

Dr. Steven Berkman

June 7, 1945 - March 28, 2020

Dr. Steven Berkman of Old Bridge, NJ died peacefully on March 28th, 2020.

He was born June 7th, 1945 to Leon and Natalie (Koplin) Berkman in Queens, NY, and lived there with his brothers Jeffrey and Brian until college.

He attended Emory University in Atlanta, GA, where he majored in Biology and Chemistry. He was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity and the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honor Society.

After graduating, he married Margo Fienberg, and attended New York State University, College of Medicine - Downstate in Brooklyn, NY. They lived there through his medical school and residency, where he specialized in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

He served as Chief Resident, obtained certification from the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and became a Fellow of The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists as well as the American College of Surgeons.

After moving to Closter, NJ, their son Scott was born in 1981. They lived there for 26 years and were active in the local Jewish community at Temple Beth El and Scott's school.

He later moved to Old Bridge, NJ, and married Mildred Caicoya in 2006 in Puerto Rico. They loved to vacation there and visit with family. One of his favorite places in the world was his 'private' beach at their home in Ponce.

After practicing for 48 years and helping bring countless lives into the world, he retired from medicine in December 2019 due to illness. Throughout his career, he was dedicated to patient care and teaching others.

Steven loved his family, travel, movies, TV (especially the original StarTrek), theater, music, good food, crossword puzzles, and spending time with friends.

He is survived by his wife Mildred and sons Scott (Sheryl), Rosendo (Victoria) Cedeno, Robert (Annie) Cedeno, and grandchildren Maxim, Charlotte, Xavier, and Mason.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Comments



“ I only found out today Dr. Berkman passed, I was so upset. He was a wonderful dr. and a wonderful person.

Kelly Kish - July 16 at 03:21 PM



“ I am deeply saddened about Dr. Berkman's passing. My heartfelt condolence to his family, especially his dear wife and beloved son. Dr. B was an excellent doctor who genuinely cared about his patients. I had the privilege of having him as a preceptor during my clinical training almost a decade ago. I feel blessed to have known him as a mentor and a friend. I will miss him dearly. Praying for peace, strength and comfort for his family.

Bridget

Bridget - June 22 at 03:37 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Berkman family. Dr. Bergman was an amazing man and I am heart broken over his passing. My husband and I had the upmost respect for him and we will miss him.

Love, Lawren Paris

Lawren Paris - June 10 at 04:29 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Steven Berkman.



May 19 at 06:43 PM



“ My last email from Steven was on March 24th from the ICU, I've been writing back ever since and knew in my heart that he had passed, he always wrote back. I waited 4 weeks hoping upon hope until searching online and here I am, a place that saddens me to be.

Steven was my doctor and friend for 37 years. He watched me go from a crazy and wild 18 year old, to a wife, a divorcee, a wife again and eventually grow into the adult I am today, yet still always called me kid. With the every changing medical field over the past many decades, Steven refused to change with it, refused to degrade the way he cared for his patients, refused to take on dangerous procedures simply because they were cost and time efficient, he was always about what was best for his patients at any cost. As a doctor and friend, his humor, his heart nor his compassion could ever matched by another. He'd become an adopted family member of mine and someone I always counted on, he could always be counted on, a staple and part of my heart and my life.

Steven, Dr. B, was the post proud father I've ever met, telling countless stories about his son Scott during the entire 37 years I'd known him, and would do so with so much joy and pride. He loved his son with all of his heart, his cats along the years of life and his wife Mildred very, very much.

Rest in peace on the wings of angels my dear old friend. I'm happy you are no longer suffering, but will miss you oh so greatly. Our world lost the last of the great doctors and I lost a dear friend/family.

To Scott and Mildred, to any and all of Steven's family ... my deepest and most heartfelt condolences.



Kimberly Friedson - April 26 at 06:10 PM



“ Lizabeth Olexson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Steven Berkman



Lizabeth olexson - April 21 at 02:56 PM



“ My husband and I are so very sad to hear the passing of Dr. Berkman. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and everyone who loved him. He was more than a dr., He was like family to us , delivering our three boys. May he always be remembered as a wonderful person he was and may he always know how much he will be miss. Love, The Daly Family



ashley daly - April 11 at 11:53 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Dr. Berkman's passing. He was a wonderful person and never failed to make me laugh. I still have the prescription he wrote me after he delivered my daughter in 2007. Blessings to his family.



Melissa Salerno - April 06 at 04:05 PM



“ I am so heartbroken over this. My deepest sympathies to the entire family. Dr. Berkman may have just been my Dr, but he felt more like family. He delivered my first daughter, he came to visit me at the hospital with my 2nd daughter after she's came early via emergency C-section, and he sent me a little note in the mail with test results after my miscarriage to see if I was ok. There is no other Dr out there like him. He is greatly missed. My prayers to the whole family.



Lisa - April 04 at 08:10 PM



“ Dr. Berkman was a wonderful person and doctor. He was always honest, compassionate, funny and a gentle soul. I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Deborah McGlynn - April 04 at 08:08 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this .. my sympathies to the family I will never forget Dr Berkman .. he was sent from above .. I had just made it through a DNC from a different doctor and I then went to my sister in laws doctors office (Dr Berkman) and he found my miracle baby all snug in my uterus still .. He gave me the best news and 23 years later my miracle baby got pregnant and he gave her the best news of her life too He was an awesome doctor .. thank you for sharing him with us ..

