

Obituaries



ARTHUR ANDREW FRAZZANO, MD, 75, passed away on June 2, 2025. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Seton Hall University, followed by a Master of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine from Rutgers Medical School. He then completed four years of postgraduate training at

Brown University's Alpert Medical School, where he would later leave a lasting legacy as both a clinician and educator.

Dr. Frazzano spent nearly two decades practicing family medicine in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, providing comprehensive high-quality care across office visits, home visits, and nursing home services. He was a tireless advocate for public health, serving as President of both the Rhode Island Academy of Family Physicians and the Rhode Island Medical Society. He took great pride in launching Tar Wars, a statewide anti-tobacco education program for schoolchildren.

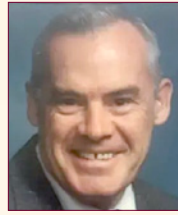
After his years in private practice, he returned to Brown University as a dedicated medical educator, training the next generation of physicians. For over 20 years, he mentored students and residents, helped establish the foundational "Doctoring" course, and served as Brown's Associate Dean of Clinical Faculty. His passion for teaching earned him numerous accolades, including the Charles Hill Award recognizing leadership and service, an honor he held especially close to his heart.

His personal life was rooted in love and devotion to his family. He is survived by his wife, Irene Frazzano; his children, Rebecca, Kristina, and Andrew Frazzano; their spouses, Evan Meagher and Leah Frazzano; and his cherished grandsons, Wes Sodi, Joseph Frazzano, Benjamin Frazzano, and Jude Meagher.

He cherished his role as a father and grandfather. He spoke often of how much his children meant to him and how much he missed them after they left home to build families and successful careers of their own. His pride in their paths was matched only by the love he carried for them: steady, unwavering, and central to his life. In his later years, Arthur faced blood cancer with tenacity and grace, participating in clinical trials to help advance treatments for multiple myeloma in an act that embodied the same devotion to service in medicine that defined his life.

The family welcomes donations in his memory to the Cancer Center at Massachusetts General (<https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/cancer-center>) or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html).

He will be remembered not only for his extraordinary career, but also for the warmth, compassion, and quiet strength he brought to those around him. His legacy lives on in his patients, students, friends, and family, whose love for him is enduring and boundless. ♦



EDWARD JENCKS GAUTHIER, MD, passed away June 16, 2025 after suffering a stroke in July of 2018. A graduate of Hope High School, he continued his studies at Brown University majoring in English. He graduated with distinction as a member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1954. He then went on

to Tufts University School of Medicine and graduated in 1958.

Dr. Gauthier then completed a fellowship and residency cardiology in Rhode Island in 1963. He became board-certified in internal medicine, which began a long career in that field. He continued in private practice from 1971-2005. He later began a Primary Nursing Home Practice, which he was dedicated to until 2018.

Outside of his career, he had a wide array of interests which included fishing and sailing. He was an avid reader of literature and historical studies. In addition, he had an artistic side which he expressed through his paintings.

He leaves behind his wife, Mary, sons Edward N. Gauthier, David G. Gauthier and his wife Susan, granddaughter Nicole, his sister Amy Mullervy and husband Miles, and nephews and nieces.

Donations in his memory may be made to West View Nursing Home, Activities Department, Attn: Matt Cooper, 239 Legris Ave, West Warwick, RI, 02893. ♦



DR. YOUSSEF HABIB GEORGY ("Gorgi"), 96, of Providence, passed away on May 26, 2025. Born on July 6, 1928, in Cairo, Egypt, he is survived by his sons, Habib Y. Gorgi, and his wife Susan of Providence, and Michael Y. Georgy of Dubai, as well as his six beloved grandchildren. He was predeceased

by his beloved wife Bouva, whom he was married to for 65 years.

A devoted physician, he began his distinguished medical career in Egypt in the early 50s. In January of 1967, he and his wife immigrated to the United States with their two young sons. They made their home in Providence, where he had to restart his medical career as an intern at Miriam Hospital. He then joined Rhode Island Hospital where he completed his residency and fellowship in internal medicine and cardiology.

