

I N M E M O R I A M

1953

JAMES E. LEWIS, of Clay, NY, died January 21. Dr. Lewis was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II, where he served aboard the USS PC 1182 as a gunner's mate and later in the Panama Canal zone. After the war, he attended Upstate on the GI Bill. He spent his professional career as a village physician in Liverpool, NY. Lewis was survived by his son, Charlie; daughters Mary, Kate and Pat; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

1955

JOHN EDWARD BLOOM, of Loveland, OH, died February 21. Dr. Bloom interned at Cincinnati General Hospital and completed a pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. For decades he served the Dayton area as a pediatrician in private practice and had an affiliation with Dayton Children's Hospital. After leaving pediatric practice, he transitioned to another career as a medical director at Western Ohio Health Care, United Health Care, and CareSource. He retired from part-time work at CareSource days before turning 90. He taught as an adjunct faculty member at Cincinnati Children's and was an attending physician at Wright Patterson AFB Hospital. Due to his interest in virology, he partnered with Gilbert Schiff, MD, of Cincinnati Children's in testing the efficacy of the Rubella vaccine in a large school system. At Dayton Children's Hospital, he served as its first director of Medical Education, chief of staff, and on numerous committees. In 2006, he received the Wallace B. Taggart MD Award from Dayton Children's Hospital for outstanding service for the health care of children. Bloom was survived by children Wendy, David, Steven, and Amy; stepchildren Fritz, John, Jenni, and Matthew; 22 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

1959

HAMILTON SMITH DIXON, of Rome, GA, died March 8. Dr. Dixon served in the U.S. Air Force as chief of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the 7333rd USAF Hospital in Evreux, France, from 1964-1967. After completing his military service, he established a medical practice in Rome, where he cared for patients for more than four decades. Beginning in 1967, he practiced otolaryngology and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery until 2011, later also practicing in Ellijay, GA, beginning in 2006. Dixon was survived by his children, Diana, Kristie, Hamilton, Jr., and Graham; a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

1960

JAMES P. MOORE, of North Liberty, IA, died December 15, 2025. Dr. Moore moved to Cincinnati, OH, for his internship and then to Mather's Air Force Base in California, where he served as captain in the Air Force. He then moved to the Washington, DC, area to complete an internal medicine residency and a cardiology fellowship. In 1968, he moved to Niagara Falls and started a practice with his college friend, Robert J. Brennan, MD. In the 1970's he became known as "Dr. Hypertension" because he led a program to heighten awareness of the danger of undetected high blood pressure, especially within the African American community, and provided treatment. He was able to screen 20,000 people in one year. He also held many leadership positions at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center. Moore was survived by daughters Beth, Anne, and Cathleen; stepchildren Elizabeth, Robert, Carol, and Diane; and 10 grandchildren.

GEORGE M. POMERANTZ, of Andover, MA, died September 7, 2023. Dr. Pomerantz was a proud veteran who achieved the rank of colonel. He served in Vietnam on the Cambodian border, where he commanded a mobile military hospital. After his service he settled in Andover and entered private practice as an orthopedist, until his retirement. He enlisted in the Army Reserve between 1985-94, answering the call of duty once more during the Iraq War in 1991 to serve returning soldiers at Fort Devens Hospital in Massachusetts. Pomerantz was survived by his wife, Viktoria; daughter Vered; and two grandchildren.

FELICITAS H. RITROSKY, of Fort Myers, FL, died February 28. Dr. Ritrosky was born in Popelkin, East Prussia, a region that later became part of Russia after World War II. As a young girl she experienced the hardships of war firsthand and in those difficult years her strength and determination were evident. Her uncle sponsored their family's immigration to the United States. She graduated in 1956 from Syracuse University and then completed medical school and pediatric residency at Upstate. Early in her career she contributed to work on the polio vaccine. As a pediatrician in Fort Myers, she was one of few physicians in the area willing to treat children with HIV/AIDS during the early years of the epidemic. Ritrosky was survived by her husband **John Ritrosky '62**; her children, John, Steve and Susan; and four grandchildren.

1962

YOUNGER "BUD" POWER, of Parkersburg, MA, died July 3, 2025. Dr. Power was an industrial physician for DuPont for more than 35 years and served his country in the U.S. Navy. His greatest joy was his family. Power was survived by his wife, Carol; children Julie and Lori; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1963

PAUL E. BERMAN, of Northampton, MA, died March 15. Dr. Berman completed a residency in medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Following his training he volunteered to serve as a physician in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Hill AFB in Utah. He returned to Massachusetts and in 1977 worked at the University of Massachusetts Health Service. Later he practiced in Easthampton until his retirement in 2007. He was on medical staff of Cooley Dickinson Hospital for 30 years, where he made house calls, saw hospitalized patients twice a day, and spent evenings returning phone calls to reassure patients. Berman was survived by his wife, Yvonne; son Matthew; and two grandchildren.

1970

DONALD P. HAY, of Eastchester, NY, died January 9. Dr. Hay was a resolute psychiatrist. He published many scientific articles, gave hundreds of clinical presentations, and co-edited a book on agitation in dementia. He was a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a respected clinician, mentor, colleague, and friend. Hay was survived by his wife, Sandra; children Joseph and Sarah; stepchildren Jacob, Shoshannah, and John; and six grandchildren.

LINDA M. SIMKIN, of Aurora, NY, died November 29, 2025. Dr. Simkin completed an internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, and returned to Upstate as a pediatric resident. She then relocated to Montana for several years where she was on the hospital staff at Crow Agency Reservation under the auspices of the Indian Health Services. Subsequently, she joined a pediatric group in Butte, MT, and became a board certified pediatrician. After returning to Cayuga County, she was employed by Auburn Memorial Hospital until retirement in 2009. This included 25 years as an

emergency room physician with additional service as a physician at the satellite clinic in Scipio Center. She also provided care at Well Child Clinics in Cato and Moravia as well as caring for migrant farm workers in Southern Cayuga County. Simkin was survived by her husband, James C. Frisch; and family.

1972

ROBERT STUART BLOCK, of Bennington, VT, died February 19. He completed additional medical training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Middlesex Hospital in London, and Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY. Dr. Block was an orthopedic surgeon and practiced with Orthopedic and Hand Surgery, PC (later Taconic Orthopedics) in Bennington for more than 30 years. He was an empathetic listener who gave patients his undivided attention to diagnose their injuries and recommend a personalized course of treatment. From 1997 to 1998, he served as president of the Vermont Medical Society and continued his service as a Vermont delegate to the American Medical Association. Block was survived by wife Lora; daughters Alexandra and Jessa; and four grandchildren.

1974

MARSHALL F. GOLDSTEIN, of Pittsford, NY, died May 2, 2023. Dr. Goldstein contributed a great deal to the Rochester community with his dedication to medicine and his patients. Goldstein was survived by his children, Loren, Melissa, Ashley, and Jacob; their mother, Valerie; his partner, Elif Yesir; and three grandchildren.

1975

MARK D. GOLDMAN, of University Park, MD, died February 17. Dr. Goldman completed an internal medicine residency at Washington Hospital Center. He worked at Group Health Association and later as a hospitalist with Kaiser Permanente. He retired from Kaiser and continued practicing as a board-certified palliative care physician with Montgomery and Prince George's County Hospice. Goldman was survived by his wife, Ellen; children Robin and Michael; and two grandsons.

GEORGE C. RODGERS JR., of Louisville, KY, died July 14, 2024. Dr. Rodgers received MS and PhD degrees in organic chemistry from Yale University. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Swiss Federal Institute and spent the following seven years working as a research chemist in the pharmaceutical industry. After earning his medical degree and residency at Upstate, he joined the pediatrics faculty. In 1981, Rodgers joined the University of Louisville School of Medicine faculty as an associate professor of pediatrics and pharmacology/toxicology and as medical director of the Kentucky Regional Poison Center. During his 40 years at the University of Louisville, he directed the Divisions of Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Pediatric Pharmacology/Toxicology and International Pediatrics, the latter three of which he founded. In 2007, Rodgers was named the Humana Chair in International Pediatrics at the University of Louisville. In 2021, he retired from clinical pediatrics but continued to serve as professor emeritus, and as associate medical director for the Kentucky Regional Poison Center. He was a former president of the American Association of Poison Control Centers and served on more than 75 national and international committees relating to pediatrics and toxicology. As a global health leader/educator, he led teams of physicians, nurses, pediatric residents, ancillary medical staff, attorneys, and business administrators to work in limited resource countries in his

quest to improve pediatric education, patient care, infrastructure, and access to care for the underserved. His international work expanded to five continents and nine countries. He served the justice system by testifying as a non-biased expert witness in trials related to medical toxicology. Rodgers was survived by his wife, Tania; children Jennie, George, and Vlad; and five grandchildren.

1976

EUGENE THOMAS TINELLI, of Jamesville, NY, died February 4. Dr. Tinelli attended Salve Regina College in Rhode Island. He obtained two master's degrees, a PhD, and MD. He joined the U.S. Navy after medical school and was stationed in Virginia, Guam, and Rhode Island before he resigned his commission. In Guam, he received an Honorary Chomorro Award for his work in setting up and training staff in Guam's first Rape Crisis Center. He worked for many years at Hutchings before he landed at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. His passion was in the work he did with veterans, extending his skills by using EMDR and learning acupuncture among other things. He was honored to receive an award from a local veterans' group for his commitment. Tinelli was survived by his wife, Irene; children Corey, Cari, Daniel, and Elaine; and four grandchildren.

