

## Obituaries



**MARTIN P. FELDMAN, MD**, 90, passed away on November 18, 2020 at St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Feldman was a general surgeon for over 40 years, practicing in Providence and noted for his later interest in parathyroid surgery. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Rochester, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa and where, after three years, had early acceptance to Harvard Medical School, where he obtained his MD degree. Following his surgical residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Coral Gables, FL, he entered the US Air Force as a Captain and became Chief Surgery at Offutt Air Force Base (Strategic Air Command) Hospital in Nebraska. Following discharge from the Air Force with commendation, he entered practice in Providence.

Dr. Feldman was on the staff of Roger Williams Medical Center, The Miriam Hospital, Saint Joseph's and Our Lady of Fatima Hospitals and Women & Infants Hospital of RI. His main focus was at Roger Williams Hospital where he formed and served as president of the Physician Hospital Organization and served on many committees including the Executive Ethics chairman and as president of the medical staff.

Throughout his career, he served as an instructor in surgery at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He was also on the teaching staff of Boston University School of Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine and served for a year as a teaching fellow in surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Following his retirement, Martin maintained his art, music, stamp and coin collections and enjoyed landscaping.

He was the beloved husband of Natalie (Young) Feldman of 51 years, and the devoted father of Ilene Feldman, Wendy Feldman, Julie Andoscia (Terry), Amy Pressman (Robert), Andrew J. Feldman (Kristen) and Nancy Wallent, and dear brother of the late Stephen Feldman. He was the loving grandfather of Marisa, Madison, Ava and Lily Born in New York City, a son of the late Morris and Mildred (Preville) Feldman, he had lived in Cranston for 5 years, previously living in Barrington.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 20 Hemmingway Dr., Riverside, RI 02915 or the charity of your choice. ❖



**DR. GERD EMMA-STINA (HALLQVIST) GRENANDER**, 95, passed away peacefully in her home on November 14, 2020 after a decade-long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Grenander was born in Perstorp, Sweden in 1925. She earned her medical degree from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm and practiced medicine in her native Sweden for

many years until she moved to Providence with her husband, Professor Ulf Grenander, a mathematician at Brown University. Over the next several decades, she raised her family on the East Side of Providence while working as a physician in the Student Health department at Brown University and as a gynecologist at Planned Parenthood. Every summer, she, her husband, and their three children returned to Sweden where she continued her medical practice.

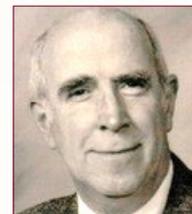
Dr. Grenander, known affectionately as Paj, will be remembered by her family and friends as a strong and spunky woman who was incredibly dedicated to her work, to her children and grandchildren, to her innumerable dogs, and most of all, to her husband. With exuberant energy, she was an active member of the Brown community, and she touched so many lives with her vibrant intellect and witty sense of humor. She welcomed animals of all kinds into her warm home and cherished the close connection with nature that she enjoyed every summer in Västervik, Sweden. When she was not tending to her flowers, playing yet another competitive game of bridge with her friends, or creating a masterpiece in the kitchen, she could be found taking walks on the East Side or crocheting next to her adoring husband. Her ethical and non-materialistic approach to life helped shape the lives of her grandchildren who will carry her values with them forever.

She is predeceased by her loving husband of 69 years, their dog Kettu, and caregiver Antonia Shanley. She is survived by her son Sven and daughter-in-law Nancy, her daughter Angela Grenander and Nooredin Raufi and their four children Alexander, Ariana, Nikolas, and Tatiana, and her daughter Charlotte and son-in-law Jeffrey Guterman and their children Annika and Anders.

Services will be private, held in Sweden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. ❖



**ALEXANDER ADAMS MCBURNEY, MD**, 87, of Kingston, Rhode Island, died October 26, 2020. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna Lindemann McBurney, five children (Blaine McBurney, Robin McBurney, Christian McBurney, Shaun McBurney and Jon Jeffrey Tyzbit), four daughters-in-law and significant others (Stephanie Finch McBurney, Margaret McBurney, Patricia Miller McBurney and Lee Cavanaugh), eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



He was raised in Slater, Missouri, where he had an idyllic childhood, including playing football and basketball for the Slater High School teams. After graduating from Slater High School in 1951, he graduated from the University of Kansas in 1955 and from the University of Kansas Medical School in 1958. He spent three years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Medical Corps, including interning at Bremerton, Washington.

Alex married Linda Murrell, of Marshall, Missouri, in 1958.

He served his residency at Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Dartmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire. Searching for a place in New England to begin his practice, he drove to Newport, Rhode Island, and never looked back. He began his practice as a urologist at Newport Hospital in 1965 and at South County Hospital in 1968. He founded Urology Associates, Inc., which continues to grow and still has offices in Wakefield and Newport. He was highly respected in his field and adored by his patients who appreciated his understanding manner.

He moved to Kingston, Rhode Island, in August 1968, where he purchased the historic Elisha R. Potter House (circa 1809) and owned it for 50 years. Linda Murrell McBurney passed away in 1977.

Dr. McBurney married Donna Lindemann on February 16, 1980. Together they enjoyed collecting early American antique furniture and art, visiting Saline County, Missouri (especially Slater), and visiting and restoring the historic John Locke Hardeman House at Hardeman, Missouri, near Arrow Rock. They also served as Revolutionary War reenactors. And, most of all, they enjoyed being with family. He was a member of the Dunes Club in Narragansett since 1978, the Newport Reading Room since 1990, and the Springdale Hall Club of Camden, South Carolina.

