



Roger William Sherman

September 7, 1938 - January 14, 2015

Obituary of Roger Sherman, M.D.

Roger William Sherman, M.D., 76, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2015 at home, surrounded by his family. Roger was born in Grosse Pointe, MI, to Alvin and Albertine Sherman on September 7, 1938, as the youngest of seven children. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joanne (Baker) Sherman of 27 years; his five children, Stephanie Sherman, Roger Sherman Jr. (Patti), Dianne Venetta (Jon), Banning Sherman (Merceditas) and Skye Nosbisch (Aaron); his six grandchildren, Banning Jr., Ryan, Collier, Nicholas, Roger Jr., and Christian; and a large extended family.

Born a "blue baby" (tetralogy of fallot), Roger was not expected to live past the age of 10, making each and every day of his life a miracle. He never took this for granted; anyone who knows him could tell you that he was the embodiment of living life to the fullest. His childhood illness was the inspiration for his lifelong career. He graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine and became a prominent Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon in Miami, Leesburg, and The Villages. He attended Miami Edison High School and The Citadel, and later joined the Air Force.

Roger proudly served on the CFHA Board of Directors and was instrumental in establishing open-heart surgery programs in both Miami and Leesburg. He enjoyed a flourishing surgical practice in The Villages along with a successful aviation medicine practice. Second to his love of medicine was his passion for flying; Roger was well known for his multiple aviation ratings, including ATP, multi-engine CFII, seaplanes, helicopters, and jets. In 1991, he relocated to Leesburg, where he built his dream home with a private airstrip and spent many hours flying.

A service of remembrance will be held at Paquette's ShowBarn in Leesburg on January 24, 2015, at 2:00pm, 615 S. Whitney Rd.

Memorial contributions may be made to childrensheartfoundation.org

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I was doing some searching for old friends that grew up in Forest Park in Kokomo, Indiana, when I came across the obituary for Roger. This was a surprise. There was another of our neighborhood "family" that was connected with the University of Miami. It was Dr. Phillip Pennell. All of us were born in 1938 or so. I remember distinctly that Roger used to do "surgery" on oranges and grapefruits in growing up days. I got to assist at times, but he was very careful and precise as he practiced incisions and removal of the seeds, then closing incisions. He knew then he would become a surgeon one day. We lost touch as I did with others who grew up in Forest Park. I offer my condolences to your family. We had great days!

Kent H Blacklidge PhD - October 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Joanne, Please accept my condolences on Roger's passing. He was one of the first physicians I met when I came to Miami and certainly one of the finest physicians and human beings I have ever known. I lost touch with him after you moved to Leesberg but I will always remeber him as a man who gave unselfishly and knew how to live life to the fullest. His parties were legend as were his planes and helicopter. He personified grace and elegance. There shall be none other and I hope that fond memories of better times will ease the pain of his passing Sincerely, Barry Reed

Barry A. Reed, M.D. - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Roger made such a positive impact on me and my siblings' lives - truly a great man. I have so many wonderful memories to cherish of such a fun, generous, caring, gifted, dedicated, clever, adventurous, and larger than life man who touched so many lives in such a positive way - and the same can be said about his lovely wife and life partner Joanne. Sending lots of love to you Joanne, Skye, Dianne, Stephanie, Banning, Roger Jr., Sheri, and the extended Sherman and Baker families and friends. My heart is with you all. Peace Dr. Sherman upon your final flight up into the Big Blue Sky. Love, Dotty

Dotty Bundgaard - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We are so sorry Joanne for the loss of your husband and to all of the Sherman children, our deepest sympathy. Roger has left quite a legacy and although we all hoped he'd live a longer life, he definitely lived a full life! What an accomplished man, how very blessed each of you are to have had him in your lives. His teachings and his love are yours forever in your hearts and one day you will see him again. We pray God's loving embrace to help carry you through this time of deep sorrow. In Sympathy & In love, Regina & Rich DeMarco

Regina & Rich DeMarco - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Roger William Sherman

Tom & Theresa Massing - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Jonathan Mutch Citadel Class of 2016, lights a candle in remembrance of Roger Sherman, M.D. Citadel Class of 1959. The Long Gray Line.

Tom & Theresa Massing - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Joanne and Skye, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Roger was a lucky man to have lived such a full life. We wish you strength and peace, The Muehlecks

Amy & Peter Muehleck - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ JoAnne, Bill and I are so very sorry for your loss. There are never enough words to say when you lose your lifetime soul mate that would make the hurt go away. I pray for you everyday and hope you find peace in knowing that Roger is now your special guardian angel. Love Kathy and Bill

Kathy and Bill Mosley - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will never forget how wonderful you both were when I got sick years ago. Couldn't have done it without you both, that's just a fact. I will always remember Roger's big heart and skill.. The world lost a great man. Heaven is a better place today.

Jim Matthews - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To Joanne and Roger's family, I was sorry to hear of Roger's passing. He was my AME for many years, both while I was flying professionally and after I retired. Roger was responsible for helping many pilots maintain, but also regain, their medical certification after having experienced a problem. He will be very greatly missed. He was not only a Doctor, but also a friend.