1977

DENNIS CHRISTOPHER MCINTOSH, of Altadena, CA, died November 1, 2025. Dr. McIntosh emigrated to the U.S. at 12 from Jamaica. At 19, he volunteered for Vietnam and was given the job of weather observer, and enrolled in the elite Special Forces Unit to parachute into jungles to prepare incoming U.S. Troops. After his service, he returned to the U.S. and attended Upstate Medical University. He was board certified in anesthesiology and rose to chief of anesthesiology status after relocating to California. He was a member of Jamaica Project Health, a program that donated goods and services to needy children and volunteered his services in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. McIntosh was survived by his wife, Faith Morrell; his son, Maquon; and stepsons Ronnie and Brandy.

1978

MARY CATHERINE DEROSA, of Bethlehem, NH, died June 14, 2025. Dr. DeRosa was a trailblazing gynecologist, educator, and devoted family member and leaves behind a legacy of compassion, excellence, and dedication to women's health. She completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Rochester. From 1982-1988, she served as an OB/GYN at the Genesee Health Service in Rochester, NY. From 1989-1999, she practiced at Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare of New England, serving as chief of the OB/GYN Department from 1996-1999. In 2002, she founded The Independent Women, Inc., practicing for more than 20 years. She joined the Brown Health Medical Group-Gynecology, serving as a gynecologist and director of the Menopause Consultation Program at the Women's Medicine Collaborative. As a clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, she inspired and mentored future generations of physicians. DeRosa was survived by her husband, Paul Hanrahan; stepchildren Shawn and Kim; and two grandchildren.

1981

JOHN A. WIGHT, of Vernon, NY, died February 1. Dr. Wight completed his residency at St. Margaret Hospital, one of the first in the nation for the emerging specialty of family medicine. After residency, he returned to Central New York and joined John Nebzydoski, MD, in private practice in Canastota. He then started his own practice in Vernon, opening the Tri-Valley Family Practice on July 1, 1988. He worked tirelessly for several years joined by James Vanderhoof, MD, in 1995. Most of his staff stayed with the practice for decades and some through retirement, a testament to his leadership. Wight was survived by his wife, Carol; children **Erin Thompson '09**, **Brian '11**, and **Andrew '14**; and eight grandchildren.

1987

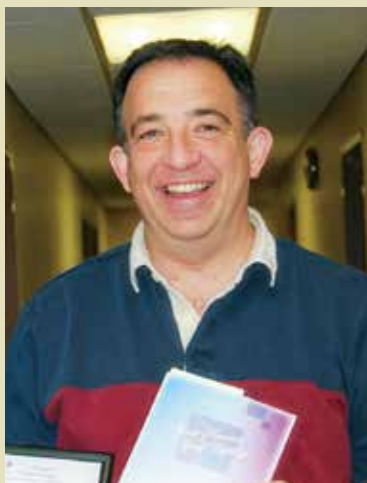
LISA FREEDMAN SHEPHARD, of Cazenovia, NY, died March 22. Dr. Freedman Shephard completed her residency at Upstate in obstetrics and gynecology. As a physician, she embraced the full humanity of her patients, treating them always with warmth and kindness. She took the time to inquire about more than just their symptoms; she listened to their family stories, asked about their favorite recipes, knew the names of their children, and cared about their day-to-day struggles and hopes. Freedman Shephard was survived by her sons, Aaron and Sam; daughter Sydney; her ex-husband, Philip Lim; and her husband, Andy.

1989

MARTHA SACOTO HASLER, of Shrewsbury, MA, died March 4, 2020. Dr. Hasler practiced pediatrics for 29 years in New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. She most recently practiced at Lincoln Street Pediatrics in Worcester. Hasler was survived by her husband, John; and children Isabella and Robert.

1990

LINDA L. SMITH, of New York, NY, died May 29, 2024. Dr. Smith worked at American Airlines for 20 years, starting as a “copy girl” and ended her career as a design assistant developing airport check-in areas. She enrolled at Hunter College as an evening student and completed her bachelor’s degree. She aced the MCAT and at the age of 45 was admitted to Upstate Medical University. Smith interned at Roosevelt-St. Luke’s Hospital in Manhattan, and became resident and chief resident. She was an attending physician at Roosevelt just as the AIDS-HIV crises exploded. Smith shifted her work as an attending and became a pioneering HIV doctor, achieving maverick status at age 50 by accepting a position at the now defunct St. Clare’s Hospital in East Harlem as the first director of the Cardinal Spellman HIV Clinic. She then moved on to become medical director of the HIV Clinic at Beth Israel Hospital branch in Harlem and eventually moved on to oversee the major HIV clinics established by Mt. Sinai Hospital in Harlem. Smith remained in Harlem for the rest of her career and retired at age 75 in 2016. Smith was survived by husband Carl; stepson Jonathan; stepdaughter Elizabeth; and two grandchildren.



