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CHAN MEDICAL SCHOOL

Anatomical Gift Donors Memorial Service

May 20th 2023

Live Stream 11:00 am



Program



Hosted by Dr. Hari Kirin Khalsa

Welcome Remarks:

Dr. Anthony Wilson

Tribute:

Dr. Hari Kirin Khalsa

Musical Performance:

Carolyn Cooper UMass Amherst

Reading:

Heather Strom Tessier

Recitation of Names:

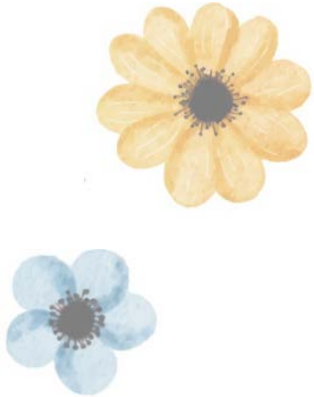
Read by Michelle Muchnik, Amarylis
Martinez, Arianna Taft

Moment of Silence

Musical Performance:

A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes
Performed by Dee Dee Cole





Presentation of Gift:

Dalilah Rain
Anatomical Gift Program

Musical Performance:

Homeward Bound written by Marta Keen Performed by
Dr. Alexandra Wink
Assistant Professor of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine

Reading:

When I Must Leave You by Helen Steiner Rice
Read by Carla Dawe

Musical Performance:

The Hip Swayers

Military Honors:

Aaron Mizen
Gunnery Sergeant United States Marine Corps

Anatomical Gift Program

Closing Remarks:

Dr. Yasmin Carter
Associate Professor of Radiology and Nuclear
Medicine



To Our Greatest Teachers

In memory of all of those who have donated their bodies, the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School has planted a tree in memory of each donor in a US national forest. We hope that this can serve as a reminder of the path of growth and resilience each donor has helped cultivate within all they have helped during their time with us.

In the following pages, we honor their memory by sharing their reason for donating and a selection of photos and remembrances that their families have contributed.





Irene A



"So I can help the students learn. They need this, as nobody seems to donate anymore."

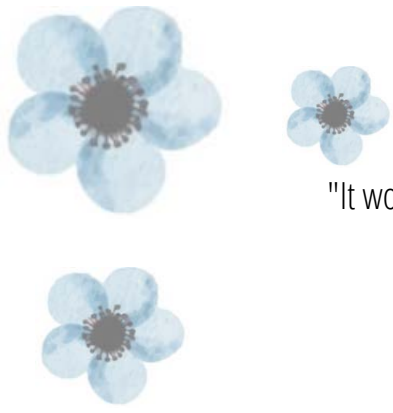
Barbara A

"It means hopefully helping future doctors to learn and perhaps be of help in the future for any diseases."

Paul A

"It will be a benefit to others."





Doris B

"It would give me great pleasure to have doctors learn how to treat people and know I made a difference."

Merton B

"I have been a teacher most all of my life, why stop?"

Jacqueline B

Jacqueline was born into this world April 10, 1931 - Fitchburg MA she departed this world at 91 10-23-22 Fitchburg MA. Jackie was a vivacious strong beautiful woman driven by her golden heart. Happy to be alive viewing life in a positive light until she died. Jackie was not a conventional person or ordinary girl, a zesty personality with a sharp quick, smart mind. A compassionate nature she loved everyone with a childlike innocence, understanding other with sensitivity - arms always open giving hugs of love. She loved to travel, dance, play games, play cards. She played to win - but mostly for fun. She married her beloved husband Roland her one and only love at 19 years old, they delivered 6 children into this world 4 sons; David, Daniel, Donald and 2 daughters; Donna, Diane 11 grand children and 12 great grand children. A very proud mother and grand mother - her greatest joy. She worked as a LPN, a certified mediator in Fitchburg Courthouse and volunteered in a medical womens practice- medical records. Her heartbreak and sorrow was equal to her joy. She set her goals and made dreams come true. She was a warrior of love. Her many crisis and tragedies she met with constant fortitude, perseverance, resilience. She picked herself up whenever she fell. She never gave up or quit on herself, was always there for everyone she loved with her brightest shining smile. She cherished the gift of her life. Always grateful when alive.



Carol B



"I donate my body to help the students with their medical education. I feel if i can help with research or improving science with my donation then it will be a good service."

Bernard B

"To help up and coming doctors to learn."

Richard & Janet B

"Will give survivors time to arrange a memorial service, will give medical students an opportunity to study anatomy and a more meaningful way than looking at pictures or reading about it."

"It's a trite expression but, I would like to give back."

Fred B

"Fran T. and I have been together for almost 30 years we discovered this issue years ago and decided this was what we both wanted. Hopefully our donations will do some good."

Mary B

"As I survived two forms of cancer, colon and melanoma, I want science to understand why god gave me my life back, and I want science to discover how they can help others to live successfully."





Muriel B

She was born in November 1937. Her education ended in 8th grade but she always wanted to continue her studies. She worked the 3rd shift at Texas Instruments while she raised 3 children on her own. She was forever trying to help the medical community in any way she could. She signed up for countless test studies, the last was for the drug Lyrica. She was very excited to be a part of that particular one because she suffered from neuropathy in her feet. She was among the subjects who received the actual drug, not the placebo, and it worked wonders for her! She was so excited when she learned about the Anatomical Gift program because she "...was finally going to college!!" She is sorely missed by her family as she was always a loving ray of light. We all thank you for giving her the opportunity to help the future doctors of this world.



Dorothy B

Ronald B

Faye B



Elizabeth B

"A friend who chose the Anatomical Gift Program for his wife was impressed by the gratitude and respect shown to them. I like the thought of my body being helpful to students in the same way."

