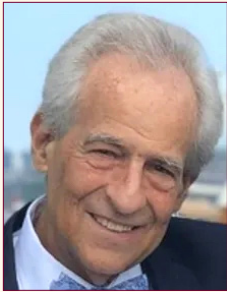


## Obituaries



**MAURICE (MAURY) BERMON, MD**, 78, of Barrington, RI, passed away Nov. 12th, 2022.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, completed his MD at Tufts University, and his internship at Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center). He completed his residency in psychiatry through Harvard University at Cambridge Hospital.

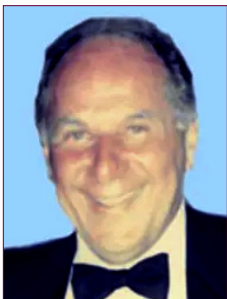
Maury came to Rhode Island to serve as the Chief of Psychiatry for the Rhode Island Group Health Association, the first HMO in Rhode Island. He worked as a psychiatrist for more than 40 years at RIGHA, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Landmark Hospital and finally in private practice. He loved his work and it brought deep meaning to his life.

Since childhood, Maury lived with renal failure and received the gift of life from his brother Stuart, who donated his kidney as a living donor in 1988. Miraculously Stuart's kidney continued to function and sustain Maury for the next 32 years. Maury was predeceased by his brother Stuart in 2007 at the age of 70.

Maury was brilliant, understated, forever curious, and an enduring presence with his family and friends. He loved music of all kinds, especially classical. He was an enthusiastic subscriber to the RI Philharmonic for decades. His children grew up listening to him play Gershwin on the piano. For his entire life he was an avid sports fan and to the surprise of some, a scrappy competitor on the court. He was a lover of food and his friends knew him as a world class eater. He loved to dance and even after two hip surgeries, nothing could keep Maury from the dance floor. More than anything, his family and friends were the world to him.

Maury is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Louise Bermon; his children, David James Bermon (Jessy Needham) of Long Beach, CA, and Susan Elizabeth Stewart-Bermon (wife Becca Stewart-Bermon) of Jamaica Plain, MA, and his niece, Jennifer Bermon, of Marina Del Rey, CA.

Contributions in his honor may be made to Hope Health Hospice Center, 1085 N. Main St., Providence, RI 02904, or to Temple Habonim, 165 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, RI 02806. For tributes visit: [www.sugarmansinai.com](http://www.sugarmansinai.com). ❖



**ALEXANDER M. CALEDA, MD**, 94, of Warwick, died on November 16th. He leaves behind Mary, his wife of almost 62 years, and his children, Giovonne Mary, Alexander, Katherine, and William and his son-in-law Scott. He also leaves his dog, Georgie Girl, and kitty, Oliver Twist, whose companionship filled the days with mutual love and joy.

Dr. Calenda was born in Providence on June 17, 1928, the son of Alessandro and Giovannina Calenda, who came to this country as young, Italian immigrants. He was a graduate of Classical High School and Providence College and received a degree in medicine from the University of Bologna, Italy. He completed his internship at St. Elizabeth Hospital and furthered his training at the Harvard University Graduate School of Medicine, receiving a certificate in the Basic Sciences of Ophthalmology. He then completed his residency at Boston University Medical School, where he served as chief resident. Licensed in RI in 1958 to the practice of medicine, Dr. Calenda proudly maintained his license until his death through ongoing professional development in the field of ophthalmology.

Dr. Calenda opened his private practice in 1960, maintained offices in both Providence and Warwick and was the first ophthalmologist to practice in the Kent County area. He was one of the co-founders of the Department of Ophthalmology at Kent County Hospital and later served as chief of the department. During his career as a surgeon, Dr. Calenda was also on the staff at Rhode Island Hospital and served as Chief of the Department of Ophthalmology at both St. Joseph's Hospital and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

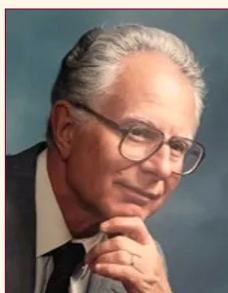
Dr. Calenda was board-certified in ophthalmology in 1963, following which he became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was the first to establish clinical and surgical services at the State Institution and Ladd School, acting as chief medical director at both institutions.

Dr. Calenda was a member of a number of professional associations including the Providence Medical Society, the Rhode Island Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the New England Ophthalmological Society in Boston, MA, the American Society of Ophthalmologists, the Society of Refractive Surgeons, and the New England Ocular Implant Society in Boston, MA.

