



Orkan George Stasior, M.D.

June 15, 1930 - February 19, 2020

Loudonville-Orkan George Stasior M.D. passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in Loudonville, NY, at the age of 89. He was at his home with his wife, Gloria, and family by his side.

Born in Toronto, Canada, Orkan graduated with a BS and a M.D. from University of Toronto. He completed his medical residency at Bellevue and New York Eye and Ear hospitals in New York City. After marrying the love of his life, Gloria, they moved to Albany, NY in 1960.

As a physician, Orkan was a pioneer being recognized domestically and internationally as one of the most esteemed Ophthalmic Plastic Surgeons in the country. He was Chief of Ophthalmology at Childs Hospital and the Albany Memorial Hospital. He served as Director of the Childs Hospital Board of Governors while tirelessly fundraising for the Childs Hospital Foundation. He cofounded and was the 2nd President of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS). He received many awards for his innovation, skill and teaching. In the Fall of 2019, he was honored at the 50th anniversary of ASOPRS. Orkan was most proud of his mentorship, teaching and training of his graduate surgical fellows, who went on to run prestigious eye centers in the country. He was ahead of his time, by incorporating nutrition, wellness, and mind-body medicine in the care of his patients.

For over 50 years, Orkan was a parishioner at St Pius X Church, a member of Schuyler Meadows Club and a member and Trustee of the Fort Orange Club. Orkan was proud of his Polish heritage and his family. He was a lifelong learner who embraced all of life's pursuits with enthusiasm and a cheerful, never give-up attitude.

Orkan is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria; his children George of Loudonville, Debbie (Jeff) Schumacher of Richmond, VA, Matthew of Newport Beach, CA, and Lynn (Steve) Stewart of San Francisco, CA; as well as 7 grandchildren Brandon, Christopher, Heather, Abbie, Katharine, Bella and Lindsay. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanislaw and Mary Stasior, and his brother, Richard Stasior.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dr. Stasior's family Monday, February 24, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY 12211 (Please enter the Church through the Chapel Doorway).

Funeral services Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:30 am at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

To leave a special message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit <http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

In lieu of flowers, Orkan's request was to make a donation in his name to ASOPRS Foundation at PO Box 916048 Longwood, FL 32791 or <https://www.asoprsfoundation.org>.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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St. Pius X Church

23 Crumitie Rd, Loudonville, NY, US, 12211

FEB **Service** 10:30AM

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St. Pius X Church

23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 24, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Paolo Ritmo lit a candle in memory of Orkan George Stasior, M.D.



Paolo Ritmo - April 29, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Dr Stasior was the ultimate physician and gentleman. Deepest sympathies to all of his wonderful family. Bruce Barach

bruce barach - February 26, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ Dr. Stasior was a brilliant surgeon and even more importantly, a wonderful human being. He did surgery on my baby son and fixed his severe ptosis, literally changing his life. Many years later, when my son was in high school, he mentored him on a research paper about ptosis. He was so respectful and encouraging and gave him a book about the eye with a beautiful inscription which we will always treasure. God bless Dr. Stasior! Our sincere condolences to his family.

Meg Bassinson - February 26, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orkan George Stasior, M.D..



February 24, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ I first met Dr. Stasior through Dr. Karol Pilarczyk when I was a secretary in the 70's. There never will be a nicer, more gentle man that Orkan. He had an awarding winning smile and I can still remember and feel the warmth of it today. Not only was he an excellent doctor, he was an extraordinary person and I am very glad I had a chance to spend time in his presence.

Sending my sincere and deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Respectfully, Ruth W.

Ruth Weintraub - February 24, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ We send our deepest condolences to the Stasior family. We first met Dr. Stasior when our 4 year old daughter needed delicate eyelid surgery. His skills were undeniable and his compassionate care was so appreciated. Now our daughter will soon turn 38 years old and she has the good fortune to be under the care of his son George...his father's legacy is quite evident. May God comfort you as we all mourn the loss of such a wonderful and talented man. The Jonas family

Kathi Jonas - February 24, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Saddened to hear this. Dr. Stasior was a great man and he will be missed.

Vincent Zandri - February 24, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Orkan was friend and mentor . His care for his patients set a wonderful example for his residents. He took our speciality to another level. Mike Whalen

Michael Whalen MD - February 24, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 24, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ I was one year old when Dr. Stasior performed the surgery that would forever change my life for the better. It was to correct my blepharoptosis, a condition that is marked by being born, nearly completely, without the ability to open one's eyes. It is thanks to this wonderful man's skill and ability that I can safely say that, had he not overseen and performed this operation, I could not enjoy all that I have in life to the degree that I have. Thank you, Dr. Stasior, for providing myself, and many others, with the gift of unhindered sight. I find it only fitting to close this note with the beginning lines of the hymn "Amazing Grace:"

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found! Was blind, but now I see!"

Paul Bassinson - February 23, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ The medical community mourns the loss of a giant in ophthalmology. Orkan, a gifted healer, extraordinary teacher, esteemed colleague and treasured friend, will be sorely missed. George, our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

NYS Ophthalmological Society - February 23, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Stasior Family,

I send my deepest condolences to your family. I have the fondest of memories of Dr. Orkan who was always gracious and supportive of me especially when I was beginning my practice 25 years ago. His encouragement and support will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Aida Wakil



Aida Wakil - February 23, 2020 at 05:52 AM



“ Dr. George,

Our love and condolences to you and your family. Your dad was a truly amazing man! I met your mom and dad at the track so many years ago (you were just a little kid, but so well behaved at their table on level B at the Turf Terrace!), and they remain among the nicest people I have ever met. Your dad was so gentle and kind... he is remembered with love.

Eileen Harren

Eileen Harren - February 22, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ My Dear Gloria --- Our sincere condolences to you and yours on the passing of Orkan. Although it has been many years since we were last together, be assured that I have never forgotten you or your family and the memories of your dear departed parents and their close friendship with Joe and Alma Goller (who were like grandparents to me). May the warm memories of your life together give you solace during this difficult time. With sympathy, George and Kat Curtis

George Curtis - February 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Geoff Peck lit a candle in memory of Orkan George Stasior, M.D.



Geoff Peck - February 22, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Dr. George,

I'm sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My sympathy goes out to your whole family.

Mike Murphy
Troy, NY

Mike Murphy - February 22, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ George,

Bill and I are in Florida for the month of February or I would certainly be at the services for your Dad. I always admired what a great gentleman he was to me in particular. The “old school man” I will always remember.

Please convey my sympathy to you Mother and siblings.

Sincerely,
Mary Brizzell

Mary Brizzell - February 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM