



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Esther Schwenning, DD: A Legacy of Dedication and Inspiration

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## Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Esteemed Members of the Denturist Community,

Today, as we pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of **Esther Schwenning, DD**, we are filled with both sorrow and gratitude. We mourn the loss of a beloved colleague, mentor, and friend and are grateful for the profound impact she has had on our lives and the field of Denturism as a whole.

Esther's journey in Denturism was not just a career path; it was a calling deeply rooted in her upbringing and family heritage. From her earliest days working alongside her uncle in their denture clinic, Esther's passion for the profession was evident. As she often reminisced, her journey began in the humblest of roles, sterilizing instruments in the clinic at the tender age of 10. Little did she know then that those early experiences would shape her future and pave the way for a trailblazing career in Denturism.

After completing her formal training at Vancouver Community College in 2007, Esther wasted no time in immersing herself fully in the profession she loved.

Her dedication and commitment were unwavering, as evidenced by her active involvement in numerous professional associations and committees on all levels, provincially, nationally and internationally. Serving on the Executive Committee of the Denturist Association of British Columbia for six years, Esther worked tirelessly to advance the interests of her colleagues and elevate the standards of Denturism across the board.

But Esther's impact extended far beyond the boardroom and the confines of her practice. She was a true pillar of her community, always ready to lend a helping hand and make a difference wherever she could. Whether it was volunteering her time and expertise with organizations like **Kindness in Action** in Peru or spearheading local initiatives like the **"Something to Smile About"** contest, Esther's compassion and generosity knew no bounds.

In 2022, Esther's dedication and contributions were recognized on a global scale when she was inducted

into the prestigious Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers, becoming the first female Canadian Denturist to receive this honour. It was a moment of immense pride for Esther and for all of us who had the privilege of knowing her, a testament to her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to excellence.

In 2023, Esther's legacy was further cemented when she was awarded the George Connolly Memorial Award, the highest honour a Denturist can receive in Canada. Named in memory of Mr. George Connolly, a fellow British Columbia Denturist and a true pioneer in the field of Denturism, this award recognizes individuals who embody the spirit of service and dedication that Mr. Connolly himself exemplified. Esther was only the third female Denturist to receive this distinguished honour, a fact that speaks volumes about the exceptional nature of her accomplishments.

As we bid farewell to Esther, we do so with heavy hearts and a profound sense

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*Esther at her induction into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers in 2022. She is shown with President of The DAC and President of the DAO Jaro Wojcicki Jr. DD (left) and Michael Vout DD, Vice President of Professional Relations for The DAC, and IFD Vice President of North America, who was presenting the induction proclamation on behalf of IFD as a fellow inductee into the Brotherhood of Sterkenburgers (centre).*

of gratitude for the time we shared with her and the legacy she leaves behind. Her passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to service will continue to inspire us all, reminding us of the impact that one individual can have on the world around them.

The DAC and Esther's colleagues will

forever cherish her memory as a driving force in Denturism and as a cherished friend. Esther's passion for Denturism was matched only by her unwavering love and support for her husband, Craig. We at The DAC convey our deepest sympathies to Esther's Family, her dedicated team at Northern Lights Denture Clinic, and those

whom she touched with her compassion and kindness daily.

Esther, your light will continue to shine brightly in the hearts and minds of all who knew you. May you rest in peace, knowing that your legacy will live on in the countless lives you touched and the countless hearts you inspired.

With deepest sympathy and eternal gratitude,  
The Denturist Association of Canada

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