



## Ralph L. Cavalieri

August 2, 1947 - July 6, 2017

Ralph Liebe Cavalieri, M.D., Ph.D., a loving husband, father, brother and friend, peacefully passed away at Greenwich Hospital on July 6, 2017 with his family and loved ones at his side. A longtime resident of Riverside, CT, Ralph was born in New York City on August 2, 1947 to the late Dr. Liebe Cavalieri and the late Doris K. Norton. He was 69 years old at the time of his passing. Dr. Cavalieri graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S, and from Case Western University with an M.D. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry. He completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Cavalieri was a board certified Ob-Gyn and a fellow in maternal fetal medicine. During his career he served on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is regarded as a pioneer in his profession – most notably for his research examining the roles of glucose and surfactants in fetal pulmonary maturation. After leaving academia in the late 1980s Dr. Cavalieri joined a private practice in Greenwich, CT where he delivered thousands of babies and touched countless lives in doing so. Dr. Cavalieri was an avid and lifelong sailor. His mother gave him his first sailboat – a “Sneakbox” – which he had raced as a child on Barnegat Bay during summer vacations with his family at Beach Haven, NJ. As a member of the Old Greenwich Yacht Club he participated as often as possible in the Newport to Bermuda race, as well as many local regattas. When not on the water, Ralph enjoyed cooking for his

family, drawing inspiration from his lasting memories of his grandmother's Italian kitchen. He was known for his sense of humor, his passion for life and for his generous spirit. Dr. Cavalieri will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him. Ralph is survived by his beloved wife; Mary, and their children; Michael, Christopher and Michelle Cavalieri. He is also survived by his children from his first wife, Susan; Sandra Poulter (Ben), Adrian Cavalieri (Laura), Madeline Precht (Andrew), five grandchildren; Beza, Alice, Oliver, Julian and Christian, sisters; Claudia Kellogg and Francesca Cavalieri, step-mother; Barbara Rosenberg Cavalieri, and five nieces and nephews. Ralph's family will be receiving the sympathy of friends and family on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 10:30am to 12pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. A memorial service will begin promptly at 11am. Contributions in Ralph's memory may be made to: Connecticut Fund for the Environment/ Save the Sound at [www.ctenvironment.org](http://www.ctenvironment.org) or the Greenwich Hospital Palliative Care Unit at <https://giving.greenhosp.org/fund> - please specify "Palliative Care". The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a message of condolence for the family you may visit the online guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of of his passing today in 2025. Eight years too late. Dr.C delivered all three of my children. Type 1 Diabetic (all high risk.). My daughter (1992), then boy/girl TWINS (1995) and now I'm a grandmother and I owe it all to Dr. C!! May God bless him for eternity. My hero ❤️

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**Leanne Triunfo** - December 19, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I saw Dr. Ralph's name listed in Spring/Summer 2018 issue of CWRU "THINK" magazine. As an undergrad student at Cleveland CWRU, during January 1974 "Intercession", I held a job "tailing" medical students as part of a research project conducted by a medical school faculty member. The purpose was to see how med students spent each 15 minutes of their training days on clinical clerkships.

Ralph was doing a psychiatry rotation at Cleveland Psychiatric Institute. For 2 weeks, I was assigned to follow Ralph. Even after all of these years, I can vividly recall his kindness to everyone.

I can specifically recall one incident, standing in the hospital cafeteria line and attempting to buy just the dessert (since I had my brown bag lunch); Ralph told me that one could not buy just an entree such as a dessert, but one needed to buy the full meal. So after he purchased his meal, he gave me his dessert!!!

This was typical of the way that he interacted with his patients. He was sweet, patient, gentle, kind and respectful. Even after all of these years, I can recall these weeks that I spent with him and am blessed to have known him.

I will keep Ralph in my prayers and send heartfelt condolences to his family & friends. God bless all of you.