He was a life-long learner with an inquisitive mind and a desire to know. He valued his own education and instilled this in his children. He was also a teacher who loved sharing his knowledge with others and enthusiastically did so with respect and encouragement. In his later years, he developed an interest in the study of wine and he approached this new passion with almost the same fervor as his medical studies. This led to the founding of The RI Academy of Wine, a collaboration with some of his dearest friends.

Dr. Calenda was also a parishioner of St. Kevin's Church in Warwick and a member of the Warwick Country Club. For all of his experiences and successes it was undoubtedly his love for his family and their love for him that gave Dr. Calenda the most joy and meaning to his life. Nothing compared to the days at Camelot Farm in Warwick Neck. It was the center for many happy celebrations and gatherings with family and friends through the years.

His funeral was held November 22nd at the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Home, Warwick, followed by a mass of Christian burial at St. Kevin Church, Warwick. ❖



**CONSTANTINE S. GEORAS, MD**, 97, died peacefully at home in Providence on November 12, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 11, 1925 in Bluefield, West Virginia, son of Steve and Anna Georas. When he was five years old, the family moved back to their native Greece, where he was raised and educated. He graduated from the

University of Athens Medical School in 1950. When his education was interrupted by the Nazi occupation of Greece in 1941, he joined the Greek resistance movement and participated in strikes, demonstrations, and distribution of supplies in what he described as “a harsh and hungry environment where punishment was swift and ruthless.” After his family moved to their homestead in Vraha, Evrytania, he joined the guerilla movement in the rugged mountains of central Greece. He participated in many clandestine operations under the direction of the American Allied Station that was active there during the war.

After graduating medical school, he and his then fiancée, Dr. Venetia (Barbas) Georas came to the United States in 1954, where he completed post-graduate training in New York City and Providence. They were married for 55 years until her death in 2010.

Dr. Georas joined the staff at Rhode Island Hospital in 1956, where he was a practicing cardiologist for more than 40 years. He performed one of the first cardiac catheterizations in Rhode Island, and was an early adopter of echocardiography. He was a beloved physician, dedicated to teaching clinical cardiology to young doctors. He believed in “the triangle made up of enthusiasm, restraint and critical thinking, at the center of which is the patient”. He was a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, and received numerous awards and accolades. In 1993, he received the Irving A. Beck Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians (Rhode Island Chapter) for his abiding commitment to excellence in clinical care and education.

He was a loving husband, father, and pappou (grandfather); he is survived by sister Ouranea Kretsis (of Athens, Greece), daughter Daphne Georas Meredith and son-in-law Steve Meredith (of Jamestown, RI), daughter Lena Georas (of Providence, RI), son Dr. Steve Georas and daughter-in-law Dr. Lisa Beck (of Rochester, NY), six grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He loved nothing more than to spend time with family and friends, and engage in spirited discussions over a good meal. He was a fierce intellect and a compassionate supporter of those less fortunate than he. He remained vital and interested in the world until his final days.

In his memory, please consider a donation to the R.I. Foodbank ([rifoodbank.org](http://rifoodbank.org)). ♦



**FRANCIS MITCHELL JAMES, MD**, of Swansea, MA, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2022 surrounded by his beloved wife Letitia of 61 years and loving family. Born in Newport, RI, on September 17, 1929, he grew up in Providence, graduating from LaSalle Academy in 1947 and Providence College in 1951.



He graduated from New York Medical College in 1958, followed by an internship at Rhode Island Hospital and Women and Infants Hospital. He proudly served two years in the Navy as a physician on the SS Jason in Japan and then in Coronado. For nearly 40 years, Dr. James dedicated his professional life to his private practice in Obstetrics & Gynecology and believed that taking the time to establish a relationship with each patient was essential to addressing their problems. He was honored to serve as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and then President at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, MA, followed by 12 years as a Trustee. In addition, he was a delegate to the Massachusetts Medical Society and served on the nomination committee.

A long-term member of the New Bedford Yacht Club in South Dartmouth, MA, he cherished time with family and friends on the NBYC cruises and proudly held the title of Fleet Surgeon. He loved all kinds of books, was a voracious reader and was an active member of two book clubs. Equally as important was his love of Opera at the Met, The Boston Ballet and Trinity Theater – always with his bride by his side.

He was predeceased by his parents and his beautiful daughter, Sarah James Garrett. He leaves behind his daughter, Susan James Geremia, her husband Louis Geremia, of Dover, MA, grandchildren, Eliza, Catherine, and Christopher Geremia, son-in-law Dave Garrett (Sandy), grandchild Nathaniel Garrett and several nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to offer their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to his wonderful caregivers for their love, support, and kindness.

A donation in his memory may be made to Doctors without Borders (Doctorswithoutborders.org). For tributes, please visit [www.waring-sullivan.com](http://www.waring-sullivan.com)