

Obituaries



SALVATORE GUIDO AZZOLI, MD, FACS, born May 23, 1941 in Providence, RI, died peacefully on July 29, 2026 in Orleans, MA.

He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Geraldine Alma Palmieri, his three children Lora Ann (late husband James Feltham), Lynn Marie (husband Roland Desrochers), Christopher Gerard (wife Lisa Bienvenu), and ten beloved grandchildren.

A talented youth baseball player and student raised on, "the Hill" (Federal), he graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1959, earned his Bachelor of Arts from Providence College in 1963, and his MD from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, IL, in 1967.

Dr. Azzoli completed an internship in internal medicine at Saint Vincent's Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, residency in general surgery at Rhode Island Hospital, then served in the US Army (Major), 82nd Airborne, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC, from 1973-75.

Following Army service, he returned to his home state to begin private practice in general surgery, which he continued from 1975-2007. Before retirement, he served as medical director of the Wound Care Center at Our Lady of Fatima from 2007-2010. During practice, he served on the surgical staff at Saint Joseph's, Fatima, Roger Williams, and Rhode Island hospitals, with office hours in Cranston, and Bristol Medical Center.

A renowned surgeon and teacher, he is remembered by colleagues for his steady and gifted hands, and trusted capabilities during challenging vascular and gastrointestinal cases. He is remembered by patients and their families for his kindness, dedication, and meticulous peri-operative medical care. During his career, he served on the faculty at Brown Medical School, won numerous teaching awards, and trained a generation of young surgeons.

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PATRICIA I. CARELLA, MD, 85, of Norton, Mass., passed away on July 18, 2026. Dr. Carella's journey was marked by exceptional intellect, generosity, and lifelong learning. After graduating from Attleboro High School and the University of Rhode Island, her ambition to pursue medicine led her to Italy, where she earned her medical degree from the University of Bologna in 1972. She completed her internship at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, followed by an anesthesiology residency at The Miriam Hospital in Providence. She spent the entirety of her medical career as a cherished member of the Department of Anesthesiology at The Miriam until her retirement in 2006.



Over her decades of service, she touched the lives of countless physicians, nurses, staff, and patients with her clinical skill, calm presence, and dedication. She was a lifetime member of the American Medical Association (AMA).

Her faith was central to her life and she was a devout communicant of St. Mary's Church in Mansfield, Massachusetts. She is survived by her nephew, James Nowak, and his wife, Tracy of Sedona, Arizona, along with many cousins, colleagues, and dear friends, who will miss her quick wit, sharp mind, and generous heart.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Mary's Church, 330 Pratt Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048 or IN-SIGHT Vision Rehabilitation, 43 Jefferson Blvd #1, Warwick, RI 02888 or at <https://in-sight.org/>.

LEIGH ANNE HOHLSTEIN, PhD, 64, of Rumford, passed away on July 23, 2026 of ALS.

She was the daughter of the late Col. Robert P. Hohlstein, USAF (Ret) and Jeanette (Cave) Hohlstein.

She was born in Alabama and grew up in several parts of the US and Europe, but she lived in Rhode Island since 1989 and happily considered Rhode Island her home.

She received her BS from St. Lawrence University and her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Wayne State University.

She completed her internship at Brown University and was a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. For over 30 years, she was a clinical psychologist with a private practice on the East side of Providence specializing in the treatment of eating disorders.

She had many ways of finding joy. First and foremost was in her friends and family. She adored her children and parents, and the deep and lasting relationships she made with friends who she considered family.

She is survived by her mother Jeanette Hohlstein, and by her loving children Alyssa Stanio and her husband Stephen Stanio of College Park, MD, and Matthew Borden and his partner Ashley Sapiente of Woburn, MA. She is also survived by many other loving family members, and friends who were her chosen family.

Her family and friends would like to thank the ALS clinics at Massachusetts General Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital, HopeHealth Hospice, and the loving and wonderful medical providers in Vermont.

A memorial celebration of her remarkable life will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to a charity of your choice, HopeHealth Hospice (hopehealthco.org), or Compassion and Choices (compassionandchoices.org). ❖

