

Obituaries



CHARLES FREDERICK JONES, MD, 95, of North Kingstown, died peacefully on September 20, 2025, surrounded by family. Born on April 18, 1930, in Northern Ireland, he was a graduate of Trinity College, University of Dublin, for pre-med studies and medical school, where he graduated in June 1957.

After graduation, he went directly to the United States, where he served a two-year residency at Graystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Morristown, NJ. He then began a residency in internal medicine at Bridgeport Hospital in Connecticut before transferring to Rhode Island, where he interned at Rhode Island Hospital. Later, he completed his fellowship in gastroenterology at the Lahey Clinic in Boston.

In 1963, he joined a group practice of internal medicine and gastroenterology in Cranston. After 20 years in practice, he took a position at Metropolitan Life Insurance, where he served as vice president and head medical director of their New England Offices, until his retirement in 1998.

He retired to spend more time with his family and engage in all his favorite activities. He spent his summers at the Dunes Club, where he was a founding member. He enjoyed the beach, tennis, dancing, and socializing with friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Janet M. Chase Jones (Jane), and his two daughters, Deirdre A. Jones and Heather L. Jones, and four grandchildren.

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THOMAS K. SHAHINIAN, MD, 85, of Carlisle, Massachusetts, formerly of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, died on October 20, 2025. He was born in Providence, and was a graduate of Providence College and continued his studies at the University of Bologna Medical School in Italy.

After returning home, he finished his surgical residency and became an attending physician at Rhode Island Hospital. He joined Surgical Group, Incorporated, where he would practice until his retirement in 2015.

He helped to train a generation of young surgeons at Rhode Island Hospital, teaching them not only superb technical skills, but about medicine as an art, and how to be a compassionate caregiver. He had high standards, and led by example.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 58 years, Ann Gail Shahinian (Scacciotti). He was the cherished father of Bethany Ann Richman (Michael Richman) and Karen Ann Shahinian, and devoted grandfather of Samuel Thomas, Lily Ann, Jack Thomas, and William Thomas. He is also survived by his sister, Sylvia Dulgarian.

In recognition of his dedication to learning and faith, contributions to honor his memory may be made to Our Lady of Mercy School, 55 Fourth Avenue, East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818, or to The Sisters of Mercy, 15 Highland View Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864.

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CONRAD WILLIAM WESSELHOEFT, MD, a distinguished pediatric surgeon, passed away peacefully of natural causes on September 28, 2025, at the age of 92.

Born in Amesbury, Massachusetts, he graduated summa cum laude from Dartmouth College in 1955 and earned his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine. After completing his medical residencies, he served as a surgeon in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. Upon returning to civilian life, he began his decades-long career in pediatric surgery, becoming a foundational figure at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence. Known for his surgical excellence, compassion, and quiet leadership, Dr. Wesselhoeft helped shape the care of countless young patients and mentored generations of physicians.



Outside the operating room, he was a man of broad interests. He was a devoted wine collector, an enthusiastic tennis player, an avid gardener, and a distinguished member of the Flying Physicians Association, a nationwide community of physician-pilots united by a shared passion for medicine and aviation.

Dr. Wesselhoeft was predeceased by his beloved wife, Patricia Frances Wesselhoeft. He is survived by his brother, Karl Wesselhoeft; his four children: LeeAnn Ablin (Jack), Karen Caesar, Suzanne Wesselhoeft (William Andreoni), and Conrad William Wesselhoeft, III; his six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Donations may be made in his memory to Hasbro Children's Hospital or to a children's health organization of your choice. ❖