Richard B

"I had never considered such a thing until i was diagnosed with pecoma as so few people in or outside the medical field know about this very rare cancer I thought it was worthwhile to donate my body for study. Cause progress toward or anything that may increase the treatment and one day perhaps the cure for this rare disease."





Donald C

"I believe it's a worthwhile thing to do."

Michael C

Dr. Michael C. -1921-2022-was a longtime resident of Pittsfield MA. He earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan where he met Mary June S. The couple were married following Mike's service as a Naval ship's doctor during the Korean War. Mike and Mary June settled in Pittsfield to start his ophthalmology practice and raise their family of 6 children. He dedicated his life serving the needs of his family and patients, working until he was 80! In his free time Mike enjoyed a tennis, golf, skiing and travel. He was a life long learner and all around curious guy. Friends and family also remember him for his quick wit and sense of humor. "Poppy" was always game to share in the fun and silliness of his 5 grandchildren. In gratitude for his many blessings, Mike committed to giving back in his later years which led to the donation of his body to assist Medical students in their research and studies.



Cynthia C

"Being a body donor means to me that or hopefully that you might detect why a person like me has such difficulty losing weight and keeping it off. I take many medications for many years for high blood pressure, AFIB, osteo arthritis, high cholesterol, insulin resistance. I believe the majority of my health problems stem from my fluctuating weight - solve that problem then maybe people like me wouldn't have the health problems."

Lorraine C

Catherine C

"I have given to others all my life. When I pass a grave yard, I think, what a waste! If my body can help someone become active in the medical field I will be honored."

Diane C

"My younger brother desperately needed a liver transplant as a result he passed away before a donor could be found. I talked to many physicians about the great need for organ donors. I also learned about the Anatomical Gift Program. I believe perhaps, my body would be more served in the learning community."



Francisco C

"I'd like to help medicine, maybe can find a cure for diabetes."

Frances C

"My bones and muscles work pretty well, I walk 3-5 miles a day just doing my errands. I live alone am a vegan and a peace justice environmental activist."

Christene C

"I was the first medical school bursar more than 25 years ago and I decided at that time that I wanted to donate my body to th medical students. Additionally since I have scoliosis I thought this would give them the opportunity to explore the possible causes of my condition. That is my gift to them."



Marie C

"Being a Buddhist, being a body donor is my last change to acquire good karma prior to going to another reality. Since my life has been one of gathering positive karma being a body donor seems natural to me. Greeting to my beloved Guru."



Esther D

Esther Davidson lived a long healthy life for 103 years. She was a loving mother, sister, wife and grandmother. Esther accepted everyone and saw the good in everything. She was an eternal optimist, full of hope and an accomplished artist. Esther had an inquisitive mind and was interested in people, world history and politics. She always knew that she would donate her body to science and was grateful to have been a part in the Anatomical Gift Program.



Jeanne D

"All my life I have done a great deal of volunteering, I saw five years of war, I saw first hand how many lives were saved by medics and U.S army doctors. I have always had a great level of respect for nurse and doctors and feel that my body might help a young lady or young man learn something that might benefit future opportunities."

Nina D

"It means everything to me, if I help just one person, maybe to be that doctor that cures cancer, or Alzheimers or changes a sick child's life. The body given to me can give something back, it is body that was well lived. PS pay it forward, it is important!"



Jeff D

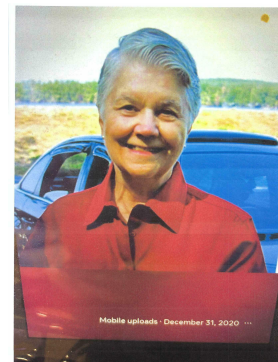
Joyce D

Betty Ann D



Lorraine D

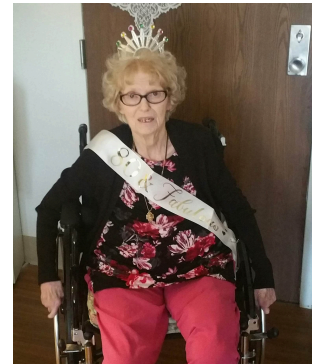
Lorraine was born in 1933 at her family home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the oldest of 3 girls. She got married at the very young age of 18, and had 4 children in quick succession. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last and she was divorced by the time she was 31, at which point she pretty much became a single parent to her 4 young children. Her interests were reading, listening to the opera, and going to the theater. Lorraine felt it was important to “give back”, so when her youngest child left home to live on her own Lorraine decided it was time to start doing some volunteering in her own areas of interest. She first chose Rosie’s Place; which was a Boston shelter for women who were homeless. She took great satisfaction in supporting and encouraging these women. While at Rose’s, another volunteer asked her to come to volunteer at a different organization; which was then called “The Monday Night Dinner”. This group provided dinner for people who were living with HIV and AIDS. This group evolved into “The Boston Living Center” and is now called Victory Programs. This same organization is still helping individuals with housing, recovery and prevention. Lorraine volunteered at the Living Center for about 17 years. She was given several awards for her activism and volunteering. In 1996, she received an award from the Mass Bay United Way Fund titled the “Adult Champion for Change” award. In 2004 she was given the “Outstanding Volunteer Award” for her work with the “Boston Living Center” and the award was presented to her by the then Mayor of Boston, Mayor Menino. Lorraine had informed her family that she wished to donate her body to science upon her death, and had chosen Harvard Medical School due to her connection to Cambridge and the Boston area. However, when she passed away in December of 2020, Harvard Medical was not accepting anatomical gifts due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, so they referred her family to UMass Medical. It actually was an incredibly appropriate choice that she went there because the year prior to her death, her son had died there unexpectedly at the age of 64. He also gave back upon his passing, as he was an organ donor and many people benefited from his untimely passing. We are so pleased that we were able to respect their wishes by ensuring her body and his organs were donated to science. Lorraine’s family misses her every day!





