had a wonderful personality, a sharp sense of humor, and a true passion for skiing.

News of his passing comes as a great shock. Though our paths eventually took us in different directions, moments like this remind me how quickly time passes. I regret not keeping in closer touch—and not making that ski trip happen, which I know would have been a blast. I will miss you, Jay.

Dr Christian Lamarre

Christian Lamarre - November 06, 2025 at 01:37 PM