



## Dennis Albert Revicki PhD

August 30, 1951 - May 9, 2021

Dennis Albert Revicki, PhD, 69, passed away May 9, 2021. He was born August 30, 1951 in New Britain, Connecticut to the late Albert Paul and Dolores (Gade) Revicki.

Dennis retired as an epidemiologist and specialized in outcomes research. He was a world renown expert and spoke at lectures, conventions and international conferences around the world. His writings on the subject have appeared in many medical journals. He and his lovely wife Mary came to Sarasota in 2003. He enjoyed kayaking, fishing, working on his water garden, good food and he had a great sense of humor.

Dennis Revicki, PhD, was a Senior Vice President, Outcomes Research with Evidera located in Bethesda, Maryland. He was also an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina, University of Florida, and Georgetown University. Dr. Revicki was Co-Editor-in-Chief for Quality of Life Research. Dr. Revicki's research focused on instrument development and psychometric evaluations patient reported outcome (PRO) assessment and regulatory strategies, and the design and statistical analyses of PRO data from clinical trials. He had been involved as an investigator in the Statistical Coordinating Center for the NIH sponsored Patient Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS) since 2005. Dr. Revicki worked in the pain domain group, developing item banks and measures of pain interference,

behavior, quality, and intensity. He has published over 300 peer reviewed articles related to pain outcomes and other PRO measures for chronic and acute diseases. Dr. Revicki co-edited a book on advanced psychometrics and modern measurement theory with Steven Reise, Handbook of Item Response Theory Modeling: Applications to Typical Performance Assessment.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Mary; siblings, Debbie Horan and her husband Ed of Connecticut; Gary Revicki of Connecticut; Gail Goldberg and her husband Gene of New Mexico; Peter Revicki and his wife Carol of Connecticut; Ken Revicki and his wife Patty of Connecticut; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Dennis' Life up north to be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to World Wildlife Fund at [www.worldwildlife.org](http://www.worldwildlife.org); Wilderness Society at [www.wilderness.org](http://www.wilderness.org); Marie Selby Botanical Gardens at [www.Selby.org](http://www.Selby.org); or Mote Marine Lab & Aquarium at [www.mote.org](http://www.mote.org). Memories and condolences may be left online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ I was so shocked to learn this sad news. I knew Dennis for so many years. He had been a great and generous mentor. A true model for young generations! He will be truly missed,

Jin-Shei Lai - May 28, 2021 at 11:18 PM

JD

“ Jeanette D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dennis Albert Revicki PhD.



Jeanette D. - May 25, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Albert Revicki PhD.



May 25, 2021 at 04:07 PM

CG

“ Sincere condolences to Mary and all of Dennis's family. Dennis was a remarkably prolific and creative scientist and an outstanding friend and mentor. As a member of ISOQOL, I knew Dennis as a rigorous and considerate editor, a thoughtful advisor, engaging raconteur and friend. His generous spirit enriched all who knew him.

Cindy Gross - May 25, 2021 at 10:33 AM

FA

“ I worked for Batelle MEDTAP in London in the early 90s, when there were only a few of us in this newly opened European office on Hanover Square. It was a pretty challenging, volatile period but Dennis took me under his wings. I could always rely on his good, generous advice. Also afterwards when I joined Pharma.

We had this standing joke whenever and wherever we met (not sure why or how it started) 'You know this town - show me around' And we did!

I will sincerely miss you Dennis!  
Fredrik

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**Fredrik Andersson** - May 25, 2021 at 08:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sad to learn of Dennis's passing. I have known him for many years, mostly through ISOQOL meetings all around the world. He and I share a birth year, and we were some of the early researchers in this field. I know how happy Dennis was to live in Florida and work wherever needed - many of us were quite envious of his lifestyle! He will be greatly missed, but his research impact is a lasting contribution.