Elizabeth D

"I think it is an excellent teaching program science and research study. I have rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, degenerative spine discs, I also have thyroid conditions as do my siblings but one. My other problem was pregnancy I am hoping something can be found to help future generations."



Judson D

"I always wanted to go to medical school, lol. I want to help medical students and add to medical knowledge."

Geraldine D

"If I can help people by donating my body that will make me happy."



Edwin D

Lucille E

"I feel by doing this I will in some way help someone in the future."



Joseph E

"If there is a possibility that my body would assist in any way that would be helpful- that would be my reward."

Veronica E

"I worked as an RN for 48 years. In the 60's I worked at a hospital where there was an orthopedic surgeon, elderly who was loved by everyone who knew him. When he died his body was donated to research I was very impressed by this. It seemed a thoughtful thing to do. After much thought i decided in 21981 that I wanted to do this also. That is when i first applied to the Anatomical Gift Program. I am now 77 years old and still want to donate my body."

Edna E

"As a nurse with an advanced degree I'm aware of the importance of hands-on experience and of research."



Rosemarie E

"I will be helping science, my parents both did the same thing."



Faye E

"To help medical science! My mother and grandparents have done the same with their bodies."

George F

My dad Gus as he was known to family and friends, was a man who was so much to so many. I could write a book, however I'll keep it simple. He lived a full and complete life with my mom Carol, the love of his life, his soul mate. He helped her raise my brother and I and he loved us more than any man could have imagined. He loved and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren fiercely. His love was abundant for family, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews and he is missed by all every day. He blessed us in life and blessed others with his gift of leaving his body behind for the students of UMass. We thank you Dad, Gus, Pa and Uncle Gus. You will forever be in our hearts and our love for you will last forever.



Jane F

Jane is survived by Patricia, her daughter, and Makayla, her granddaughter. Jane, also known as Janie and sometime Zanie Janie was a warm light to all those around her. From battling polio at a young age, raising her siblings after her mother's young passing, and overcoming physical limitations, she inspired all. She was a role model that anything is possible with enough perseverance, creativity, and optimism. She was dedicated to continually learning, growing, and teaching those around her from a young age until her final days at 91. This is why participating in the Anatomical Gift program was so important to her. Even beyond her life with us, she wanted to give back to the young learners of the world. It has been an honor to see that dream become a reality for her, and I know she would want to thank everyone for their roles in allowing her to be a part of continued learning and growing. As Janie would say, 'Keep looking up, and God Bless.



Jean-Pierre F

"I was a professor of Biochemistry at UMass for 25 years and I want to continue to the advancement of medical science."

Justin F



Margaret F

"I personally feel the donation of my body will give a person an opportunity to learn a procedure or technique to help someone in the future."

Mary F

"My father did this and I want to follow his tradition."

Grace G

"I signed my donor card in 1983 I have always been a giver so I thought it was a good idea to give even after I passed away."

Marian G

Arthur G

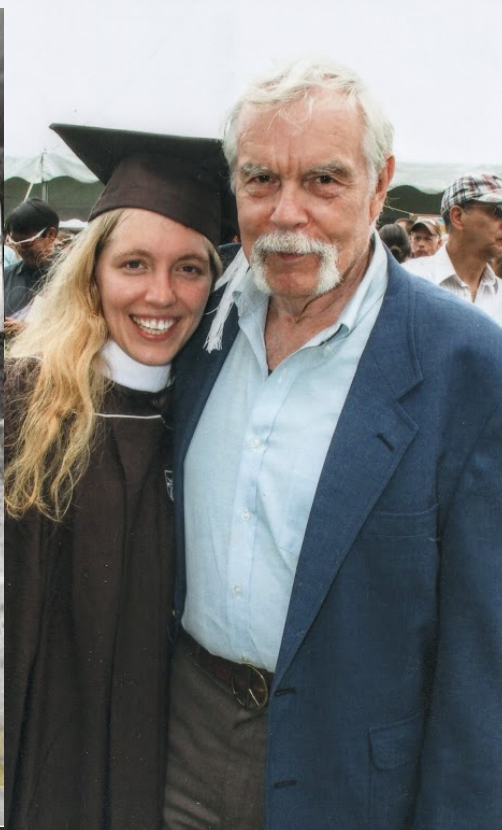


Marcel G

"By donating my body to science, I have hope that something positive will result from my death."



Roderick G



Marilyn H

"If I am excepted I feel as I am doing something good in my life."



Maureen H

"I was a kindergarten teacher for 37 years perhaps at the end of my life I can again help others who are begining to learn, not five years old this time but those who are learning to become doctors. One of my most beloved friends and her husband were donors, the memorial prgram was such a tribute to life and beyond rather than end with placing a body in the ground, but to continue one final contribution. I have had some wonderful doctors in my life time. My wish would be to help some fledglings to become as good."

Elizabeth H

My mother wanted to donate her body for years. She has had numerous health issues throughout her life most noticeably severe back pain for the last 40 years. She hopes that this donation can possibly spare someone else the pain that she has endured for so many decades.





Helen H



Theresa J

"As a non-religious person I feel my body is simply a body, it is not who I am. Use my body for study, research, teaching, and learning. It gives me great peace to know that donating my body can help and teach others -Thankyou"





Bradford J

"The fact that my body may in some way be a positive vehicle for research after I perish is important to me."



June J

"I have always been an organ donor, because of my age harvesting them is not an option. I have always wanted to do this and finally sat down and filled out this form. Hopefully I will be of some use in death to help future endeavors."

Harvey K

"Being useful after death, saving family funeral and cremation expense, my son Leslie teaches anatomy in cadaver labs and has related the value of anatomical gifting."

Richard K

"I have always been a donor giver with my license. Also reading the *scarcity of organs* decided this would be the best to do. Hopefully someone benefits."

