

Obituaries



WILLIAM H. GRAFF, MD, 94, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2025. He attended Bowdoin College, where he played football and made lifelong friendships. At Cornell Medical School, he met the love of his life, Anne Patterson, a nursing student from Michigan. Bill and Anne were married in 1956, and they were happily married for 65 years.



After Cornell, he trained at the Dartmouth/Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, served in the Army Medical Corps, and was a teaching fellow at the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital before he relocated to Massachusetts to join the Truesdale Hospital and Clinic.

He was an attending at the Truesdale Hospital, where he became Chief of Medicine and Vice President of the Medical Staff, and then joined the Charlton Hospital. He made home visits, sat at bedsides, and eased the fears of many coping with terminal illness. He will be remembered for his dedication to his patients, his deep respect for his co-workers, and his ability to find hope in the everyday.

He is survived by his four children, Kathryn G. Low (Bill) of Bristol, Rhode Island; Timothy H. Graff (Mary Martin) of Barrington, New Hampshire; William R. Graff of Los Angeles, California, and Marjorie P. Graff of Bristol, Rhode Island, 10 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his wife, Anne, in 2021.

The family is grateful for the companionship and support he found at the Atria in Portsmouth after Anne's death, and for his caretakers over the last few months as his health declined. When asked in the last few weeks about the key to his longevity, he responded without hesitation: "Love!"

In his memory, donations can be made to the Southcoast Health Home Compassion Fund. For online tributes, please visit www.Waring-Sullivan.com. ❖



GEORGE "AL" KUROSE, MD, MBA, formerly of East Greenwich, RI, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, on October 30, 2025, at the age of 64. He faced his battle with pancreatic cancer with the same determination and grace that defined his remarkable life.

Dr. Kurose earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wesleyan University and his Doctor of Medicine from

Washington University School of Medicine, as well as an Executive Master of Business Administration from Yale University School of Management.

He dedicated the first 20 years of his career to his patients as an internal medicine physician with a private practice in East Providence. He was known for his dedication to his patients. In the latter half of his career, Dr. Kurose channeled his passion for clinical excellence into leadership, serving as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Coastal Medical. There, he drove the organization's evolution into an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) that was nationally recognized for its best-in-class performance on quality and cost.

His leadership continued at Lifespan as the Senior Vice President of Primary Care and Population Health. Most recently, he served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Nuvance Health Medical Practice. His expertise in value-based care and healthcare reform led him to testify before the U.S. Senate HELP and Budget Committees.

In addition to his professional roles, he was a unifying community leader. He served on the board of the Rhode Island Foundation, including a term as Board Chair. He also served as Co-Chair of the RI Cost Trend Steering Committee.

Integrity and honor defined his character. He embodied the values of empathy, mindfulness, presence, and hard work. He was raised in Norwalk, CT, where he met his loving wife, Sharon, with whom he had been married for 41 years. Together, they built a beautiful life in Rhode Island, characterized by adventure, love, and the joy of family as they raised their three children. As a father, he was compassionate, fair, and ever the teacher, guiding them through life with patience and wisdom. In addition to his wife, Sharon, he is survived by his three children, Ben Kurose and his fiancée, Samantha Browne-Walters, Alex Kurose and his wife, Heather Loring, Megan Kurose and her husband, Justin Culshaw, his brothers, Jim Kurose and Ned Kurose, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He loved spending his free time boating, gardening, and enjoying various outdoor activities and sports. He was known for his unwavering commitment to fitness, exemplified by his personal achievement as a two-time Ironman finisher.

The family requests that, in his memory, donations be made to a charitable fund established in his honor to carry forward his legacy of making a positive impact for patients in healthcare. Donations can be made to The G. Alan Kurose, MD Healthcare Impact Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation via the following link: www.rifoundation.org/gakurose