

IN MEMORIAM

1950

KENNETH F. GOLDEN, of Boca Raton, FL, died December 18, 2025. Dr. Golden specialized in internal medicine and hematology. He was a private practice physician in Fayetteville, NY, and a clinical associate professor of medicine at Upstate Medical University, with previous service as president of the medical staff at Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital and as a board member of the hospital foundation. He was appointed by the governor of New York to be a member of the Board of Visitors of Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. He was a longtime volunteer for the American Cancer Society, serving as president of its Onondaga County unit and board member of its New York State division. Golden was survived by his wife, Jeannine; daughter Amy, sons David and Jeffrey; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

1955

JOSEPH C. ROSENBLUTH, of Boynton Beach, FL, died June 15, 2022.

1957

CHARLES DAVID WIDGER, of Ellicottville, NY, died July 5, 2021. Dr. Widger entered the U.S. Air Force in July 1957 as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He served his country for 10 years. In 1962, he earned an early promotion to major. He retired in 1967 and returned to the Salamanca area to start his private medical practice. He and his longtime partner, Angel Gutierrez, MD, of Buffalo, NY, served the communities of Cattaraugus County for many years. Widger was chief of staff at the Salamanca District Hospital; school doctor for Ellicottville and Little Valley school districts; and served as a physician for the Seneca Nation of Indians at their medical clinic in Steamburg, NY, for many years. He also served as physician for the Cattaraugus County jail. Widger was an assistant professor at the University of Buffalo and taught every Friday at Children's Hospital. In 1970, he and Gene Cortner, MD, started the first residency program that specialized in "rural medicine." He and wife Heidi operated the Ellicottville Medical Office together, where she served as the office manager until their retirement in 1996. Widger was survived by his first wife, Kathleen Fitzpatrick; their children Nina and Andrew; his wife, Heidi; bonus son John C.; seven grandchildren; and five bonus grandchildren.

1958

KEDAR KARIM ADOUR, of San Francisco, CA, died November 1, 2024. Dr. Adour grew up on a farm in Clark Mills, NY, and worked his way through Hamilton College. Adour was survived by extended family.

1959

JAMES ALEXANDER GRAY, of Rutland, VT, died November 8, 2025. Dr. Gray practiced family medicine and assisted in surgeries for more than four decades. He completed his intern year at the Lying-In Hospital in Providence, RI, now Women and Infants Hospital, and his residency in general practice at Dartmouth's Mary Hitchcock Hospital. His greatest joy was delivering babies; he delivered more than 2,000. He was an old-fashioned doctor dedicated to patient care who worked late hours and made house calls at age 70. He was a leader in church life, scouting, and the National Guard and proudly served six years in the National Guard as captain of the Rutland Medical Platoon. Gray was survived by children James, Peter, Susan, John, and Carol; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two more on the way.

1960

SAMUEL O. THIER, of Chestnut Hill, MA, died January 3, 2026. Dr. Thier was a mentor to generations of physicians and research scientists, as well as a renowned administrator who shaped healthcare systems across the nation and helped to establish the foundations of modern academic medicine in America. He attended Cornell University at 16 and left without a degree in order to study medicine at Upstate Medical University. He trained at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where he was eventually chief resident and then chief of the renal division. He then served as associate chief of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and chairman of medicine at Yale. In 1985, he left Yale to become the president of the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine), where he issued the first public health report on the AIDS epidemic and was instrumental in forcing the federal government to acknowledge the scale of the disaster. He left the IOM to become president of Brandeis University, where he stabilized the university's finances and developed a new undergraduate curriculum, before returning to the MGH. There he served as the hospital's president, and then, as president and

CEO of Partners Healthcare, secured its partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital, a complex, contentious, and historic union between rival institutions. While Thier received more awards than anyone could count, he particularly cherished the George M. Kober Medal, a lifetime achievement award for scientific rigor in internal medicine. He was survived by his wife, Paula; sisters Lenore and Roberta; daughters Audrey, Stephanie, and Sara; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1965

JANICE A. LINDSTROM, of Marquette, MI, died December 16, 2025. Dr. Lindstrom completed an internship at St. Louis University Medical Center in St. Louis, MO, and a residency at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. She then served as a faculty member at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine from 1972-1978. In 1978, she started a private medical practice in neurology until her retirement in 1990. Following retirement, she served as a volunteer member of committees at Marquette General Hospital and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Lindstrom was survived by her sister, Shirley; stepson Rick; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