Neal Seidberg, MD '93

1993

NEAL SEIDBERG, of Fayetteville, NY, died March 26 after an 18-month battle with glioblastoma. A resident of Central New York for most of his life, Dr. Seidberg was a graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School, and a cum laude graduate of the University of Rochester with a degree in neurosciences. After medical school, he completed his pediatric residency at Upstate Medical University, where he also served as chief resident. During his residency, it was clear Seidberg’s career goal as a pediatrician was to become a pediatric critical care physician, with his special talent caring for the sickest infants, children, and adolescents. He completed his fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, and after working in the Pediatric ICU at SUNY Stonybrook for two years, returned to Upstate Medical University in 2003. Seidberg worked at Golisano Children’s Hospital at Upstate for 23 years, during which time he had a profound influence on the medical students and residents rotating through the Pediatric ICU, including the many

pediatric residents he mentored to also become a pediatric intensivist. Always preferring to be called Neal or Dr. Neal rather than Dr. Seidberg, he had the unique ability to combine humanity and a touch of humor into his care of the sickest infants and children and he was loved by the families of the children he helped care for. Seidberg also had a life-long love of computers and technology and served as Upstate Medical University’s original chief medical informatics officer, being a visionary in the selection and the roll out of Epic at Upstate in 2012. He remained a valued member of the IMT Department throughout his career at Upstate, being one of the few people who was able to incorporate his love of Apple products into Epic. Seidberg’s other passions were his daughters, photography, sailing on Skaneateles Lake where he spent his childhood summers, cooking, and SU sports. He was survived by his wife, **Tobey Kresel '95**; their daughters, Jennie and Hali; his parents, Dr. Bruce and Judith Seidberg; his brother, Daniel; his sister, Allison Seidberg-Pinsky; and other family.

1997

JAMES JEFFREY LYNCH, of Minnetonka, MN, died March 30. Dr. Lynch was a skilled anesthesiologist and started his career as a CV anesthesiologist at Mayo Clinic and joined Midwest Anesthesiologists in 2016. He was an exemplary doctor who selflessly cared for patients and mentored many other medical professionals. He was a trusted and esteemed colleague. Lynch was survived by his wife, Jennifer; and daughters Elly and Olivia.

Emeritus Faculty

ARMAND J. CINCOTTA, of Jamesville, NY, died February 10. Dr. Cincotta enlisted in the Marine Corps and was proud to be a Marine and remained true to the Corps for the rest of his life, leaving his beloved Marine Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. He received his medical degree in 1967 from University of Ottawa then returned to Syracuse to complete his internship and residency in family practice at St. Joseph's Hospital. After the opening of the North Medical Center, he established a practice in family medicine that brought him immense gratification for more than 45 years. Cincotta was a Diplomate in the American Academy of Family Medicine. He was chief-of-staff of St. Mary's Hospital in Syracuse and served as a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at Upstate Medical Center. He was a member of the Executive Committee at St. Joseph's Hospital and for the Onondaga

County Medical Society, where he was a life member. He was also a life member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, a delegate to their annual convention, and a life member of the American Medical Association. He was a member of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition to his practice at North Medical, he was a dedicated and caring medical director at Le Moyne College for 34 years. Before becoming medical director, he served on Le Moyne's Board of Governors. In 2019, he decelerated his long and productive medical career as a loving physician by caring for prisoners at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Cincotta was survived by his wife, Joan; his children, Dr. Kimberly, Tracy, Jodi and Andrew; eight grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Faculty

RICHARD L. CROSS, of Syracuse, NY, died February 7. Dr. Cross completed a PhD in chemistry at Yale University, placing first in physical and organic chemistry. He was accepted into a postdoctoral program at UCLA, working with some of the leading biochemical scientists who helped unlock a better understanding of mitochondrial energy function. He played an integral role in discoveries that led to the awarding of a Nobel Prize in chemistry to his mentor and surrogate father, Paul Boyer, PhD. In 1973 he became a professor at Upstate University. Through his teaching, mentorship, and development of young faculty, he impacted countless future medical professionals and scientists. Cross was survived by his wife, Kathryn; daughter Emily and extended family.