

Obituaries



NABIL Y. KHOURY, MD, 89, departed this life peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on June 24, 2023. He was the beloved husband of Salwa Freij Khoury for 61 years.

He was the loving father of four: Olga Hawwa (Tawfik), Anita Chamoun (John), Robert Khoury (Mary), and Jacob Khoury (Maria), grandfather of eight, great-grandfather of three.

Born on December 20, 1933 in Nazareth, Palestine, he completed his education and medical school in Damascus, Syria in 1957. He then worked as a physician for the United Nations in Palestinian refugee camps, becoming the chief supervising physician for many of the camps in Syria.

He immigrated to the United States in 1962 with his bride and completed his Ob-Gyn residency in Boston, Massachusetts.

Following his residency, he joined a successful Ob-Gyn practice in Providence and played an integral role in initiating Ob-Gyn care for underserved women at the Providence community, Pawtucket community, and Chad Brown Health Centers.

Amongst his numerous achievements, he served as Chief of the Ob-Gyn Department at St Joseph and Fatima Hospitals and as team chief at Women & Infants Hospital. He retired as a clinical professor emeritus at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

A physician for over 50 years, he brought over 12,000 babies into the world. Dr. Khoury was a role model for hundreds of resident physicians and medical students, receiving many teaching awards during his career.

A devout Christian, Dr. Khoury was an active participant in the life of his church serving as a member of the parish council for many years. He was a Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, ping pong, backgammon, Arabic poetry, and traveling.

Memorial gifts to the Church would be appreciated. Arrangements are entrusted to William W. Tripp Funeral Home (Trippfuneralhome.com). ♦



THOMAS McCAULEY, MD, 67, of Narragansett, passed away May 31, 2023.

Dr. McCauley was a 1974 graduate of LaSalle Academy. At Boston College he ranked first in his class and Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. He later attended Brown University Medical School and became board-certified in internal medicine.

Dr. Tom's ophthalmology residency was at Yale University. In addition to his private practice, he was a clinical assistant professor of surgery at Brown.

Despite all his professional achievements, what mattered most to Dr. Tom was how he wanted people to be treated. In referencing Dr. McCauley, David Chang, MD, editor of the *Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*, noted the following: "We ophthalmologists are blessed with amazing knowledge, training, and microsurgical skills. Let us not forget, however, the power and influence that come from simple acts of kindness and integrity without requiring such credentials."

Dr. McCauley is survived by his best friend and life partner Michele Palazzolo and several cousins.

Donations in Dr. McCauley's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org/donate ♦



ALEXANDER P. ROBERTSON, III, MD, 54, of Barrington, passed away on May 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at the HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice Center, Providence after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was the beloved husband of Michelle (DeRoche) Robertson and proud father of three cherished daughters, Anna S. Robertson of Mashpee, MA;

Hope K. Robertson of Boston, MA, and Katherine T. Robertson of Barrington.

Alex spent his childhood in West Hartford, CT where he was introduced to the medical field at an early age by his father, Russell, who was an Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon at Hartford Hospital. Alex shared his father's passion for healthcare and chose to care for those in need above all else. Alex attended high school at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT, where he excelled academically and athletically, graduating Cum Laude in 1987, serving as a member of the varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and as a nationally ranked squash player. Following high school, he completed his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, graduating in 1991, where he played varsity lacrosse and squash, was a member of the Chi Herot fraternity, and graduated Cum Laude. Before entering medical school, he spent a year working on the ski slopes in Telluride, CO.

Alex earned his medical degree at the University of Virginia in 1997 before completing his residency and Trauma Fellowship in orthopedic surgery at Brown University in 2002. He furthered his medical training at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, where he completed a fellowship in Spine.

Alex joined University Orthopedics in 2004 as an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon. He was the recipient of the 2022 Excellence in Teaching Award at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University Department of Orthopedics. He also won the award in 2015; this recognition underscores his exceptional dedication to teaching and mentorship. He was a beloved and attentive

doctor and took great pride in trying to restore a better quality of life to all of his patients.

In spite of all of his medical success, he was most proud of his three daughters. A devoted father, he was always there for his girls, coaching them all in numerous sports over the years and attending every one of their events and games. He was also a loving son and brother who cherished family traditions such as the annual Robertson Thanksgiving soccer tournament.

He was adventurous and had a deep love of the outdoors. As a young boy he traveled all over the world with his father, while developing a passion for fishing. In addition, he enjoyed skiing, mountain biking, kayaking, and hiking especially with his wife Michelle and beloved dogs, Clyde and Dublin. He also enjoyed all racquet sports including tennis, paddle tennis and squash.

It is with profound gratitude that the family would like to thank the staff at HopeHealth Hulitar Hospice for their care and compassion.

Contributions in Alex's memory may be made to the Special Olympics (<https://support.specialolympics.org>) and the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) (<https://give.abta.org/give/261975#!/donation/checkout>) (ABTA) 8550 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Ste 550 Chicago, IL 60631.

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CLARENCE H. SODERBERG, Jr., MD, 96, of East Greenwich, died peacefully on May 15, 2023. He was married to his beloved wife, the late Beverly A. (Dorman) Soderberg for 54 years.



Affectionately known by many as "Doc" or "Soda," Clarence was a graduate of Cranston High School where he served as senior class vice president and earned varsity letters in baseball, basketball and football. Clarence was the first in his family to attend college. This made him eternally grateful to his older sister, June (Soderberg) Gifford, because the family could only afford one postsecondary education.

Clarence was admitted to Brown University in 1944. However, his education was interrupted by a call to serve his country during WWII, where he trained as a heavy weapons

crewman before transferring to the Medical Corp. He also served in the armed forces in Korea.

In 1949, Clarence returned home and graduated cum laude with honors in biology from Brown. He then attended Tufts Medical School where he earned his medical degree and later completed his internship and surgical residency at Rhode Island Hospital. In 1959 he began his private surgical practice at Rhode Island Hospital. One of his proudest accomplishments was being part of the team that performed the first open heart surgery in Rhode Island. He would later become the Chief of Rhode Island Hospital's Second Surgical Service. Clarence also taught surgery at Brown University Medical School where he was a Clinical Associate Professor. This position earned him the Brown University, School of Medicine Emeriti Award for "outstanding service to medical education."

While working as a surgeon, Clarence was very active in national and international clinical research groups, authoring or co-authoring over 30 papers published in prominent surgical journals. He was chief of the Cancer and Acute Leukemia Study Group at the Rhode Island Hospital, served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and on the Executive Committee of the New England Cancer Society.

After Clarence retired in 1995, he took to oil and watercolor painting and eventually became an exhibiting/artist member of the Providence Art Club. He also became an active leader in Rhode Island Freemasonry. As a proud Mason, Clarence quickly ascended to a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the Scottish Rite, The Master of St John's Lodge No. 1 in Providence, medical director of the Palestine Temple Shriners, member of the Board of Governors at the Shriner's Children's Hospital and a Knight Commander of the Temple.

For all his achievements in medicine and his involvement in community and philanthropic affairs, Clarence was inducted into the City of Cranston Hall of Fame in 2000.

He is survived by his children: Leslie Soderberg Deiss and her husband Jeffrey, Eric A. Soderberg and his wife Kathryn, Kurt A. Soderberg and his wife Elizabeth, and his much-loved grandchildren: Jeffrey Jr. and Caroline, Eric and Ellie, and Zachary and Gregory. He is predeceased by one sister, June (Soderberg) Gifford, of Cranston. ♦