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**Carolyn Gotay** - May 24, 2021 at 01:40 PM

SD

“ This is such sad news! I always look forward to seeing Dennis at ISOQOL meetings, even if for a few minutes at a coffee break. I am so grateful for the measure development project we worked on together. It was a challenging collaboration and his thoughtful approach, carefully considered questions and statesmanship qualities enabled our success. In the process, I learned quite a bit from him and am now a better scientist and leader. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and loved ones. Please know that his work made a huge difference, not just measured in papers published, but also the impact he had on those he worked with.

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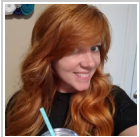
**Sarah Donelson** - May 24, 2021 at 10:16 AM

TH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Revicki's passing. He made a huge impact in quality of life research, and he will be missed.

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**Theresa** - May 24, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. At UBC, I was his admin, starting after his previous one didn't quite work out. When I heard about the opening, Dennis happened to be in the office that day, so I knocked on his door and told him that I'd like the opportunity to work for him. He was a little surprised at that 25 year old girl standing in his office door. From that day on, we always had a great working relationship. He was respected by his scientific peers, but that also carried over to operations staff as well. He was, by far, the best person I have ever worked for, and I am thankful for all that I learned while working with him.

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**Jennifer Cabaniss** - May 18, 2021 at 12:15 PM

LW

“ I’m sorry to hear about my cousin Dennis passing away. My heartfelt sympathy goes to his family. I will always cherish our times together. Laurie (Revicki) Webster

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**Laurie Webster** - May 18, 2021 at 07:49 AM

CP

“ I started at MEDTAP in 1997. I was 31 years old. When my wife and I had dinner with Dennis and Mary I learned that roughly 20 years earlier Dennis and Mary lived (for short period of time) about 5 miles from my childhood home in ‘very’ rural NC. Not a part of Dennis’ CV that he would highlight :). but was fun to share that experience as I continued to work at MEDTAP and UBC. Also got to visit him in Ellicott City and to enjoy work travel dinners in NYC (loved him choosing the wine!). He “let me” dabble in PROs a bit and was a great mentor. Our thoughts go out to Mary and the family.

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**Clark Paramore** - May 17, 2021 at 05:41 PM

MB

“ My family is very sorry for your loss...we are good friends of sister Gail's in Santa Fe and she means the world to us. We did not know Dennis, but if he was anything like Gail, we know he will be greatly missed. Please accept our donation to MOTE in his name. Michele, Steve and Sunna

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**Michele Basliere** - May 17, 2021 at 02:19 PM

MH

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**Michael Halpern** - May 17, 2021 at 01:24 PM

RB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Ruth Brown** - May 16, 2021 at 06:06 PM

RB

“ I met Dennis Revicki when I started working at Battelle with him, Bryan and Rich along with a few others like Joan Weshler. In the early 1990s I went to our London office for 2 years and Dennis came to visit. My Dennis, Revicki and I used a hiking guide to explore the English country-side ending up in the pouring rain in a village where the pub listed in the book had long disappeared. We were soaking wet and hungry and had 3 miles to get back to our car. We made it in fairly good humor. Another visit we were in the New Zealand pub near Baker Street and a stranger comes up to us and asks Dennis "Are you Richard?" Dennis replies, "No, he's my brother!" Often taken for R. Dryfus! And, then the trip to Italy. Dennis and Mary joined us at a rented villa north of Pisa. We all did lunch at a very posh restaurant in Florence. After a sumptuous meal and many bottles of wine, the two Dennis were aping at the David and I can not find the photos - but a good time was had by all. Not only was Dennis a good and productive scientist, but also a fun loving colleague. Ruth and Dennis Brown

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**Ruth Brown** - May 16, 2021 at 06:02 PM

JS

“ James W. Shaw purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis Albert Revicki PhD.



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**James W. Shaw** - May 15, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I had known Dennis for many years, had co-authored scientific works with him, and served with him on the editorial staff of Quality of Life Research. He was always thoughtful and a gentleman but with a wry sense of humor. I learned much from him and always enjoyed our interactions. I had been collaborating with Dennis recently on several initiatives, and his passing leaves a void that cannot be filled. Though Dennis will be sorely missed, I will always cherish the memories of our collaborations.

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**Jim Shaw** - May 15, 2021 at 01:45 PM