He and his family eventually moved to Cumberland, where he established his medical practice. He served generations of patients with unwavering dedication, continuing to care for others until the age of 90 – a testament to his extraordinary work ethic and deep sense of purpose.

His proudest role was that of a father and grandfather ("Geddo"). His family was his greatest joy and lifelong motivation. He

offered his love unconditionally, his support unwaveringly, and his wisdom freely. His legacy of respect, humility, warmth, humor, and resilience lives on in his children and grandchildren.

Dr. Georgy lived a life defined by his faith, compassion, dedication, and love. His was a life well lived, and his memory will be forever treasured by all who knew him.

Donations may be made in his memory to St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI, 02906. Condolences may be left at monahandrabblesherman.com. ❖



VINCENT F. GEREMIA, Jr., MD,

88, of Bristol, RI died unexpectedly Sunday, June 22nd. He was the loving husband of Brenda A. Geremia.

He graduated from Cranston High School in 1955, Brown University in 1959, and Yale Medical School in 1963. Dr. Geremia was a Vietnam veteran, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the Newport Naval Hospital after his tour in Vietnam. He was a well-known and highly respected anesthesiologist for over 30 years, working at Truesdale Hospital and later as the Chief of Anesthesia at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, MA.

Dr. Geremia was a 54-year resident of Bristol, RI, a member of Bristol Rotary, and a long-time volunteer at Rogers Free Library where he built many of the props for the children's program.

In addition to being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he was a kindhearted man to all who knew him including his family, friends, and neighbors.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two sons, Timothy Geremia (Mary Lynn) of Wakefield, and Matthew Geremia (Christine) of Lake Worth, FL, and his three granddaughters Allison Geremia of Savannah, GA, Kasey Feijo (Jordan) of Bristol, RI, and Alexandra Geremia of Wakefield, RI. He is also survived by his sister, Norma Paliotti of Cranston, RI, and his brother, Robert Geremia (Eileen) of Altoona, FL.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or Friends of Rogers Free Library. ❖



JOHN W. HAYES, MD, 82, of East

Greenwich, passed peacefully on May 30, 2025, surrounded by his family. Born at home in Cranston, he was the son of the late Walter E. Hayes, MD, and Evelyn Hayes. He was married to his beloved wife, Charlotte, for 60 years. They began their journey together as teenagers, married as recent college graduates and returned to Rhode Island to build their legacy amongst family.



He often recounted the joys of his childhood at Bonnet Shores beach and preached the academic rigor of his favorite school, Classical High School. After Classical, he earned his undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Boston College and his medical degree from McGill University School of Medicine, where he achieved the distinction of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He was particularly proud of his service in the United States Navy, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander while stationed at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Following his honorable discharge from the United States Navy, he returned home and began his career in orthopedics under the tutelage of the late A.A. Savastano, MD. At the urging of his longtime friend and colleague, the late Paul Poirier, MD, he started his own practice in orthopedic surgery in Warwick, at Kent Hospital, where he earned the designation of Diplomate from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, and later served as the Chief of Orthopedics. During his time at Kent, Dr. Hayes served in various capacities at the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Kent County Medical Society, the Rhode Island Orthopedic Society, Kent Hospital's Board of Directors and Kent's parent entity, Care New England.

He took great pride in overcoming the perils of alcohol addiction and, over the last half of his life, Jack found purpose in his service to the Physicians Health Committee, where he helped scores of physicians and medical professionals overcome their own struggles with alcohol and addiction.

A long-time member of Warwick Country Club, Point Judith Country Club, and the Dunes Club, his perfect day began with a very early morning round of golf with his sons, followed by an afternoon parked in a beach chair on the sand alongside his wife, daughter, and a challenging crossword puzzle, before closing the day by manning the grille outside his favorite house in Narragansett – a full “Dr. Jack” day, indeed.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Hayes is survived by his children, Jack, Jr. and his wife, Bridget; his daughter, Suzanne and her husband, Chet Trossman, and his son, Steven and his wife, Julie, and his much-loved grandchildren. He also leaves behind a brother, Brian E. Hayes, of Virginia, and a sister-in-law, Anne Greason, of Narragansett.

To share memories and condolences, please visit: www.TheQuinnFuneralHome.com. ❖