



Dr. George F. Porretta

January 8, 1929 - July 3, 2014

Dr. George F. Porretta, 85 passed away Thursday, July 3, 2014 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. He was born January 8, 1929 in Detroit, MI and was a graduate and received his medical degree from the University of Michigan. He served as a Captain in the US Army and was a surgeon in Detroit and Southfield, MI for most of his life. He moved to Sun City in Huntley, IL in 2000 and has lived at Sedgebrook in Lincolnshire for the past two years. Surviving are his wife, Ann Porretta of Lincolnshire; 6 children, Mary (Joseph) Colaccino of Arlington, VA, Jane (Russ Richardson) Porretta of Halliday, Utah, Angela (Ron) Mack of Libertyville, IL, Charles (Kathleen) Porretta of Willow Springs, IL, Therese (Rick Rischal) Porretta of Marengo, IL and Sarah Porretta of Chicago, IL; 8 grandchildren, Anthony, Andrew, Christopher, Jill, Sam, Lucy, Megan and Keegan; and also by 2 brothers, Charles (Ruth) Porretta and Frank (Missy) Porretta.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Doctors without Borders, Covenant House or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls. Arrangements made by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Many prayers for some of my earliest neighbors. May God be with all of you during this difficult time. I will always remember your dad's quick smile and talented piano and singing skills.*

Marie (Guest) scheske - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CK

“ *I pray that Our Heavenly Father will comfort your family at this sad time.*

Cecelia Ferenc Kurdziel - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

AP

“ *So many of us from Sun City Huntley will miss this kind, thoughtful, gentle, and fun-loving man of music. George brightened the lives of everyone around him; including those he healed as a surgeon, and those of us who were privileged to sing with him and experience the respect and dignity that he showed toward others.*

Allen Pollack - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

LS

“ *We feel very sad about George. We remember him very fondly. George was a great and a delightful person. We have thought about you and him frequently, and we miss having you next door. You are in our thoughts and our hearts at this very sad time, and you and all your family have our deep sympathy.*

Lainey and Arthur Steuer - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ *Many things came naturally to George: family, friends, music, sports and general surgery among others. His friendship was deep and enduring. He will always remain in my memories.*

My wife, Doris, and I send our deepest condolences to Ann and family. Jim Sisson

James Sisson - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ *Dear George You were a great partner in the SunTones Baritone section and a great gentleman, too. I will pray for you and your family. My sympathy to all. Beverly Mutchler*

June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

JF

“ *Dr. George F. Porretta*

Jacqueline Reilly Fenelon - June 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

JK

“ *Prayers and sympathy to the Porretta family. I remember Dr. when I worked in Admissions at Mt. Carmel hospital in the 70's. He was such a nice, well respected surgeon within the hospital. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Janice Kobert - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM

JA

“ *George & I were leads in a barbershop ensemble in Sun City. He was fun to work with and very kind.*

Joseph (Pal Joe) Alengo - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM

MK

“ George was a back yard neighbor in Sun City, a fellow singer in both Prairie Singers and Prairie Voices, and a wonderful person. I'm sure he has helped many people, in both his work life and his personal life. He was kind and good to know.

Mary Kennedy - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ Dearest Porretta Family: We will always miss the wonderful father, husband and friend that George personified in all our lives. Knowing him in Prairie Singers, Voices and working, singing w/him was always a wonderful gift that he willingly gave to us all. We will always remember him so fondly in our hearts and our prayers. Sincerest sympathies in your loss, but joy in heaven's gain! Much love to all...Jeannie Bulmahn..Huntley

April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ Dr. Porretta, you were a good friend and associate to our dad Dr. Michael Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with all your loved ones as they celebrate your life. The Family of Dr. Michael J. Michael

April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM

RH

“ I remember George as a gentle giant. He was a fellow member of both the Prairie Singers and the Prairie Voices while he resided in Sun City Huntley. I'll miss his smile and his strong tenor/baritone voice. My heart goes out to his family and friends, and all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Richard (RD) Holloman - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM

R.

“ Dr. George operated on both my son and my dad. His compassion and care were deeply appreciated.
He was a great assistance to my husband (his cousin) in his illness.
May he rest with Our Dear Lord forever.

R.Schenden - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM

BV

“ To the Poretta family. My sincere condolences go out to you all. We lived next door to you on Chickering Lane back in the early 1970's. I remember babysitting for all the kids. What a wonderful family you are. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.
Sincerely, Beth (Carlson) Vidor.

Beth (Carlson) Vidor - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ Dear Ann & Porretta Family: How does one encapsulate 50 years of knowing someone like George F. Porretta, MD? Sharing special thoughts and memories of one of the most professional and gifted surgeons who we were privileged to know as patients at Providence Hospital (both in Detroit and Southfield) is a humbling experience for us. We recall his effective "take charge" role in many critical situations as he provided care to us as his patients as well as providing comforting thoughts to our family. We knew that we could always count on Dr. George's knowledge, judgment, and skill at all times. On March 17, 1964, Dr. George was called into the ICU at Providence Hospital to assume responsibility for my care after my first lifesaving surgery by Dr. Raul M. Torres. Dr. George took charge immediately and made himself available on a 24 hour basis. We know that Dr. George's legacy will live on not only through his family but through those colleagues with whom he worked and trained and the countless patients that he cared for during his career. May this remembrance of Dr. George provide you and your family both comfort and peace and may God bless his soul and spirit always. Sincerely, Sandra & Alice Nigoghosian July 11, 2014

April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ It is so sad to hear of Dr. Porretta's passing. Having been a long time employee at Providence - he took care of several family members including my youngest sister. I, too, remember him singing with a several other docs - the group was called the "Borborygmi". They were always the biggest hit at the hospital talent shows. His tenure as department chair for Surgery was appreciated by all of us in the O.R. Wonderful memories of a wonderful man. Many thanks to his family for sharing him with us. God bless you all.

Janise Ellis - April 27, 2018 at 05:55 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Porretta at Providence and also when he joined us on a Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic. What a gracious, talented man. My condolences to his family.

July 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM