

Obituaries



MICHAEL IRA NISSENSOHN, MD, 68, of Providence died unexpectedly on March 5, 2023. He was born in Brooklyn February 4, 1955, the son of Sydell and the late George Nissensohn.

He was a graduate of Brooklyn College and received his medical degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn College of

Medicine in 1979. He was board-certified in both internal medicine and gastroenterology.

He practiced medicine in Rhode Island for 44 years and had long associations with Rhode Island Hospital, Roger Williams Hospital and as a teacher at the Brown University medical school.

“Dr. Mike,” as he was more commonly known, treated thousands of patients and was beloved for his care and wonderful bedside manner.

He was a pilot, avid traveler and an obsessive golfer at courses throughout Rhode Island.

He is survived by his mother, Sydell Nissensohn; his two children, Emily (Jordan Chase), and Jordan, and his granddaughter, Talia. He also leaves behind sister Bea and brother Lee of New York.

He’ll be missed by all and would want nothing more than for family, friends and patients to continue his legacy of extraordinary care. Contributions may be made in his memory to Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Foundation (lustgarten.org) or a charity of your choice.

A private funeral service was held March 8, 2023 in Brooklyn, NY. ❖



FRANCIS L. SCARPACI, MD, 89, of Cumberland, died March 23, 2023 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of the late Audrey (Dugas) Scarpaci, and the beloved companion of the late Jean Frank.



Dr. Scarpaci was a general surgeon, serving as a surgical resident at Rhode Island Hospital from 1961–1966, as staff surgeon at Woonsocket Hospital from 1966–1989, and as chief of surgery at Woonsocket Hospital from 1989 until his retirement in 1993.

He was a graduate of Boston College and the Georgetown University School of Medicine. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by three daughters, Joan Lada of Nokomis, FL, Carol Howe of Lincoln, and Nancy Scarpaci of Cumberland; two sons, Michael F. Scarpaci of North Providence, and Peter A. Scarpaci of Portland, ME; one sister, Anne Lourenco of Cumberland; twelve grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Richard Scarpaci.

Contributions in his memory to HopeHealth Hospice & Palliative Care, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904 or to Andre House, PO Box 2014, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2014 would be appreciated. For guest book, please visit www.bellowsfuneralchapel.com. ❖