He retired in 2000, after 35 years in practice. In 2004, he headed a dedicated group of volunteers who operated the coffee shop at South County Hospital. He was proud that the coffee shop served doctors, nurses and families of patients, and also raised tens of thousands of dollars each year that was donated to the hospital. After logging more than 3,000 hours, he was named South County Health's 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

Alex, along with his brother Frederick, supported for many years Slater's Public Library, the McBurney Scholarship Fund for deserving Slater High School students, and the Akeman-McBurney Medical Clinic at Slater.

Due to the COVID pandemic, funeral services will be private with family members only. A memorial service will be held sometime in the future when the pandemic is over.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The McBurney Scholarship Fund at Exchange Bank of Missouri, 201 W. Maple St., Slater, MO 65349. For guestbook and condolences, please visit [averystortifuneralhome.com](http://averystortifuneralhome.com).

He was a true gentleman who will be missed terribly by his family and friends. ❖



**ALBERTO S. RUBIO, MD, 95**, passed away peacefully on Nov. 12, 2020. He was the husband of the late Jeannette (Garceau) Rubio. Born in Peru, Dr. Rubio graduated from the University San Marcos, Lima, Peru in 1957. He worked at the San Marco's University Medical Faculty and had a private practice for two years prior to moving to the U.S. He interned in pathology at Mckennan Hospital, South Dakota, followed by pathology residencies in Albany Medical



Center, NY; Rhode Island Hospital; Springfield Hospital, MA (fellowship); and Montreal Queen Elizabeth, Canada.

In 1968, he returned to Rhode Island and continued a successful career at in Rhode Island as a senior pathology physician for 16 years. He was proud to serve in the 455th US Army General Hospital as an internist, general surgeon, and lab specialist until his retirement in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves.

He was predeceased by his wife, Jeannette Garceau, and is survived by his daughters; Jeannette (Rubio) Jutras, Nancy (Rubio) Toevs, and Dorothy (Rubio) Chobanian and grandchildren Edward Rubio, Rene Jutras, Elizabeth (Wudtke) Hannon, Michael Wudtke, Nicole Jutras, and Madison Wudtke. ❖



**JACK H. RUDDELL, MD'21**. It is with immeasurable sadness and grief that we communicate the passing of Jack Howard Ruddell, a beloved son, baby brother, dear friend, and member of his treasured Ruddell and Cade extended families. Jack took his life on November 1, 2020 at the age of 25. He brightened the lives of those who

knew him with characteristic compassion, honesty, intellect, and wit.

Jack was born on December 13, 1994 in Seattle, to John and Jennifer Ruddell, joining older brothers Michael and Alexander. To his immediate and extended family, he was "Happy Jack," a nickname that befit the fluffy-haired boy who amused and endeared with his ever-present sense of wonder and affection. At five years old, Jack relocated with his family to Los Angeles, where he joined the kindergarten class at St. Paul the Apostle School in Westwood. Los Angeles quickly became home for Jack, and his childhood there was highlighted by friendships that grew in the years that followed. With openness and zeal, he pursued new interests in sports and his life-long passion for music. Jack sang with the Paulist Choristers and would continue to sing beautifully throughout his life, including with the Brown University Bear Necessities a capella group.

Like his brothers, Jack attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles, graduating in 2013. He set extraordinary standards for himself in school and in activities like club soccer and the Marina Aquatic Center rowing team, where he expanded his friendships and self-discipline. Through extraordinary determination, Jack achieved remarkable academic success while quietly managing the learning challenges associated with Tourette's Syndrome. He had a brilliant mind and made the most of his unique talents.

Jack attended college at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and graduated magna cum laude in 2017 from the Program in Liberal Medical Education with a concentration in Economics. Having previously decided on a career in medicine, Jack continued at the Alpert Medical School at Brown, where he was a gifted student and accomplished researcher.

Throughout his time at Brown, Jack found opportunities to explore and learn in various fields of medicine. These also extended to summer-time research and projects at Alpert Medical School; the Program in Geriatric Medicine at University of Rostock, Germany; a fellowship at the UCLA Neurology research lab; and others. Jack was a co- or lead author of more than twenty medical papers. His research spanned a variety of topics, many of which Jack saw as particularly important to society, such as the public health impact of opioid dosages post-surgery. At the time of his death, Jack had completed his two United States Medical Licensing Examinations required for graduation and looked forward to a well-deserved break, including visits with his brothers and parents, before deciding on his medical specialty. His accomplishments and experiences belied his young age of 25. In recognition of having met the requirements for graduation from Alpert Medical School, Jack will be posthumously awarded his Doctorate of Medicine degree with his graduating class in the coming year.

Jack lived a full and rich life. He loved spending time with family, filled his life with music, and was diligent and sensitive

in all he did. He was at his best in the company of others. Jack cared deeply about the people in his life as well as his medical patients. His genuine kindness, empathy, and care are his greatest legacy. These wonderful traits touched his family, friends, and colleagues and undoubtedly would have impacted so many lives in years to come. May God bless and hold in His arms our Happy Jack.

Funeral services and a celebration of Jack's life are being planned in Los Angeles and will be shared soon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jack's memory to the The Warren Alpert Medical School Humanities and Ethics fund at "<https://www.brown.edu/go/JackRuddell>". A primary focus of this fund is the support of the Scholarly Concentration in Medical Humanities and Ethics, which recognizes that medicine is perhaps the most humane art and science – its tasks of caring and healing focus first on the body but its goals of individual and collective well-being affect all aspects of physical, mental, and social life. Jack's passion for medicine was heavily focused on this humane element of patient wellness, in addition to the scientific. ❖