

Obituaries



CHARLES FRANK JOHNSON, III, MD, of Providence passed away peacefully of natural causes on the morning of June 1, 2023, at the age of 85.

In 1960, he graduated from Princeton University, where he majored in biology, and then completed his MD at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1964.

After completing residencies at the University of Chicago and the University of Rochester, as well as a stint in the US Public Health Service with the National Cancer Institute, he launched his own private practice in plastic and reconstructive surgery in Pawtucket. Board-certified in both general surgery and plastic and reconstructive surgery, for more than three decades he attended patients at Miriam Hospital and Blackstone Valley Surgicare.

He was a member of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Society and for many years served as associate clinical faculty at Brown University's Medical School. He developed a particular expertise in the delicate work of hand surgery and, always an enthusiastic adopter of technology, in the 1980s wrote a groundbreaking software program on hand surgery for Hewlett-Packard devices.

Dr. Johnson was a man of many interests. He loved to explore the New England coast in his boat, the Kraken, and to scuba dive when in warmer waters. He also delighted in art, particularly painting. A watercolorist himself, he enjoyed experimenting with new techniques, and spoke of how surgery and painting similarly fed his creativity. Other interests included photography, tennis, commodities trading, trolls and gnomes, and growing cacti and orchids.

He will be remembered for his sense of humor, with sly and terrible puns and cards that burst to life with a sudden flutter of wings; for his many enthusiasms; and for his deep calm and kind heart.

He is survived by his children who will miss him dearly: Charles "Ted" Johnson of Chicago, IL; Robert Johnson and wife Valerie Weiss of Los Angeles, CA; and Amanda "Amy" Johnson of Somerville, MA; his two granddaughters, Annabelle Johnson and Tabitha Johnson; his sisters, Charlotte Frisbie of Edwardsville, IL and Ann Kupferberg of Leesburg, FL.

Donations may be made in his memory to Ocean Conservancy (www.oceanconservancy.org). ❖



ROGER D. LANDRY, MD, 79, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2023 at Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Providence. He was the husband of 49 years to the late Patricia A. (Travers) Landry.

Dr. Landry graduated from St. Raphael Academy, and later completed his undergraduate education at Providence College and received his medical degree from University of Montpellier, France. He was a cardiologist who loved his work and patients, practicing mostly in northern Rhode Island with affiliations at Landmark, Fogarty, Rhode Island, Roger Williams and Miriam Hospitals.

He was a talented baseball player in his youth. He turned down a professional opportunity for his calling to serve others as a physician.

Roland was a hardworking, loving, family man—an exemplary figure, known as one of the "good guys." He was a kind and gentle soul, leaving a positive impact on all who know him.

He leaves his daughter Michele Landry and her companion David Carrington of Narragansett, his daughter, Melissa Quinn and her husband Stephen of Hopkinton, MA; his three grandchildren, Sydney Carrington, Ryan and Kyle Quinn; his brother, Marc Landry and his wife Frances of Rehoboth; his sister-in-law, Marianne Landry of Cumberland; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Gerald Landry.

Donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online Memorial: jjduffyfuneralhome.com. ❖



FRANK GEORGE ROTHMAN, PhD, of Wayne, Pennsylvania, 92, formerly of Naples, FL, and Providence, died at home on Oct. 23, 2022. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan T.K. Rothman. He is survived by his four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He attended the University of Chicago and received his Bachelor of Science degree at the age of 18 in 1948, and his Master's of Science in Chemistry, in 1951. He attended Harvard University and received his Doctorate in Chemistry in 1955, where Robert Woodward was his thesis advisor.



In 1954-1956, he served in the Army where he was assigned to the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC. After the army, he and his wife and young family moved to Madison, Wisconsin where he held a postdoctoral fellowship in the Departments of Chemistry and Bacteriology, University of

Wisconsin. During that time, he attended a conference on the relatively new field of molecular biology. He became so excited about its possibilities that he decided to switch his career focus. He received a National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowship and worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to broaden his training into molecular genetics.

In 1961, he joined the faculty of Brown University in the Division of Biology and Medicine, and taught biochemistry, genetics, and molecular biology at all undergraduate and graduate levels. In 1984, he was named Dean of Biology and, in 1990, he was appointed Provost.

His research focused on the regulation of gene expression in bacteria and cellular slime molds and was funded by nine consecutive grants from the National Science Foundation between 1961 and 1984. In 1987, he expanded his area of research to the biology of aging and studied the life cycle of the nematode. He was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1993.

He retired from Brown in 1997, and then worked with Project Kaleidoscope, a national organization that works to improve curricula and facilities for STEM teaching. Through his interest in the biology of aging he became aware of Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome, and connected with the Progeria Research Foundation and worked as a member of their Medical Research Committee, and a co-organizer of five national/international workshops. Working with these two organizations gave him great joy.

To honor his memory, a celebration of his life will be held on Oct. 27th, 2023 at 4 p.m. in Manning Chapel at Brown University. The celebration will be virtual as well as in person. For more information about the celebration or to RSVP, please Maria Rothman Boyd at mrothman123@yahoo.com.

In his memory, the family suggests donations to either the Coalition for Immokalee Workers (<https://ciw-online.org/>) or the Progeria Research Foundation (<https://www.progeria-research.org/>). ❖