1979

GREGORY L. CARTLEDGE, of Syracuse, NY, died December 29, 2025. Dr. Cartledge practiced emergency medicine at Oneida Health for more than 30 years. His compassion and calmness were the glue that kept the emergency department together even on the toughest days. He was fearless and an adventurer. He traveled to beautiful places and dove some of the most beautiful waters. Cartledge was survived by his wife, Nancy; sisters Jacqueline and Patricia; stepsons Jeff and Dan; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1984

KENNETH J. EDWARDS, of St. Joseph, MI, died October 5, 2025. Dr. Edwards joined the U.S. Navy and continued his medical degree at Upstate Medical University. After graduation he trained at Rush Hospital in Chicago and pursued a fellowship in trauma medicine at Harborview in Seattle, Washington. He concluded his service in the Navy as a lieutenant commander at Great Lakes Naval Hospital before moving to

St. Joseph. He joined James Amlicke, MD, to start Southwest Michigan Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. He cared for countless patients during his career and had an unwavering commitment to improving the health of all residents of Southwest Michigan and served as the vice chairman of the Berrien County Board of Health. Edwards was survived by his wife, Wendy; children David, Jordan, and Kathleen; and two grandchildren.

2021

STEFANI PATTEN, of Rochester, NY, died December 27, 2025. Dr. Patten completed her emergency medicine residency at the University of Rochester, where she served as chief resident. Despite her diagnosis, she chose to continue her training with a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine, from which she was scheduled to graduate in 2026. Her friendly disposition and selfless nature were defining traits, which shined in the intensity of the emergency department. She took pride in compassionately caring for the underserved and was quick to find small ways to ensure the well-being of her patients. She chose to focus on pediatric emergency medicine partially because of the delight she got in helping children not just feel better, but to go home. Patten was a perceptive and patient colleague whose support and counsel was valued by many. She was survived by her husband, **Calvin Patten '19**; parents Stefan and Laura Schmitz; brother Robert; and many extended family members.

Resident

NORVAL ELDRED BERNHARDT, of Milwaukee, WI, died September 12, 2021. Dr. Bernhardt attended medical school at UW-Madison. He served his internal medicine residency in the Panama Canal Zone, and his surgical and ENT residencies at Upstate Medical University. He served as a U.S. Army battalion surgeon both in Vietnam and stateside. He practiced ENT at the Jackson Clinic in Madison for 23 years and completed his career at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Bernhardt and his wife enjoyed adventures in more than 60 countries and carried out medical missions in 11, and locally served through the Salvation Army, Luke House, Habitat for Humanity, Canyon Scholars, and Bethel Horizons. Bernhardt was survived by his wife, Carrie; son Jason; daughter Bethany; and seven grandchildren.

DONALD SKINNER BICKNELL, of Vergennes, VT, died March 2, 2020. Dr. Bicknell attended the University of Vermont College of Medicine and interned at Upstate Medical University. He then entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps, where he served for a year each at Fort Douglas in Utah and at Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, WA. He returned to Vermont in 1964 and set up his medical practice in the Vergennes family home on Main Street. Later, he moved to a single converted apartment on North Street. When his son Tim joined his practice in 1995, another son, Peter, built them a new office on North Street, becoming the Little City Family Practice. He practiced for 50 years and went from a solo practitioner to having a staff of more than 20 caring and dedicated employees. He made house calls and met patients at the office on weekends until retirement at 77. Bicknell was survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children David, Timothy, Annie, Paul and Peter; and 10 grandchildren.

JEAN-PAUL BIERNY, of Tucson, AZ, died October 3, 2023. Dr. Bierny earned his medical degree in Belgium before spending three years practicing in Africa and came to Tucson in the early 1970s after studying radiology at Upstate. He was president of the Arizona Friends of Chamber Music for 35 years. Bierny was survived by his wife, Chris; son Philippe; daughters Nevenka and Vivianne; and two grandchildren.

