

Obituary



DAVID J. FORTUNATO, MD, aged 77, passed away peacefully on April 10, surrounded by his family. He leaves his loving wife of 46 years, Santa Ventimiglia, as well as his children Stephen, Giacomo and his wife, Allyssa Fortunato, and Laura, and her fiancé, David Johann. He is survived also by his brothers, Stephen and Chris. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Luca Ventimiglia and sister-in-law, Maria Ventimiglia.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1969 from Case Western Reserve University and his MD in 1975 from the University of Bologna (Italy). He completed his specialty training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at Brown University and The Miriam Hospital. He practiced cardiology for many years at The Miriam Hospital and St. Joseph Health Services where he also served as President of the Medical Staff. The most significant part of his service was his over 35 years of service as a cardiologist at the VA Medical Service in Providence, RI. He was

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at The Alpert Medical School of Brown University. His service was appreciated by his patients, his colleagues, and most importantly by the students and trainees who benefited from his dedication to teaching. He was recognized for his commitment to medical education with numerous awards, including the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award, the Distinguished Teacher Award, and the Phillips MD Mentorship Award.

He cherished the time spent with his family. He was passionate about tennis, and he enjoyed his outings on the golf course. He looked forward to ski vacations with his children. He enjoyed many years of dancing with his wife. He loved to travel and he valued the extended periods that he was able to spend in Italy, particularly in his adopted hometown of Merano where he enjoyed walks in the mountains with his wife and friends, hours of tennis on the red clay courts, and the beautiful views from the terrace of his home away from home.

Donations in his memory may be made to: <https://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org> ❖