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Dear patients of Dr. Merrill Grant,

I am so sorry to inform you of Dr. Grant's passing away two months ago. It is hard for me to write this letter since I respected him so much. Merrill was both loved by his patients and admired by his peers. As I talked to my colleagues about Merrill's contributions to dentistry, and the patients he served, I got the same response. "He was an excellent dentist. Every course that I went to, Merrill was there." He was always willing to share his skills and knowledge with our peers. Dr. Grant practiced in Melbourne for over 40 years. He paid attention to every detail, which led to practicing dentistry at the highest level.

Due to my high regard for Merrill, I consulted with him every week about various dental techniques and numerous complex cases. As our relationship grew, he not only helped me improve my dental skills, but we were also able to collaborate mutually. Merrill had such extensive knowledge and was the best teacher. I am so blessed.

After Merrill's death, I helped his family keep the practice going by finishing his current active cases. Since I was friends with Merrill for many years, his family informed me that Merrill's wishes were that I offer my dental services to his patients. It was my great honor to continue treating his patients with the same utmost care.

I'm sure you all would like to know a little bit about my background. I was raised in Toronto, Canada. I graduated with honors in biology from the University of Toronto in 1990. I also earned degrees in chemistry and math. After that, I attended University of Detroit Dental School and graduated in 1994. I then moved to Brevard County and have been practicing here for over 23 years. I am well-versed in the same types of dentistry that Dr. Grant provided with his unique techniques. In my spare time, I enjoy hockey, cooking, and spending time with my wife and daughter.

Merrill's family has requested that his office close on December 14, 2022. I've already gotten to know some of you through the cases that Merrill and I reviewed and am available to help with future treatment as well. I am happy to inform you that your hygienist, Tammy, has decided to move to our office to work with us.

My office address is listed above. It would be a privilege to have you as my patients. We have a new, state-of-the-art office and you're welcome to stop by, meet me, and tour our facility. Arielle will be personally contacting as many patients as possible within the next few weeks. If you have any questions, you can call Arielle at 321-777-1337 or call me at 321-255-3311. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vijay Agarwal