Karen K

"I will still be useful after I die. I do not want to be buried in the ground, I do not want my children to be concerned with arrangements, I do not want to take up valuable real estate."



David K

David Kimball was a tall, powerful man . His skills were numerous from being an artist and singer of Country music to felling trees for firewood along with carpentry and so many more skills. He was better working hard at any job than sitting around conversing with others. He was a Marine from 1948 to 1952. He loved the Corps and was proud to serve.

He was a radio man for pilots aboard several carriers. The last six months he was with a helicopter division. David struggled with feelings and showing love until an orphaned very young kitten came into his life. Zeke was fed and cared for by David. He lived in his big warm hands and slept under his beard . He traveled with David and stayed by his side. David became a different person through this experience. He saw life in more loving and caring ways. He was still the tough hard working man but that sense of giving and loving from within that he couldn't feel or express surfaced and he was more at peace. My dear and wonderful husband, I love you and always will. Your soul has gone to God. Your spirit is here with me, the animals and your ashes are on the land. You gave your body to science to better the world. Sempre Fi my dear and precious man.

Elaine K

"I hope this is a help to all mankind. In the name of Jesus."

Rita K

"I was a teacher and I would be happy if future medical professionals could learn from my dead body."

Lorette K



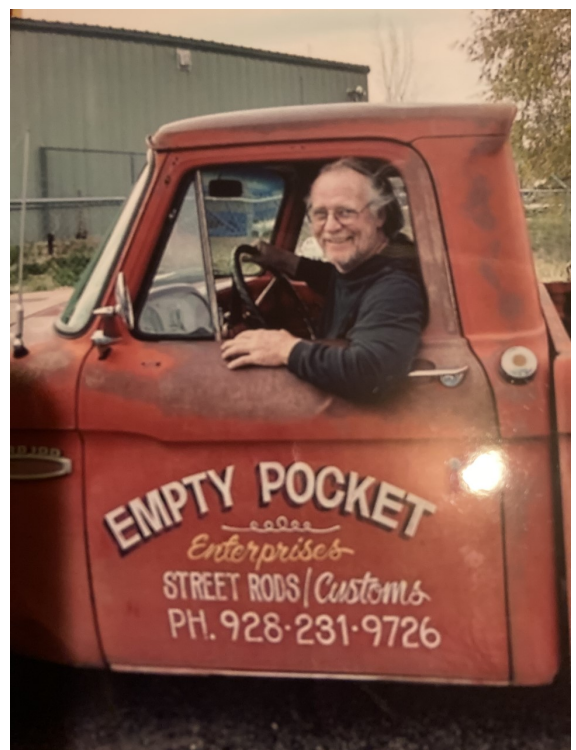


Helen K

I got the idea from my beloved mother, Bella K, who passed away in May of 2008. Though physically disabled, she made many contributions, writing poetry and stories, listening being creative and always wanting to be of service. Her mantra was "How can I help?" her final act of giving was to donate her body to UMass Medical in Worcester. Though I freaked out at first in time I came to see the tremendous wisdom of her gift. We would not have to go through the ordeal of arranging a funeral and burial. She was saving us thousands of dollars in unnecessary expense and why visit a plot of ground since she lives in my heart forever? I was very moved by this last gesture of hers and i decided that I too would follow her example. I hope that something could be learned from my medical circumstances that would be of benefit to the students. I am an artist who can no longer create the way I used to because of my MS. However it makes me happy to know that even this body has value to others after my death.

David L

Anatomical Gift Program, UMASS Chan Medical School and Students, We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving David the opportunity to fulfill his final wishes. As you all know David did two tours of duty in Viet Nam and as a result suffered from Agent Orange. He never complained about it or his medical problems that came with this. The only thing that concerned him was that as his health began to deteriorate that it all could not be in vain. David always spoke of donating his body to research so that maybe it would help, even just one person, after his passing. The closer his time drew near it was his only priority. We would like to thank all of you for being at the end of his road and helping him to travel further on through your research. He would be proud and ever so thankful to know you helped us fulfill his wish to not let it all be in vain. With our greatest gratitude to you all, The Family of David





Robert L

My dad, Bob Lambert, was my first hero and my forever hero. Patience was his biggest virtue no matter what the task or the project. Old fashioned, kind, respectful, strong, caring, dedicated, hardworking, resourceful and always a teacher are just some of the wonderful things he was and has spread to his legacy. He lived a very good life; he worked hard for everything and never complained. He was lucky to have two chances at love. His first with my mom who was the absolute love of his life who he would do anything for, his true soulmate on earth and for ever in heaven. He was then lucky to find a lovely companion to spend the last 20 years with who would show him how to have joy and adventure in his life again. He and everyone who knew him were truly blessed.



Jane L

"Hands on practice for medical students and possible reduction in possible funeral costs for family."



Jonathan L

"My turn. The prospect of my participating in your good works add special meaning to my remaining time alive and to my families continuing pride thereafter."



Donald L

"Giving my body to a medical school may help students to learn about the anatomy of the human body."



Thomas L

It was about 20 years ago that my husband Tom had a conversation with his primary care Dr. Bruce Weinstein who explained to him about the program at UMass Where he could donate his body. Tom immediately thought it was a great idea and went ahead with the necessary papers. Tom always felt secure with his decisions through the many years mainly because he never lost Dr. Weinstein as his primary care doctor. He often spoke of the trust, love, and friendship he had for him. The helmet on Tom in the photo was approved by Dr. Weinstein seeing he was a bike rider himself. This gave Tom the confidence to wear it as a protection against all the falls he endured due to his Parkinson's.