Ron Rex - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *What a dear sweet man who cared so much for his patients and staff. A dedicated professional, qualities missing today in healthcare. God Bless his family. Godspeed doctor*

Carol Sigmon - January 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Joanne, Although we haven't met, I'm touched by the life your husband lived and the lives he enriched because of his medical talents and his service to our country. Your brother Chuck and Sue are good friends and I know he feels for you and your family. May God grant you peace during this time of sorrow and comfort in celebrating Roger's life. You and your family will be in our prayers in Jacksonville.*

Brian Andrew - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *To my Dear friend, Stephanie Sherman, I want to send you love and prayers. I enjoyed the many stories you have told me over these past years about your Amazing Dad and all that he had overcome and accomplished. As I told you privately, I would see him (and Joanne) at School functions at the Villages. He had such a positive energy about him and his charisma could be felt throughout the event. I often said Hi to him and told him I was your friend. He was always so kind! I feel so very sorry for your loss and send you love and prayers. To Dear Joanne, I am so very sorry for your loss. You were my Angel just a few months ago when my Dad was very ill and you were such a great source of information and strength. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your time and patience. I wish you peace and strength and I send you love from my family to yours. Love, Lisa Kazmier*

Lisa Kazmier - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Sherman's passing. Praying for all of you at this difficult time.

Bill & Debby Dusenbury - January 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Joanne and family, I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. Roger was a great man and he will be truly missed and will always be remembered. My yearly visits for my medical were always something to look forward to. As well his flying visits to Flying Palomino. My condolences. Caesar

Caesar Heyne - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Roger was my friend for 30 years. He was a groomsman in my wedding (#2). I had so much fun at "Camp Sherman" in the 80s it is one of my fondest memories. He was a fine man, a good friend. I miss him already.

John Longino - January 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

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RB

“ Sarah and I are here trying to put sadness into words. Losing Roger has been a huge loss to so many. For years I called him friend, physician, consultant. Joanne, you were right there, aiding his accomplishments (and quite accomplished yourself). So often we called on you for help and advice. So often we were included in family gatherings - times we felt honored to be a part of. We will so miss the ranch, & watching Roger sweep the field at low altitude, showing his flying skills. Even cleaning the hangar and the planes seemed more like a party than work. It was a special place for all who lived or visited there - right down to the kids who obviously loved being around their grandpa. Roger will always be our idol and will be deeply missed. Never be timid if you need help on any level. It is our honor to be there for you. GOD Bless you all. Skip and Sarah

Raymond (Skip) and Sarah Banks - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Joanne, I was deeply saddened to learn of Roger's passing via an email from Tim Averet. Although I only knew Roger through our brief annual reunions at the Chalet during Sun and Fun, I feel like I have known him for much longer. He was an accomplished and exceptional person, an outstanding pilot, and a warm caring man. I didn't know him as a Doctor, but he obviously excelled in that field, as well. Roger had a way of making you feel special when he spoke to you. I know I speak for our whole group when I say he was sorely missed at our last Sun'nFun gathering and at our last dinner at the Chalet in June. At least I had the satisfaction a few years ago of giving him a ride in my Yak. I marveled at how smooth a pilot he was, executng as perfect a slow roll as I have ever experienced. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Be comforted that his was surely a life well lived! Hope to see you at our gathering this spring. Fondly. Chuck Rishell

Chuck Rishell - January 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *The pilots, family and friends who shared your love of flying, will always be on your wing. Godspeed Roger.*

Juliana & Tim Averett - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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JS

“ *I am a very good friend of Stephanie's and I knew Roger from high school days. He was always very friendly and welcomed me into his home whenever I visited. He also was the surgeon for my Bammie (aka grandmother) at Baptist hospital. My deepest sympathy for the entire family.*

Jill Sullivan - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *We are both retired nurses who had the pleasure of knowing and working with Dr. Sherman. He was a gentleman and great physician. When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, and we begin to remember not just that your love one died, but that he lived. And that his life gave you memories too beautiful to forget. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. May the comfort of God help you during this difficult time. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your love one. April & Marianna*

April Bahruth and Marianna Timm - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *My sincere sympathies to the family. I have not seen Roger in many years, and still remember him as a very nice man God bless*

Nanette Peach George Rappa - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Roger William Sherman*

Dianne Venetta - January 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ *Dear Joanne and Skye, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers.*

Nancy and Glenn Vann - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *So sorry for your loss. Roger was one of a kind, and knew how to make life an exciting adventure. May your memories of great times spent together make you smile and bring you comfort.*

Linda Piergeorge - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Roger William Sherman*

Anders Bundgaard - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with Dr. Sherman and he was a great man. He will be missed*

Rhonda Wine - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Joanne, Skye, Dianne, Banning, Roger Jr., Patti, Stephanie & family: It is with great sadness that I am writing this post. My deepest condolences to all of you for your loss. Roger was a very special person who touched everyone's life that he met. He was wonderful to me and I have so many incredible memories that I will cherish my entire life. You all are in my prayers everyday. I wish you all peace at this very difficult time. If there is anything I can do please feel free to contact me anytime.

