



Martin Joseph Cosgrove, MD

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Martin Joseph Cosgrove, Sr passed peacefully at the age of 84 on June 26, 2023 in the late afternoon. He was at home as he had requested with his wife and eldest son at his bedside.

Martin was born in South Philadelphia on November 17, 1938. He was the third child of the late Hilary Andrejczyk and Martin Cosgrove, both second generation immigrants. Martin was baptized at Sacred Heart where he attended elementary school and was an Acolyte. He continued to Bishop Newman High School, then to St. Josephs College where he excelled in the pre-medicine curriculum, class of 1960. Martin attended Jefferson Medical College receiving his medical degree in 1964. He secured a rotating internship at Queen of Angels hospital in Los Angeles and moved from home at the age of 26 for the first time. Finances and determination had kept him at home through medical school. After graduating internship, Martin entered active duty in the US Navy under the Berry Plan. He was stationed in Long Beach, CA and Norfolk, VA and went to sea on the USS Francis Marion (APA-249) and USS Magoffin (APA-199) during the Vietnam War. At the conclusion of his service, Martin went back to Los Angeles as a general practitioner for Kaiser Permanente. He did this for several years until his father became ill. Martin secured residency training in Radiology at the University of Maryland in 1970. His first two sons were born during training, then he took his first Radiology position at Nanticoke Hospital where he would remain for his entire career. His daughter was born a few years after.

Martin loved being a doctor and he was an excellent radiologist. Oddly, his residency choice was one of opportunity, as he was outside the match and delayed from his Naval service and GP work, but the choice fit him perfectly. He was an academic and loved to read. Over his 40 years in the field, Martin saw amazing leaps in technology and equipment which he had to implement into his diagnostic practice, paradigm shifts in the field, which were constant. He often said that there was never a day that he didn't look forward to going to work.

In addition to the practice of medicine, Martin carried many other duties like holding the Chair of his department for decades, Medical Director of the Radiologic technology school of Delaware



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Technical College, and President of the Sussex County Medical Society. His involvement in medical administration and politics grew leading to serving as delegate to the AMA several times, Chairman of the Medical Staff of Nanticoke 1981-82, President of the Medical Society of Delaware 1987-88, and a lengthy Chairmanship of the Board of Directors for Nanticoke Health Services 1995-2004, a position not typically held by a physician. He retired from active practice in 2006.

Martin was a caring and devoted husband, father, and friend. He celebrated and preached incessantly on the importance of family and education. Despite having limited time, he attended every event he could for immediate and extended family. Martin was intensely patriotic and savored the progression his family made in just a few generations living the 'American Dream.' He had a mental binder of lectures that he believed so fervently and recanted so often, that his children could finish everyone. Martin loved to travel, particularly to the coast. He enjoyed food and cooking, wine, and even some Tullamore Dew. Martin achieved great satisfaction from hours of heavy yardwork and loved being outside. He had a deep attachment to Philadelphia and would visit almost monthly. Martin loved the Navy and his time in uniform, also shared by his children and grandchildren who he inspired to serve.

In retirement he rekindled relationships from his Alma Maters', the Navy days and became quite involved with The Second Street Irish Society from his old neighborhood in South Philadelphia. Martin marched in many St Patrick's Day Parades with his children and grandchildren, the largest and last in 2022 when 8 McGuigans and Cosgroves marched with him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his eldest sister, Francis McGuigan of Arlington, VA who passed away in 2015. Martin is survived by his devoted wife of 17 years, Joyce; three children Martin (Rachel) of Seaford; Michael (Amy) of Huntsville, AL and Noriss Kurtz (Mark) of Wilmington; nine grandchildren, Bridget, Caroline and Martin of Seaford, DE; Michael Jr, Madeline, and Maxwell of Huntsville, AL; Hudson, Connor and Ainsley Kurtz of Wilmington, DE; and his older sister Kathleen McGuigan of Haddonfield, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Martin's memory to the Wounded Warriors Project, or to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. A celebration of life will follow at Irish Eyes in Lewes, DE from 12:15 to 3:00 PM.



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All who cannot attend in person are invited to view the Mass via live-stream by visiting www.YouTube.com and searching St. Jude Lewes.

Chapel Committal Services with military honors will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 8:00 AM ON MONDAY, JULY 17, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




Events


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Visitation

 **Monday**, July 17, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE

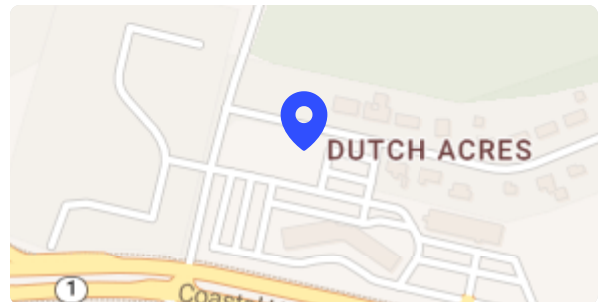


Mass of Christian Burial

 **Monday**, July 17, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church**
152 Tulip Drive, Lewes DE

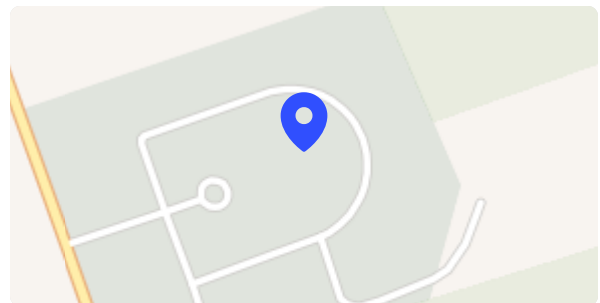


Interment with military honors

 **Tuesday**, July 18, 2023

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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Joann Kuhlman posted:

I will always remember that wonderful times I spent with Marty. I will always love him. Joann Kuhlman

July 22 at 2:49 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Cosgrove, MD family.