Corrine L

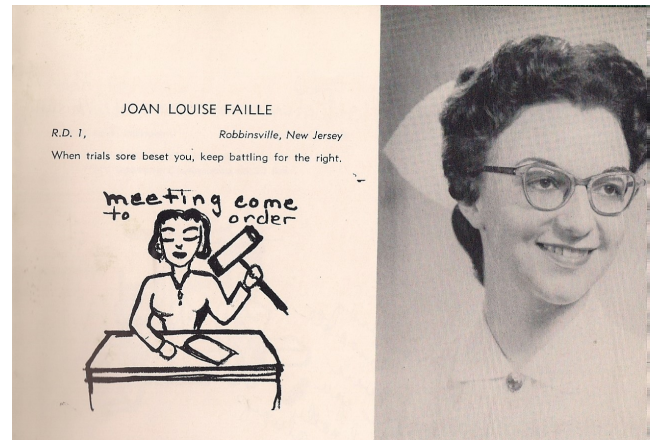
Corrine lived for her daughters Lorraine and Brenda. She loved: music, singing, taught herself to oil paint and especially loved making plastic canvas crafts. She was a firm believer and through her faith she passionately believed that charitable donations was a start of changing someone else's life for the better. She loved to show us about the importance of science through her weather tracking and being prepared. She never minded if someone had questions about her oxygen, she would take time to speak about why she needed it and what happened. We believe that she is still showing the medical field what it meant to be her and how to fix it for the next person. Her love lives on through the crafts she sowed with every loving stitch, and her memory lives on through all life's lessons she taught us.



Joan L



Joan played sports starting at the age of 8 and played every sport available to her, she came from a very poor family and grew up in NJ she was also far younger than her 5 siblings. Joan graduated HS 2nd in her class and President of the student government, she was voted most likely to succeed. Joan was too poor to afford college so she attended Rutgers diploma program which cost \$395 (3 years) and she graduated from their medical school program as a Nurse. Joan was devastated to unexpectedly lose her mother in her second year of Medical School. Joan Married John in 1955 and had 8 children from 1956-1966 (5 boys and 3girls). In 1976 with 8 children in school Joan went back to school, Boston University where she earned her BS. In 1980 She was accepted into Northeastern University's Nurse Practitioner Program and graduated as a NP, all while working and raising 8 children. Joan's children have all married and she has 25 grandchildren and currently 10 Great grandchildren *with more on the way. Joan is missed everyday, she is everyone's inspiration and if we can be half the mother/grandmother/wife she was we would be happy. Our mom's final gift was to donate her body to UMass, we are so happy that we could honor her last wish. She is missed everyday.





Judy M

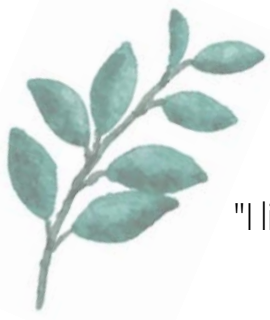


Susan M

Our Mom, Susie, loved to learn.

When she was 3 years old, her father died unexpectedly from an allergic reaction to penicillin; an event which most likely influenced her choice of professional education. In 1963, she graduated from Springfield Hospital School of Nursing with a RN degree. As the story goes, while there, she got strep throat which in turn damaged her pancreas. It was her classmates that help diagnose her with Type 1 Diabetes. Her innate ability to be objective and disciplined allowed her to live a full life, having 3 children, 7 grandchildren and a loving husband of over 55 years. She also became part of a select group of diabetics who participated in the Joslin Clinic 50-year research study. Susie had the gift of curiosity and inspiring others. At the time of her passing, she was very involved in her church, Congregation of Grace, serving on the benevolence committee and chairman of the missionary committee. She was also strategic in helping people prepare for new life, serving with Alternative Pregnancy Center, as well as helping others prepare for our next life journey, serving on the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Western MA. All who knew Susie understood her quest for knowledge and natural ability to help all those around her. Her final wish to donate her body to science was realized when on her passing she was accepted to UMASS Medical School in Worcester, MA, which brings us here today. Thank you for all you have learned and all we will continue to learn together.





Theresa M

"I like science and I want people to be able to learn so donating my body makes sense to me."

Catherine M

"My sister donated her body, it was the first I had thought of doing it. Everyone involved was very nice the students had a nice service for all that donated and bought a tree in their memory. The school sent out a nice letter of how helpful it was for the students to work on a body, and how much it helped them. It made me feel I was doing something good by donating my body."

Mary M

"I have enjoyed a long healthy life due in part to the advances in medical science. I feel that by donating my body to UMass Medical School, young doctors will be the benefices and better able to care for others."

Nancy M

"I wish to donate my body remains to UMass Medical School so as to assist medical students research in becoming medical doctors. Through this process their education may be facilitated and science progress for the cure of terminal illness' be expedited. To me becoming a doctor is very honorable and they should receive all assistance possible. I wish to help return the help given to me."





John M

"I donate my body so it may be beneficial to some Med students to become doctors of the future."

Gloria M

"As a nurse and nursing instructor I have always enjoyed teaching others how the body functions how keeping healthy and clean for ourselves and surroundings is important and imperative. As an anatomical donor others can learn by examining my body, it's pretty complete minus a few things, usual appendix, tonsils... When I initially made the request I didn't know what health issues I would encounter but my initial motive was education"

Charlotte M

Pauline M

"I will die happy about my decision in peace knowing that my final offering to this world will be the donation of my body. May the medical students gain knowledge, may it help them in their research. The advancement to scientific research, medical research, and education are the reasons why I have decided to donate my body."

Michael M



Everett M



Rose M

"When using part of my body to further education or to be used on a needy patient that will bring me great satisfaction"

Bradie M

"I have made my living waiting about the national institutes of health, I am very proud to have been apart of biomedical research through the National Institutes of Health. It is a fine and noble organization. I didn't have the education to be a biomedical researcher perhaps by donating my body to UMass Medical School I will be able to help teach some young person to become a fine doctor or a talented researcher. This is my way to continue supporting medical science."

Barbara M

"I like the idea of being useful even after I die. My father donated his body to Harvard Medical School and it was able to be used for 18 months. If only my body organs can be used to help extend their life. I have worked in the medical field all of my life and know how important it is to train doctors and medical personal in the most effective way, with real anatomy."





Jacqueline N

Marion O

"The use of my body for medical research once I'm finished with it fits with my religious beliefs."

Geraldine P

Geraldine "Geri" P believed very strongly in educating learners throughout her lifetime; from preschoolers to medical students and all the ages in between. She started her career in Queens, NY working for The Arc as a teaching assistant with differently abled students and it abruptly ended in a preschool classroom in the Fitchburg Public Schools upon her cancer diagnosis. However, it was no surprise to our family that our mother would continue educating others posthumously as an anatomical donor at UMass.

Shortly after moving to Massachusetts for her husband to pursue a career in teaching at Fitchburg State College, Geri would lose him to an aggressive form of non-smoker's lung cancer very quickly after his diagnosis. It was then, in 1982, that as a young widow and mother, Geri became familiar with anatomical donation and the teaching that one could continue to provide posthumously. She recognized the value for not only the future doctors, but for the masses also affected by the effects that cancer has taken on those impacted by this terrible disease. At the request of Dana-Farber Institute, Geri graciously approved of her husband's anatomical donation to Harvard Medical School which would provide researchers to study the effects of the experimental treatment he had received. A few decades later, Geri successfully convinced her aging parents the value they too could contribute to others. Geri convinced her parents as their final opportunity to volunteer to help others; with her father being an anatomical donor at University of Florida in 2009 and her mother being an anatomical donor right here at University of Massachusetts in 2011. There was no question that when Geri was diagnosed with terminal cancer, she too would choose to participate in the anatomical donor program as her final opportunity to serve and educate others.



Richard P

"Would help students with anatomy and help my wife out financially."



George P



George was a lifelong civil servant holding many roles in his community such as Commodore US Coast Guard Auxiliary 1NE, Deputy Chief Berlin Fire Department and Charter Member of the Berlin Rescue Squad to name just a few. He also spent decades as a high school teacher for biology, anatomy, and physiology, and as an EMT instructor in Central MA. His last wish was to continue contributing to the education of others after his passing, and his family are grateful that the UMASS Anatomical Gift Program was able to make this a reality.

Gordon P

Our Dad, Grandpa and Great Grandpa was so much fun. He loved a good joke or playing one on someone else. He taught us so much; he loved the outdoors and was active in conservation. He always made time for us. Whether it was something to do with cars, planes, boats or what bird was at the feeder. I don't ever remember not having a pet, he loved animals. And wildlife, he loved the ocean. Well into his 90's he would be riding to the beach on his scooter or sitting on the deck watching the birds or building something in his basement. From a pant stretcher to a bird house.

We miss him but he had a long wonderful life, a great marriage and so many adventures, he was loved and we knew he loved us, we couldn't ask for anything more. He always talked about donating his body and wanting other's to be able to learn from it, he would be so happy he was able to do that.





Francis P

"By donating my body it will help someone else."

Lloyd P

"The research gained from this donation will justify my decision to become this anatomical gift. I can only hope that students studying for a medical degree may acquire the necessary knowledge to accurately diagnose problems, then my decision will not have been in vain."



Susan P



Lillian P

Our mother, Lillian, mentioned many times that she wanted to donate her body to science. She lived a long, mostly healthy life. As she aged, and acquired minor health issues, she would always say "I have a lot of little things wrong with me, but if I sit still, nothing hurts. I think science would like to know how I made it so far." Lillian never learned to drive and attributed her overall health and longevity to the fact that she walked everywhere. She had a very long, happy life. She was married for 40 years, then widowed. She was blessed with 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. (A 6th great-grandchild was just born in April.) She loved her family unconditionally and delighted in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We are honored to have shared our mother, Lillian, with you.



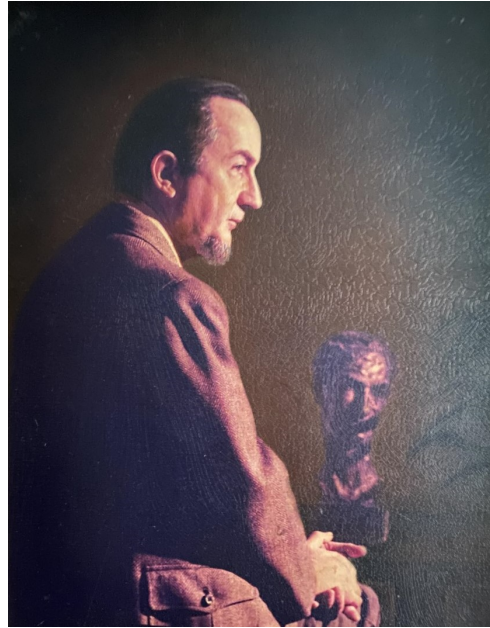
Diane P

"It means a lot. I am interested in helping aid the progress of science and medicine"

Claire R



Jerome R



Phyllis R

My mother was a registered nurse (RN) and very proud of it. She graduated from Memorial Hospital Nursing School in 1947 where she received an award of excellence on graduation. Prior to that she lived in Northboro, MA and went to high school there. Because Northboro High School did not have the courses she needed for nursing school, she took the bus to Worcester every day to attend Worcester High School for the required classes. After graduation, she worked at many area hospitals including Memorial Hospital, Worcester State Hospital, and Marlboro Hospital. In 1967, she became the school nurse at Algonquin Regional High School for 17 years. My mother was very proud about being an RN and took the role very seriously. To that end, she was part of the life long nursing study. In 2009, she and her husband became part of the Anatomical Gift Program because of her deep commitment to advancing the knowledge and research of medical science. My mother and father dated during her time at nursing school. One of my last memories of my father as he was nearing his end in a bed at UMass Memorial – Belmont Street was him trying to meet her on the steps of the Memorial Hospital Residence Hall for ice cream.





Cornelia R

"I was born on August 7, 1939 in New York City and attended Nightingale school in New York City from 1953 to 1957 and then Garrison Forest High School in Baltimore in 1957. I received my AB cum laude from Bryn Mawr, Cum Laude in 1961, and my MAT (Masters of Arts in teaching) from Columbia Teacher's College in 1967, the same year that I married Dr. Philippe Robart a veterinarian, and returned to Europe by boat during the 6-day war. After one and half years in rural Niger, we returned to France and settled in Brittany (western France). There my 3 children were born, Elisabeth, Abigail, Alexander, who are dual citizen and bicultural. I founded a translation company called « DES MOTS POUR LEDIRE », taught university-level English in departments of law and electrical engineering. After many visits around Europe I returned to the US to ensure my children received the cultural heritage of being an American and continued traveling across the five continents: Antartica yes, Australia: no; and have now resided in Somerville MA for many years. Music was always important to me: vital from folk guitar to chorale. I have been fortunate to keep my singing voice, from Alto to Tenor. I was a member of the Baha'i Faith and active in their local activities. My home has always included cats and I have supported wildlife charities as well as educational institutions throughout my life. I have been enriched by beautiful expressions of love and support. I am thankful for these and wish my survivors a wonderful life.

Much love, Corny / Cornelia"



Lawrence R

"It means to support scientific and medical research, so important in these questioning times."



Sandra R

"I had the experience of having both parents donate themselves to UMass and felt that the process was dignified and a lasting impression. My family also attended the services of both and are very accepting of my choice to become a donor. There is a need for donors to do medical research to its fullest for future disease and those of the present."



Frances R

Francis S

"So young doctors can learn by hands on practice to find out why my joints and muscles hurt so much, I have been in severe pain for 20 years and have not gotten a real reason why."



Ferdinand S

"UMass gave me a new life when the doctor and nurses cured me of leukemia in 1991/92. When I came across this program I realized this was my way to give back."

Frances S

"I have endured many physical maladies in my life time. I have battled rheumatic fever, I have had three silent heart attacks, and I am a cancer survivor. I have had open heart surgery to replace my mitral and aortic valves, I have an implanted AICD. By the grace of god and because of the wonderful doctors who have treated me I am still alive. If the medical profession can gain some knowledge that might help others by examining my body I want to donate it to science."

Marsha S

"My goal is to provide technique to others through the donation of my body."



Robert S

"This will be my last gift to god."

Jay S

Jay was born on March 30, 1961. He was able to read at age 3. He surprised his mom at the age of 4 by his extensive knowledge of dinosaurs and he began writing a book on them with a manual typewriter. At age 7 he told his mother he was reading the dictionary because he liked the etymology of words. He excelled in his studies, and he was passionate about sharing his knowledge. He went to UMass Chan Medical school and did his residency at the UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

He loved to teach as an intern and resident and was able to make very complex topics seem easy. He practiced gastroenterology at Consultants in Gastroenterology in Rhode Island and often was seen teaching students, residents, and fellows. He stated numerous times that teaching even after he died was very important to him and this desire propelled him to donate his body to the medical school to provide education even after his death. He was consistently enthusiastic about learning and teaching. Jay also valued living life to the fullest and had traveled to 44 countries and all 50 states by the time of his death. Friends and family often started conversations with him by asking where he had been last and where is he going next? He was and expert at living in the moment, connecting with family and friends, looking at the positive side of things when met with a challenge and being passionately kind to others in all situations.

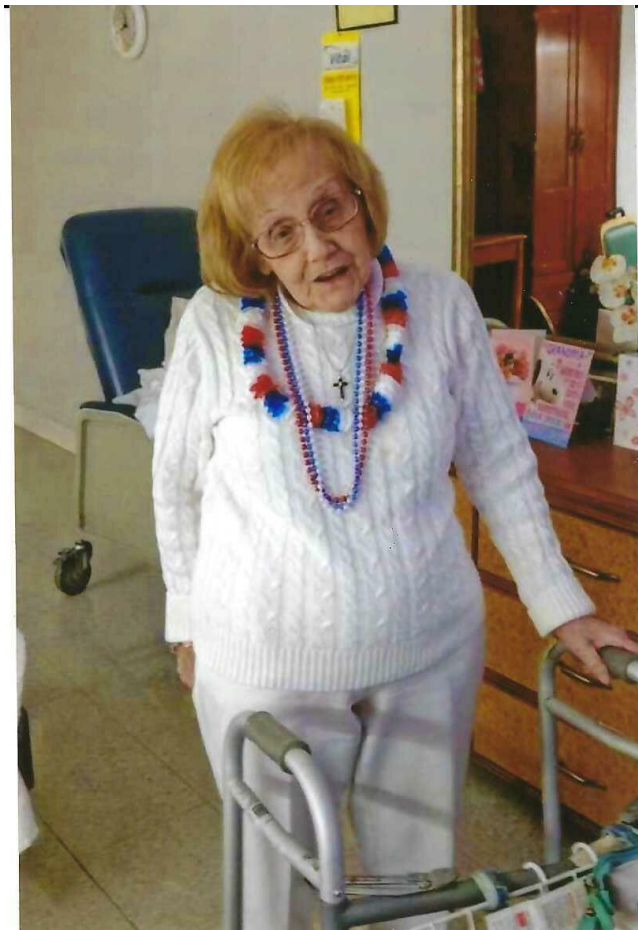


Bruce S

"Why not help some person from suffering. I know what pain can do not only to me but to my family. I feel fine being an anatomical donor, it is a decent and kind thing to do, I have no doubts. Also of course my body may be used for medical education and its research for science."



Pauline S





Judith S

Judy Stein was born in Northampton in 1928 and attended The Northampton School for Girls followed by graduation from Smith College. She worked on a fellowship at Harvard School of Public Health for a year during which time she married her husband Richard. She further earned a graduate degree of education from UMass. She chose to play a supporting role in her husband's career and raised four daughters before venturing into her interest in real estate and established a successful rental property business. Judy traveled the world with her husband to numerous countries including many trips to Japan. Judy would love to experience the local culture and would leave behind a bit of her American way of thinking. Summers were spent at their Lake Wyola cottage which always had an open door welcoming extended family and friends. Anyone she met was always invited and encouraged to come to the lake for a swim and a meal. There was always a spare bathing suit available and a freezer full of ice cream. Throughout her life Judy always was thinking of others first, never wanting the focus on herself. For many years she spoke of donating her body to the University of Massachusetts Medical School and her body going to a public university was an important factor in her decision. When completing the Donor Information form the final question asked to describe in your own words what being a body donor means to you. Her answer gives a glimpse into the true nature of Judy: "Sixty years ago I applied to medical school, but only got on the wait list. Now I would like to be accepted one way or another."



Carol S

"I am hoping that donating my body will help someone else, either by learning more about my cancer or by practicing and learning on a real human body."

Donald S

"I want to help the students to learn, especially about the brain."



Mary S



"I believe that by donating my body it may be of some help to someone else. By either giving my body part to someone or letting someone learn from my body."

Roland T

"I am in reasonable health and I believe that my body could be useful in training young doctors. I would like to be useful in this way."

Louise T

Louise had a heart for service, a generous nature and an open-minded spirit of adventure that she maintained until her last days. Louise was a role model to many for her zest for life and an inspirational example of vibrant aging as well as a mother figure to many. Through her love of quilting, she made many friends and shared her talents by teaching others. The scores of elaborate quilts that she lovingly created over the years have become cherished keepsakes among her family members and many friends. During her 70s and 80s, Louise amazed family and friends by traveling the world, visiting many unique and spectacular locales. She white-water rafted in Oregon, climbed Machu Picchu and rode an elephant in Bali among other adventures. Her last very special trip was a safari expedition in Kenya at the age of 89. A champion of many charitable organizations from her church to her beloved Framingham State University, she was known for her philosophy, "if you're having a bad day, lift your spirits by helping someone else".





William T



Clement T

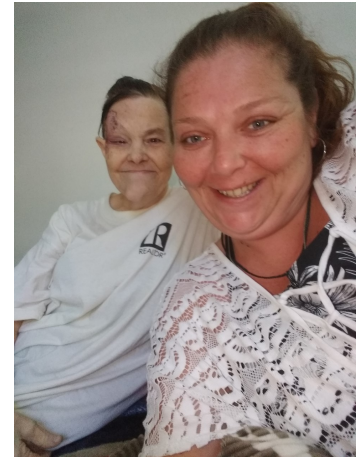
"I have been a teacher and college professor for 35 years, when I read in the Worcester telegram about the standardized patient program I thought that it would make an excellent way to continue my teaching and help bright young men and woman in their pursuit of a medical doctorate. So I joined. This is just another step in the same direction, I hope my donation will prove to be helpful to the UMass Medical students."



Cynthia T



Heather U



Patrick V

"An ability to continue my life long dedication to learning and furthering educational experiences."

Pauline V

"I like to think that while alive that I helped a little the people and world in which I live and now have an opportunity to help a little after death. Maybe!"



Joan W

"Being useful. Plain and simple. When I consulted with my children, my adult daughter said, "You spent your life trying to help people. Why would you stop just because you were dead?"



Bruce W

Peggy W

My story of my loved one is a story of privilege: the privilege of having shared life with my beautiful in every way wife, Peggy. And the closer up of these two photos tells the story of how our life together began for me every morning when we woke, and ended for me every night when we went to sleep. Imagine these eyes being the very first thing you see the very first time you lay your own eyes on this vision of beauty in every way that has appeared before you unexpectedly (in very much the way captured in the second photo). Now imagine starting your day, every day, with these eyes as the very first thing that you see, then bringing your day to a close, every day, with this as the very last thing that you look at before you close your own eyes for the last time that day. And finally, imagine this being the very last image you will have of those eyes, and that soul, before they close for the very last time and bid you "au revoir" without the words e'er needing to be spoken. That is the privileged life my life was, and the privileged life I now hope every day will be once again when Peggy and I do hopefully reservoir one another and our eyes and souls will meet once again, every day. Others who are here today have seen that same beauty in those eyes and, I trust, felt that same beautiful soul that those eyes were the windows to during the time they spent with Peggy as part of their studies, and their ever-proceeding growth as fellow human beings. I want to thank them for getting to know her in a very special way, and for honoring her today and every day going forward in their practice of medicine, guided in some ways by what they together learned with her. Teaching was one of her passions, along with caring for and loving others, and giving life to her many, also beautiful, plants.





Philip Z

An educator and environmentalist all his life, Phil served as Education Specialist with the US Navy and Educational Liaison with the Navy's BOOST Program in Newport, RI. He was an active member of the Land Preservation Society (LPS) of Norton. He received the LPS Outstanding Achievement Award for an unwavering commitment to conservation in 2019. He was a beloved husband, father of three sons and grandfather of six treasured grandchildren. He is greatly missed.



Manuel Z

"At the time of my death I will have lived a full life and I wish that my body will then serve to be a part of the education of medical school students so that they may better understand the workings of the human body. This will be my final contribution to the broad field of education in which I participated as a teacher."



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