JORGE F. CASSIR, of Atlantic City, NJ, died November 7, 2023. Dr. Cassir attended Universidad de Valle in Cali, Colombia. He served in the army as a flight surgeon stationed in Korea. He completed a residency in internal medicine at Upstate Medical University and training at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City. He practiced radiation oncology in New Jersey for more than 40 years at Atlanticare, Shore Memorial Hospital, and Cape May Regional. Cassir worked as a spiritual coach and was an author of various books, the latest *Intentional Conception*. Cassir was survived by his wife, Eileen; daughter Jacqueline; son Jon; sister Gloria; and four grandchildren.

PAUL G. DUPONT, of Hellertown, PA, died February 12, 2025. Dr. Dupont attended New York State Medical School at Stony Brook. He did his residency and post-doctoral studies in neuro-radiology at Upstate. He worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown and became the head of the radiology department at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in New York. Dupont was survived by his wife, Marie Jeanne; his parents; and brother John.

AMIN M. EL-HASSAN, of Skaneateles, NY, died May 27, 2023. Dr. El-Hassan attended medical school at the American University of Beirut and completed his residency in urology at Upstate. He was a skilled surgeon and cared for thousands of patients in his community of Cortland and in

the greater Syracuse area for more than 35 years. El-Hassan was survived by his wife, Nada; his three children, Dania, **Ramzi '17**, and Danny; and one granddaughter.

GERALD L. EVANS, of Bonita Springs, FL, died June 22, 2025. Dr. Evans earned his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1959. He then settled in Sudbury, MA, and was invited to join Lew Dexter's prestigious cardiology lab as a two-year fellow at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. In 1968, he served his country during the Vietnam War at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he rose to the rank of major. In 1970, he was invited to lead the Department of Cardiology at Framingham Union Hospital in Massachusetts. There, he established the hospital's catheterization lab, exercise lab, and cardiology lab. In 1990, he founded HeartVentures, a physician-led program designed to help corporate employees reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease through diet and exercise. Evans published two books, *Why Health Insurance Does Not Ensure Health (Only YOU Can Prevent Heart Disease)* in 2010, and *Heart Disease, Prevention Is Better Than a Cure* in 2017. Evans was survived by his children, Douglas, Craig, and Laura; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

JOHN M. GLEZEN, of Rockwall, TX, and previously Fayetteville, NY, died October 12, 2024. Dr. Glezen specialized in obstetrics and gynecology in Syracuse, NY, for 30 years of private practice. He was dedicated to serving his patients and delivered many newborns into this world. He attended medical school at Columbia University in New York City and completed his OB/GYN residency at Upstate. Glezen was survived by his children, Marsha, Alison, Priscilla, and John; his sister Jean; and four granddaughters.

JOSEPH ANTHONY GUZZETTA, of Denver, CO, died April 29, 2025. Dr. Guzzetta attended the University of Vermont for medical school and graduated in 1966. He completed a residency in radiology at Mass General Hospital in Boston and Upstate Medical University. He served as an Army major during the Vietnam War in Landstuhl, Germany, working as a radiologist at the hospital. He was honorably discharged in 1973 and returned to the United States. Guzzetta began work as a radiologist at Heywood Hospital in Gardner, MA, eventually becoming the chief of radiology. His deep love of learning was apparent in his work, as the first CT scanner and MRI equipment were brought in under his leadership. Guzzetta was survived by his wife, Janet; children Stephen, Karen and Leane; and five amazing grandchildren.

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WILLIAM ARTHUR MILLER, of Bluffton, SC, died May 16, 2019. Dr. Miller was a graduate of Yale School of Medicine. He completed an internship at Upstate Medical University, an anesthesiology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a diagnostic radiology residency program at Yale School of Medicine where he was chief resident. During his 35-year career at Memorial Health University Medical Center, he established the radiology residency program and was its first director. He was an associate professor of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, and was responsible for researching, selecting, and bringing the first CT machine to Savannah's Memorial Hospital, only the third machine in Georgia. Miller was survived by his wife, Ann; daughters Sally and Jane; and two grandchildren.

PRAKASH B. PATEL, of Cincinnati, OH, died March 9, 2022. Dr. Patel was a respected doctor whose patients loved him and a loving father whose family adored him. He completed his residency at Upstate Medical University. Patel was survived by his wife, Kalpana; and daughters Kanan and Payal.