Cindi Kamen - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Sherman family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed. God Bless, Mervin and Judy Marshall The Villages, Fl.

Mervin Marshall - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Mrs. Sherman, Thank you for sharing Dr. Sherman with all of his patients and co-workers. He will surely be missed as he with his gift of healing, intelligence, caring and humor has blessed many. Dr. Sherman along with Dr. Final gave me, my husband Bob, years to enjoy his life. Bob and I are still thankful for Dr. Sherman's expertise. (A simple surgery turned very difficult.) May your precious memories give you peace and comfort. With Deepest Sympathy, Robert and Susan Newton

Susan Newton - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ From our family to yours, deepest condolences. Roger was one of my favorite club members and I treasure the great conversations we had. The Napieralski family.

Dan from Anglers Club - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Joanne and family. Roger was an amazing, kind man who lived life with gusto. He will be missed by many both here in Central Florida and South Florida. Hugs to you all.

Rick and Terry Vihlen - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dr Sherman was such a wonderful , caring man ! He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family

Maria Cucinotta - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ we are so sorry for your loss. Roger will be missed.....

The Sennetts - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Joann, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I spoke with you and your husband on several occasions during my training visits and I remember him as always being caring and kind with a gentle smile. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take Care, Robbie Tisdel USF Health - Training Department

Robbie Tisdel - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ My sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of this wonderful man. He was a very special individual and left a lasting impression on all who knew him. RIP Dr. Sherman.

Marilyn Yarbrough - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dr. Sherman operated on my sister in 1998 when she was diagnosed with stage 3 Lung Cancer. He is a big part of the reason she's here today along with much prayer. Our family will be forever thankful for him. I know heaven is sweeter today because he is there. Angie Cole

Angie Cole - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Please accept my condolences. I always enjoyed working with Dr. Sherman. With Deepest Sympathy.

Carol Hutchison - January 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ RIP Dr. Sherman. It was a pleasure knowing and working with you in Surgery at LRMC.

Linda Dempsey - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr Sherman is a lovely man and a gentleman to work with, he was always so nice to me when I was in his rooms. My thoughts and prayers are with you, may he rest in peace now.

Kim Crissey - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ To the Sherman Family, It was great sorrow that I felt at the passing of Dr. Sherman. I did not know him personally, but 16 years ago he was part of the team that performed my by-pass surgery in the newly opened Cardiac care unit at LRMC. I credit him and his team for extending my life these many years since my surgery. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May God bless you all at this the saddest of times. Albert J. Evans The Villages, Fl.

Albert J. Evans - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Joanne called him sweetheart, some called him dad, and I like the other multitude called him dear friend. There will never be a more ethical physician, and a man that truly loved his family and life. Roger Sherman will be truly missed by all he unselfishly touched. At last, he will receive his just reward-- to rest in the arms of the Lord. Thank you for your memory that will live in my heart forever.

Tammie Dixon-Olsen - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I heart goes out to Dr.SherMans family,he will be missed ,always a pleasure to work with,and because of him I will always have some thing in my hand.R.I.P Doc you always played the best music in the O.R.

Robert Robins - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ You will be missed!

crystal VanLeeuwen - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Glenn, Joy, Katie & Anna Cowham

Joy Cowham - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dr. Sherman was as special to me as anyone else in my life. In 2005 I was new to the Villages, and had a major defib attack at a local pet store. They tell me I had died twice before the EMTs even got me to the hospital, with probable brain damage. The family was asked if they wanted to "pull the plug" on me, but Dr. Sherman convinced them otherwise. He installed a defib-pacemaker unit in me the next day, and I'm still around to this day thanks to this man. The doctor also had a great sense of humor which helped me get thru as well. I know that heaven is getting the best "heart man" that it could possibly get.

Dan Hodson - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Joanne so sorry. Roger was a good guy. I am glad God put him in my life. Love, Punkin Edison friend

punkin Smith - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My deepest condolences to JoAnn and Skye on the passing of our good friend Roger "Call me the General". My heart aches with you on the loss of a legend. I can only say that he will now get to fly again with his good friend Roy Steinfort. We are saddened that we are not there to celebrate Rogers life with you and the impact that he had on so many. Tom, Theresa, and Amy Massing

Tom & Theresa Massing - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Roger William Sherman*

Craig Harnden - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Roger William Sherman*

Joanne - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Roger has been one of my lifelong friends and confidants of nearly 50 years and he has always been there for me. I loved him and I will truly miss him!*

Craig HARNDEN - January 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *We have lost a legend that will live in our hearts forever. He was the best of us. One of closest advisors and dearest friends.*

Thomas Sheehy - January 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *He lived his dreams and shared so many good times telling me what I need to do to live mine. he was a great man and helped so many people to live better lives I will miss him and never forget him. Love Ya Doc*

Keith Law - January 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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