Dawn Argentina - April 04 at 08:05 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Dr. Berkman's family! I never trusted a doctor more than I trusted him. He delivered my precious grandson. He took great care of my daughter and daughter-in-law. Doctors like him come once in a lifetime! I'm heartbroken! Rest In Peace. I will truly miss you.

Lorraine Clark - April 04 at 05:27 PM



“ I am deeply sadden by the loss of Dr.Berkman. One of my favorite doctors personally and on a professional level as well. I loved bumping into him and chatting often since our departments were located in the same section of the hospital. He knew his specialty well and made you feel at ease and well taken care of as his patient. As a new mother he answered all my ridiculous questions and even injected humor which I appreciate so much. He helped me through 2 pregnancies. One of those deliveries was a little hard on me and I was in labor for long hours. He was called and came in even though he was not to start call for another day. When he arrived I heard his voice in the hall and remembered I closed my eyes and sighed with relieve, "He's here" Dr. Berkman was dressed in a full suit at 10:30 at night. He came to me and said with a big smile, "you ready to have a baby?" I had the baby within a half hour of his arrival. My small story embodies everything I remember and adore about Dr. Berkman. Smart, funny, handsome, and compassionate. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family during this rough time under these circumstances.

Nina Eckhouse - April 04 at 09:03 AM



“ Dr. Berkman was a very special person. He delivered my first son, didn't make it for my second son's delivery but came as soon as he could and was truly one of my favorite people. I trusted him, and he kept me calm through my pregnancies, talked me through my first year of parenting and was there for any medical advice I ever needed. I'm so sad he was the best!! He was more than just a Dr. This picture is from my son's baby book. My heart goes out to his family and friends. He will be missed and always be in my heart.



Ellen Mayes - April 03 at 01:27 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Dr. Berkman's family. He happened to be the smartest person I've ever met. He loved all of his patients and truly loved what he did. There was never a time he was not able to help someone in need. I will truly miss him. The office will never be the same!

michele - April 02 at 09:57 PM



“ Absolutely loved working with Dr. Berkman! Such a loving and caring man - all around an amazing guy. Honored to have learned from him, worked beside him and look up to him. He is greatly missed.

Kristen Morelli - April 01 at 10:20 PM



“ Working side by side on Fridays were really the best ending to a long week!! Always had a smile and was always making every experience a teaching moment! Smart, funny, kind and I'm so sad and will kiss him dearly !

christine valenzano - April 01 at 10:01 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to Dr. Berkman's family. He delivered 3 of my children. He was my absolute favorite doctor. He was such a happy man, always had a smile on his face. When I was pregnant with my third pregnancy, I was concerned because I was very big, Back in the 80's, they didn't do routine sonograms. In my 7th month, I told him I have to have a sonogram because something is wrong. He agreed

to the sonogram. When the sonogram was given, they discovered I was having twins. He came running into the room and said "I knew you were having twins!". He also helped me through a very difficult delivery. I had a placental abruption and was bleeding badly. He held my hands and very calmly said, "Lauren, I am not going to let anything happen to you or this baby". Such kindness and compassion. He was one of the great ones and will be remembered and missed.

Lauren - April 01 at 08:25 PM



“ I’m so heartbroken over the loss of Dr. Berkman. Not only did he teach me so much as a new nurse but he exemplified what it meant to work as a team. I’ll never forget him walking in after Matthew was born to congratulate me and affirming that see you could do it. Or hearing his name mention 10 times for my version, he always went above and beyond.

Nicole Caminiti-DeMerchant - April 01 at 01:01 PM



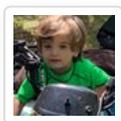
“ My condolences to Dr. Berkman’s family. He was a wonderful doctor and teacher I had the pleasure of working with. He loved you Mildred. I never met you but he talked about you all the time. May he Rest In Peace. May your hearts rest knowing he did good in his life.

Katrice Larece, DO - April 01 at 11:53 AM



“ He was such a warm, loving, and big gentle big. You would think he would be cranky but deep down he wasn't he was just lovable. When I moved to North Carolina and would come back to NJ my first year still working he always had a nice story of when he always went to NC and where I should go visit and stop. He truly will be missed. I learned a lot from him during my time at RBMC, Rest Easy Dr. Berkman and know we will all be thinking about you. Prayers of strength and comfort to your family.
Alissa Buffington

Alissa Buffington - April 01 at 01:14 AM



“ I loved this man!! He delivered my son in 1986 in Brooklyn. Although he always wisecracked and seemed flippant, in labor, he was a big moosh and felt every contraction with you! Funny story: during an exam while very pregnant, he noticed a burn mark in my belly. I explained I was ironing and my belly got in the way. He advised me to “ marry a Jewish man next time, their wives don’t iron” and he cried with me when he found I had a late miscarriage. Rest In Peace doctor, and thank you for everything, from one of your “Golden Boxes” , Carolyn.

Carolyn - April 01 at 08:52 AM