July 21 at 7:02 PM



Jim Hartstein posted:

Jim had the opportunity to serve on the Nanticoke Hospital Board with Marty and has many fond memories including board retreats and events when their conversations focused on the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles, both being huge fans. Together we enjoyed our times with Marty and Joyce and are grateful for their friendship and their commitment to the Nanticoke Hospital community. Marty will be missed by many. We regret we will not be able to attend the service because we are traveling out of the country. We will keep Joyce and the rest of the Cosgrove family in our thoughts during this difficult time. Jim and Lois Hartstein

July 16 at 9:00 AM



Donna D Adams posted:

Dear Joyce and Family - May you find comfort in your loving memories. Donna Dorman Adams

July 15 at 10:12 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Martin.



July 15 at 7:59 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 15 at 7:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 15 at 6:53 AM



Connie Shockley sent a virtual gift in honor of Martin.

Our condolences to Joyce and family; we are so very sorry for your loss.

July 15 at 3:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 14 at 5:46 PM



Robert Ferber posted:

I joined the staff at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital around 1985 and had many professional interactions with Marty until his retirement. He was a great radiologist and always a pleasure to work with. It was always a great pleasure to spend some time with him at social events as well. I'll never forget attending a ballgame with him in Philadelphia and being introduced to "the best Philly steak" anywhere!

July 14 at 4:18 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 14 at 2:41 AM





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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 13 at 10:46 AM



Janine Z. Walker lit a candle in honor of Martin.

Dr. Marty Cosgrove was an outstanding Radiologist & a stand -up gentleman ! He will be greatly missed...so very sorry for this loss . Janine Z. Walker

July 13 at 2:21 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 12 at 2:58 PM



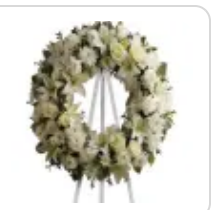
Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 12 at 11:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Serenity Wreath to the Cosgrove, MD family.

July 12 at 10:20 AM





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DL

David C Ludema posted:

I knew Martin Cosgrove for 21 years while he was a radiologist at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford Delaware and I was the director and department chair of the radiologic technology program at Delaware Technical and Community college in Georgetown from 1986 to 2006. It was his initial request to the college that began the search for a program director to begin a nationally accredited program to provide four area hospitals with much needed registered radiologic technologists. With this initiative I was hired in July 1986 from The Sisters of Mercy health corporation in Michigan. The program graduated its first class in 1988. Martin Cosgrove was the first and only medical consultant for the program until the position was discontinued by the national accreditor a few years later. David C Ludema

July 11 at 10:41 AM

DA

Daniel A. Alvarez lii posted:

Marty was one of my father's best friends. He was such a kind and genuine man. The Alvarez Family sends condolences to Joyce and family.

July 11 at 4:57 AM

CK

Chris Kuennen posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, and pray for comfort for the entire Cosgrove family.

July 10 at 4:29 AM

SD

Sue Warrington-Doud lit a candle in honor of Martin.

Dear Joyce and Family~Marty was an amazing person~ I'm so very sorry! Sometimes words are just not adequate enough but he was a very kind and special person ❤️



July 9 at 1:35 PM

JN

Janet Packard Newman posted:

I am so sorry for your loss Dr. Michael and Amy Cosgrove. Praying for you and your sweet family.

July 9 at 8:55 AM



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BM

Byron Mutchler posted:

I managed to bring a little bit of joy to Marty back in 2020. I was metal detecting at his home on the river when I managed to find his 1960 graduation ring from Jefferson U. It had been missing for over 30 years and he was ecstatic that I had found it. He will be missed.

July 9 at 7:42 AM

DK

Doug Kuennen posted:

Our condolences to the entire Cosgrove family 🙏❤️ from Barb Doug Craig and Jason Kuennen.

July 9 at 7:08 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Cosgrove, MD family.



July 9 at 7:04 AM

KK

Kathleen Ann Kuennen posted:

We want to express our love and sympathy to our Cosgrove family. Marty will be greatly missed.
Dan and Kate Kuennen

July 8 at 9:59 AM

KM

Katherine Montgomery posted:

Dear Cosgrove Family, I never had the pleasure of meeting your father, but I have the pleasure of working with Marty. So, I give my condolences to you and your entire family. Also, if I may leave you with one thing. Grieve, grieve as long as you need to, however you need to, scream it out, cry it out, throw things out, throwing things out, but please take as long as you need to heal yourself. Just don't stay away too long because your family is stronger together than apart and you and your family are loved. I know you will hear this for the next few months, The - I am so sorry for your loss, The - Oh can I do anything to help you? then you will have the ones who will feed off of you and your emotions and make the whole situation about them. I always tell everyone that I was in your shoes myself not too long ago. I was hurting for a few months also. It took me a few months to finally let go and take a deep breath. Just remember through this all. JUST BREATHE So, my condolences to you and the family! Katie Montgomery

July 7 at 6:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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