

Obituaries



EDWARD R. FELLER, MD, 80, of Providence, passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2026, at his residence. He was the devoted husband of the late Wendy (Levins) Feller, a beloved actress and member of the Rhode Island theater community. Their remarkable and vibrant relationship could light up a room.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, a son of the late Abraham and Emma "Ginny" (Tannenbaum) Feller, Dr. Feller had been a resident of Providence since 1978.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967 and his medical degree from New Jersey Medical School in 1973. He completed a residency in internal medicine in 1975 at McGill University Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and his fellowship in gastroenterology in 1977 at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Feller was Clinical Professor of Medical Science at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University for over 40 years. He previously served as Co-Director of the Community Health clerkship and as Director of the Division of Gastroenterology at The Miriam Hospital. He was Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Rhode Island Medical Journal from 2018 to 2021.

Throughout his career, Dr. Feller was passionate in his commitment to medical students and their education. He mentored generations of medical students who were devoted to him. He received the Faculty Award for Teaching on 14 occasions, and he was awarded the Senior Citation, Alpert Medical School of Brown University's highest honor seven times. Dr. Feller also authored or co-authored well over 100 journal articles, book chapters, and op-eds, the majority of which involved collaborations with medical students.

In his personal life, Dr. Feller was an avid ultramarathon runner, completing 50-mile and 100-mile races in the wilderness. He was also a connoisseur of the arts, with a deep appreciation for theater, music, and literature. Finally, he loved his family and his friends.

Dr. Feller is survived by his two children, Dr. Alexander Arthur Feller of Manhattan and Dr. Sophie Claire Feller of Los Angeles; his brother, Dr. Joseph Feller; his nephews, Dr. Ross Feller, Dr. Reid Feller, and Jonathan Shecter; and his niece, Jane Saul (Shecter). He also leaves behind his treasured companion, his Goldendoodle Oliver.

Funeral services for Dr. Feller were held on July 27, 2026, at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, with burial in Swan Point Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Dr. Feller's honor may be made to: the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Division of Advancement: <https://bbis.advancement.brown.edu/bbphenix/giving/biomed>

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CHARLES "BUD" BERNARD KAHN, MD, 87, passed away on June 29, 2026. He was the beloved husband of the late Susan (Segal) Kahn; they were married for almost 54 years before her passing in 2020.



He graduated from the University of Colorado for both undergraduate and medical school, where he was first in his medical school class. He completed his residency at the Brigham & Women's Hospital and fellowship at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Kahn served as a major in the Army and worked at the Joslin Clinic in Boston, before founding the state's largest diabetes and endocrinology practice. Over his 50-plus years of medical practice, he was a clinical professor at Brown University Medical School, the first physician elected chairman of The Miriam Hospital Board of Trustees, a member of the Lifespan Board of Trustees, President of the Rhode Island Medical Society, and volunteer and Physician of the Year at the Rhode Island Free Clinic. He also volunteered at the Moi University School of Medicine in Eldoret, Kenya, four times and served on the Board of Trustees at the Wheeler School.

He was an avid photographer, golfer, skier, runner and loved to travel. Most importantly, he was a beloved member of the community and an amazing husband, friend, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his son, Maxwell Kahn, and his wife Deborah Weinswig of New York, NY; his daughter, Sheri Kahn of Wellesley, MA; his sister, Susan Gersten; and his grandchildren, Ezra, Zahava, and Madeleine "Maddy" Kahn. He was predeceased by his sister, Vicki Ross.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Rhode Island Free Clinic, Development Office, 655 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907 or to Temple Emanu-El.

Arrangements are in the care of Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. For condolences, visit: www.sugarman-sinai.com ❖



JAMES F. PADBURY, MD, 78, passed away suddenly in June. He graduated from UCLA Medical School and completed an internship and chief residency at UCSF/Zuckerberg San Francisco General, and a pediatric residency at Boston Children's Hospital. He then joined Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he rose

to Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Neonatal Division. He joined Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School in 1995. Over the next 25 years, he served as pediatrician-in-chief at Women & Infants. Under his leadership, Women & Infants became a premier neonatal program and opened the nation's

largest single family room NICU in 2009—a model he championed as expanding neonatology mission from quality of life, with care tailored to each infant.

He held continuous National Institutes of Health funding for over 40 years and led major advances in our understanding of adrenergic receptor biology in the newborn, placental epigenetics, and the genomics of preterm birth. He chaired the Human Embryology and Developmental Study Section at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and as Principal Investigator of the NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) in

Perinatal Biology at Brown, where he helped many early career investigators launch independent research.

After leaving Brown and returning to California, he joined the Pediatric Faculty at UCSF.

He is survived by his wife Mary, and their four children: Morgan, wife Katie; Timothy, wife Marissa; Kate, husband Andrew, and Colin, wife Tabor, and five grandchildren, as well as many friends, colleagues and the families whose lives he touched.

His family will spread his ashes sailing to Catalina where he ran many marathons and raced his sailboat. ❖