In Memoriam

MARLENE CUTITAR, MD, 60, passed away in mid May, succumbing to cancer. She is survived by Donald Acevedo, of Warwick.

A native of North Smithfield, RI, Dr. Cutitar was a 1979 graduate of The Wheeler School in Providence. She was a Brown alumna, who earned her bachelor of science degree in 1983, and her medical degree in 1986. She did her residency and fellowship at Rhode Island Hospital and The Miriam Hospital. Her areas of expertise were in surgical oncology, breast surgery and general surgery, as well as gastrointestinal surgery.

Dr. Cutitar was a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and a member of the Clinical Faculty Advisory Committee (CFAC). She was also a member of the American Medical Women’s Association and the RI Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

On April 29th, 2022, she was named a “Top Doc” in breast surgery by Rhode Island Monthly, an honor she had also received in 2019.

The Rhode Island Medical Women’s Association (RIMWA) is planning a celebration of her life during the summer. She served as treasurer of the organization, and past president. In an announcement of her passing to RIMWA members, the Board of Directors remembered her as “an esteemed colleague, dear friend, gifted teacher, enthusiastic mentor, and surgeon extraordinaire to so many. It is simply not possible to imagine Rhode Island [and national] medicine without her shining presence over the past 35 years.”

Obituary

JOSEPH A. IZZI, Sr., MD, age 87, passed away May 8, 2022 after a long illness at home, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Barbara [Sabella] for 54 years and was a loving father to Dr. Joseph A. Izzi, Jr. [Lori] and Dr. Jason R. Izzi [Kimberly], and adoring Grandpy to his wonderful grandchildren Santino and Jayci. He was the loving brother of the late Carolyn Marano, and brother of Dr. Roger A. Izzi, Jr.

He graduated from La Salle Academy, Providence College and The University of Bologna Medical School. He did his internship and orthopedic residency at Rhode Island Hospital. Upon finishing his residency, he served as a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in De Nang, Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

Dr. Izzi was a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon who practiced for 45 years in Providence and North Providence. He was a member of the Providence Medical Society, RI Orthopaedic Society, American College of Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, University of Bologna Alumni Association, Eastern Orthopaedic Society and The Irish American Orthopaedic Society.

Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, www.stjude.org.