Cathy



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Idontwann Doit - May 16, 2018 at 02:02 PM

LC

“ Our dear Mary, Michael, Christopher & Michelle, We were quite shaken by the sad news of Ralph's passing, having heard one day that he was in the hospital then in a day or two that he was gone! Please accept our prayerful condolences and know that we share in your sorrow over this big loss. We will cherish the moments we spent together at Aunt Cornelia's home in Ocala when she was still alive, raking the leaves from her yard and roof. Ralph was such a nice cousin to us, always keeping in touch and sharing stories about family. He will be sorely missed! Love & prayers, Lee, Aurora, Vincent & Jay Cavalieri

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**Lee Cavalieri** - September 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Mary, Rosanna and I were so sad to hear about Ralph's passing. It was always a pleasure to share a few words on a windy day. All our best Richard (Dumbledore)

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**richard simons** - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ What sadness I feel having just learned of this news after returning from a concert tour in Bulgaria and Greece. I am so very grateful for his special caring, kindness to me as well as our patients in the OR where I was privileged to work with him. He was such a fine gentleman and excellent surgeon. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers for his family and all of us who loved him.

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**Sue Williams Grele** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Alan and I will always remember my cousin Ralph and his many weekend visits to our home while he was at the Univ. of Penna. The loan of his precious "Sailfish" which he made when he was a teenager is a fond memory. I will miss my very dear cousin Ralph.

Jacqueline Borkenhagen - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Ralph at Old Greenwich Yacht Club. Our condolences to the family - Susan Ryan

July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My condolences to the Cavalieri Family may Dr Cavalieri rest in peace with sincere sympathy

Barbara Fortunato - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary and family, We were so saddened to hear of Ralph's passing and wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. We will always remember Ralph's kindness and friendship. Helene & Jeff

July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To Mary and the children,Ralph was an excellent and caring doctor. I knew him as a gentleman and a fun-loving guy. He cared for his patients and they all loved him. It was my distinct pleasure to work with him all the years of our association in practice. There are many memories that I will carry with me. Jan and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad period.

Dr - July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Cavalieri Family, Dr. Cavalieri delivered my three children 25 years ago. He was a kind, sensitive and soft-spoken gentleman. I will always remember his excitement and genuine happiness for my husband and I after struggling to have children for years. May you all find peace in each other's arms as you remember his life and cherish the wonderful memories. Donna Ambrogio

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July 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family, We are so terribly sorry to hear the news of Dr. Cavalieri's passing. He delivered our third child 27 years ago, and we remember him as a wonderful doctor and a very caring man. Please know that as you go through this very difficult time, he will never be forgotten. We are thinking of you all. The Cooper Family

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**Leslie Cooper** - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mary and all of Ralph's family: I offer my sincere condolences for Ralph's passing. I have fond memories from his days at Stamford Yacht Club. Our friendship there founded in sailing led to Ralph providing consulting services for me in my professional life. His expertise was invaluable for that particular project. Although I missed seeing him at SYC, I would always smile when I would occasionally hear his voice over the VHF as he sailed Diazepam nearby. I wish you all well during this difficult time. Alex Russell

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July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Mary & Children, I so much appreciated the polite, soft spoken, humble, experience and intelligence of your husband, and father, respectively, whom I had gotten to know after working together for many months in an OB/GYN malpractice case. The jury felt the same way as expressed in a favorable verdict. I felt lucky to have shared these qualities for a short time, and realize the magnitude of your loss having him as your husband, Mary, and as your father, Michael, Christopher & Michelle. My sincere condolences. I wish to thank his good friend and sailing mate, Peter Mutino, for having introduced me to such a great, kind soul.

Richard Scanlan - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Mary, My heart goes out to you Micheal, Christopher and Michelle. Our deepest condolences. Ralph was such a great man and we will miss him. All our love, May, Mike and Nina

May Briggs - July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Deepest sympathies to Mary and the entire family of Ralph. Your loss impacts so many in the community as well. We are saddened and hope your memories can help you as you grieve. Respectfully, Patrica and Jerry Schachner

July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary, my deepest condolences to you and your family. so sorry for your loss. love peggy yantorno

July 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM