

1948

Lester C. Paterson, of Spring Lake, MI, died April 7. Dr. Paterson served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a *magna cum laude* graduate of the College of Medicine and had additional training at Philadelphia General Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the National Medical Honor Society, and on the staff of both Hackley and Mercy Hospitals. In addition, he was on the board of directors of the North Ottawa Council on Aging. He served the children and families of the Muskegon area as a pediatrician for more than 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Lois; his daughters, Beth, Barbara, and Laura; his son, Christopher; his brother, George; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1953

Paul A. Cooper, of Canton, CT, died June 15, 2008.

1956

Edward W. Knight, of Glenville, NC, died March 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife, seven children and 11 grandchildren.

1958

Arnold H. Toomajian, of Palm Desert, CA, died November 6, 2008. As a captain in the U.S. Medical Corps' 34th General Hospital in Orleans, France, Dr. Toomajian specialized in internal medicine from 1962 to 1964. He served as staff physician and later chief physician for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Medical Services from 1973 to 1985. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; his son, Mark; his daughters, Aneea and Deanne; and several other relatives.

1959

Edward T. Habermann, of Chappaqua, NY, died April 19. Dr. Habermann served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy for two years. Upon his discharge, he did a residency in general and orthopedic surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in Manhattan. He became a full-time staff member in orthopedic surgery at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1966, where he rose to the rank of chairman and University Professor of Orthopedic Surgery. During his

professional career, Habermann was a visiting professor at 122 universities and medical centers in the United States and abroad. He retired in 1998 and was given the rank of chairman emeritus of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and professor emeritus of both orthopedic surgery and radiology at Albert Einstein Medical College. In 1967, Habermann did a fellowship in hip surgery with Sir John Charnley, the pioneer of hip replacement surgery, at the Wrightington Hospital in England, and became one of the first orthopedic surgeons in New York to introduce total joint replacement surgery. He also helped design and develop hip and knee replacement prostheses that are now implanted in more than 2 million patients. Habermann volunteered for medical service in Israel during the 1967 and 1972 Arab Israeli conflicts. He is survived by his wife, Susan; his daughter, Lauren; his sons, Joshua, Robert, and Matthew; and his brother, Norman.

1961

Ralph P. Caschetta, of Pittsford, NY, died April 2.

1964

Kenneth W. Lajewski, of Pittsford, NY, died July 29, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Charlene; his daughters, Karen and Laura; his son Christopher; and several other relatives.

2000

Andre de Corla-Souza, of Safety Harbor, FL, died July 19. Dr. de Corla-Souza grew up in India, Bahrain, and New York. After graduating from Upstate, he completed his residency at Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY and his fellowship at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System. Dr. de Corla-Souza was certified in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care Medicine, Sleep Medicine and Dive Medicine. He belonged to several professional associations; held various appointments; received numerous awards, and was well published. He is survived by his wife, Namita; and several other relatives.

Friends

Shawn C. Esworthy, PhD, of Cape Canaveral, FL, died April 4, 2009. He was director of Student Affairs at Upstate Medical University's clinical campus in Binghamton from 1999 to 2006. Shawn's enthusiasm for education was

surpassed only by his love of family. His easy-going disposition and unique sense of humor will be missed by all and forgotten by none. He is survived by his wife, Tasha; his father John; his brother Christopher and wife, Lynn, their two children, Christopher and Alexis who he adored; his Aunt Connie; and several cousins.

Laurie Anne Mezzalingua, of Fayetteville, NY, died July 4. She was an outspoken advocate for breast cancer survivors and courageously battled breast cancer for 12 years. Ms. Mezzalingua refocused her career to fight this disease and became a passionate advocate of patient support. She served as president of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and chaired the Race for the Cure event twice. As a result of her efforts, the national office in Dallas honored her with the National Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Outstanding Volunteer Award. Ms. Mezzalingua dedicated herself to volunteer work and set her sights on philanthropy, establishing the Saint Agatha Foundation, named for the patron saint of breast diseases. This Foundation benefits breast cancer patients who cannot afford their illness. In the four years since its inception, over two million dollars has been distributed to help serve those in need. This foundation is her legacy and is funded in a way that will continue to impact lives for decades to come. She is survived by her parents, Daniel and Kathleen; her sisters, Karen, Kristen, and Tracy; her brothers, John and Daniel; and several other relatives.

Frank Dominick Ruva, of Otisco Lake, NY, died June 23. Mr. Ruva graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science in 1952 and went on to earn a degree from Albany College of Pharmacy. He attended medical school at Upstate between 1956 and 1960. He worked for many years in the research and development division at Bristol-Myers. As a research scientist, he was the co-inventor of several medications, specifically in the area of antibiotics. He later worked in retail pharmacy until his retirement. He is survived by his wife Rosanna; his daughters, Linda, Jennie, and Francine; and several other relatives.