SHAMSUDDIN RANA, of Lourdes, NY, died March 4, 2025. Dr. Rana was a doctor specialist in pulmonary medicine. He completed his medical training at Nishtar Medical College in 1964. Between 1967 and 1976, he completed eight fellowships in allergy and immunology and pulmonary medicine. Rana was well known at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Binghamton General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, A.O. Fox Hospital, and Guthrie Clinic/Robert Packer Hospital. He was a respected pulmonologist at Lourdes for the past 40 years, providing medical care to tens of thousands of patients. Rana was survived by his wife, Nasreen; and family.

J. TRACY SCHREIBER, of Cincinnati, OH, died December 10, 2023. Dr. Schreiber attended St. Louis University Medical School in 1959. He completed his residency in cardiovascular thoracic surgery at the Cincinnati General Hospital. After finishing his residency, he was drafted into the Army and was sent briefly to Fort Ord, CA, before moving on to Camp Zama, Sagami-hara, Japan, for three years before his discharge with the rank of major. He taught at the University of Cincinnati Medical School for a brief time in the 1980s and at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, TX. He returned to Cincinnati and spent the remainder of his career in private practice. Schreiber was survived by his children, John, Patrick, and Ann; and two grandchildren.

ROBERT R. STUBER, of St. Joseph, MI, died September 9, 2023. Dr. Stuber attended medical school at the University of Kansas, completed an internal medicine residency and a cardiology fellowship at Boston Hospital, and served a stint in the U.S. Air Force as a captain and general medical officer. He practiced and worked in the medical community in the town he loved for 50 years. He started in solo practice in St. Joseph before establishing Specialists of Internal Medicine, a group he led for 30 years. He retired and then resumed medical activity to become co-medical director and eventually medical director at Heartland Hospital. Stuber was survived by his wife, Mary Helen; children Becky, Cathy, and Scott; stepson Chad; three grandchildren; step-grandchildren Kellie Sieger and Kurtis Stuber; and seven great-grandchildren.

EVAN B. WEISMAN, of Atlanta, GA, died December 4, 2018. Dr. Weisman was a lifelong Atlanta cardiologist. He attended medical school at Emory University, with a residency at Upstate Medical University and public health service in Salt Lake City. He began his cardiology practice in Marietta in the 1960s and rounded at Kennestone and Windy Hill Hospital. Weisman was survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter Jamie; sons Mark and Jonathan; and four granddaughters.

Faculty

DANIEL TSO, PhD, of Jamesville, NY, died October 30, 2025. Dr. Tso received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College and his doctorate at Harvard Medical School, where he was a graduate student of Dr. Torsten Wiesel, the recipient of the 1981 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. He later moved with Dr. Wiesel and his laboratory to Rockefeller University in New York City to finish his training. He spent a few years at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He joined the faculty of Upstate Medical University in the Department of Neurosurgery. It was in the Department of Neurosurgery that he enjoyed undertaking research, teaching students, and immersing himself in the outstanding environment of the Upstate community. His professional interest focused on the brain; specifically decoding the logic of cortical region development and the neural pathways in visual processing of the brain. His work has had important implications for the understanding the brain's architecture and connectivity. Tso was survived by his wife, Kathleen; children Daniel and Alexander; one grandchild; and his mother, Muriel.

Emeritus Faculty

EDWARD T. SCHROEDER, of Manlius, NY, died September 16, 2025. Dr. Schroeder was drafted and spent two years in the U.S. Army in occupied Japan. Upon discharge, he attended and graduated from Western Reserve University on the GI Bill, earning a bachelor's degree and then an MD, graduating in 1959. He did his medical internship in Denver, CO, and completed his residency and a fellowship in nephrology at Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital. In 1965, he took a faculty position at Upstate Medical University, where he remained until his retirement in 2003. He focused on improving the lives of patients with kidney disease. He was a driving influence in creating the first outpatient dialysis unit in Central New York, the University Dialysis Center on East Genesee Street. Schroeder subsequently expanded with outpatient units in Auburn and Oswego. He provided nephrology support to Upstate's Kidney Transplant Program. He was responsible for supervising academic faculty in the division of nephrology at Upstate and for training and mentoring a generation of nephrologists who now practice all over the country. In 1997, he received the SUNY Health Science Center President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He also served as the chief of Nephrology Section for 25 years, director of dialysis programs, and medical director of the University Dialysis Center. Schroeder was survived by his wife, Lois; daughter Annie; son Glen; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.