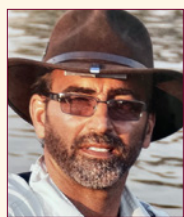


Obituaries



DAVID CARPENTIER, MD, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2026, surrounded by his children. He was born in Rhode Island on June 7, 1954, to Mary Carpentier and the late Peter A. Carpentier.

After graduating from the University of Rhode Island, he attended the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine in Mexico and subsequently transferred to and graduated from Brown University School of Medicine. Thereafter he traveled to New York to begin residency in Emergency Medicine at Long Island Jewish Medical Centre and upon completion became the Assistant Director of the Emergency Department at Queens Hospital Center. Eventually, Rhode Island called him home where, after some years of practice in the Emergency Departments of Newport and Fatima hospitals, he established an Urgent Care Center: Cranston Medical, Inc. in his childhood city of Cranston where nearly all of Cranston came to be treated by Dr. C or Dr. Dave as he was often referred to, or to simply socialize.

He loved golfing, kayaking, sailing, music of all genres, and capturing the beauty of the world and its people through photographs. But most of all he loved shooting clays at Addieville and fly-fishing along Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut rivers.

He is survived by his son, Blake Carpentier, and his wife, Marisa; his granddaughter, Wren Carmen Carpentier; his daughter, Taylor Carpentier; and the mother of his children, Dr. Dawna A. Blake. He is also survived by longtime partner Patty Allison Fairweather, and her children and grandchildren. He leaves behind his beloved mother, Mary Carpentier, and his brothers Peter J. Carpentier, and his wife, Brenda; Paul Carpentier and his husband, Dennis DelSignore; and his sister, Sharon Carpentier. He also leaves behind his niece, Dr. Bianca Carpentier, her husband, James Wheeler, and his grandnieces, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is remembered most fondly not simply for what he accomplished, but for the life he shared with those around him. He cherished his family and kept friendships that spanned decades. Although our hearts ache feeling the presence of his absence and the absence of his presence, we rejoice in the memory of him, his stories, his lessons, and his laughter.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the healthcare providers, especially the nurses, as well as case managers, support and janitorial staff of the Brigham and Women's Hospital for their dedication to serving David's needs.

In his memory, please send donations in his name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org>) or the Mayfly Project (<https://themayflyproject.com>). ♦



CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ERSTLING, MD, born November 1, 1947, died October 9, 2026 at the John Clarke Nursing Center in Middletown, RI.

He was born in New York City and moved to New Jersey with his family, where he graduated from Bergen Catholic High School as a national merit scholar and senior class president. He graduated from Seton Hall University in 1969 and from the New Jersey College of Medicine in 1973.

Dr. Erstling completed his internship at the University of Pittsburgh and embarked on a career in psychiatry, practicing at Western Psych at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Shadyside Hospital, as well as in private practice. He was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Institute, president of the Pittsburgh Psychiatric Society, and a member of the University Club of Pittsburgh.

In 1994, he and his family moved to Rhode Island, where the family had spent many summers. In Newport, he practiced at the Newport Mental Health Center, and later at Newport Hospital, where he served as Chief of Psychiatry. He also practiced at Butler Hospital in Providence and taught courses at Brown University. He finished his illustrious career proudly serving American veterans as a psychiatrist at the Middletown VA Clinic.

In his free time, he read voraciously, sailed his cat boat on the Sakonnet River, listened to jazz and played the stand-up base, and supported local visual artists.

He will be remembered for his professional accomplishments and his impact on his community, but most of all, for his steadfast support of his family, providing an environment where they could thrive, achieve, and enjoy all the opportunities life would offer.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Dr. Susan Erstling of Newport, loving daughters Emily Erstling of New York City and Kate Erstling of Hampton Falls, NH, and son-in-law Timothy Frazier and grandson Wiley Frazier, also of Hampton Falls, in addition to many other family members and a community of peers and people whom he has helped find peace and recovery over the years.

Donations in his memory may be sent to John Clarke Senior Living, 600 Valley Rd., Middletown, RI 02842, johnclarkeseniorgiving.org.

Arrangements are by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home. For online tributes, please visit oneillhayes.com.



DAVID J. LUZ, MD, 83, a humble, well-respected surgeon for over 40 dedicated years at Kent Hospital, passed away with his loving family beside him, on October 1, 2026 at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Beverly E. (Smith) Luz for 48 years, the loving father of Sarah E.

Luz and her husband, Daniel Neal, and the adoring grandfather of Zoe E. Neal.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Mary (Ray) Luz. He graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1961. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree

in biology from Providence College. He graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Bologna, Italy, in 1975.

Family and friends considered him to be a Renaissance man with many varied interests: woodworking, world history, archaeology, cooking, landscaping, drawing, painting, boating, and fishing. He also loved to travel, counting Hawaii among his favorite places. He found great solace in nature, including the neighborhood birds and animals.

Memorial donations to Habitat for Humanity-West Bay (www.habitatwestbay.org) or Foster Forward (www.fosterforward.net) would be appreciated. Arrangements are with Iannotti Funeral Home, Coventry, RI, iannottifh.com. ❖