



Philip M. Rullo

November 11, 1933 - August 27, 2015

Philip M. Rullo age 81 of Mayfield Heights for the past 20 years formerly of Mentor OH, died Thursday August 27, 2015 at Governor's Village in Mayfield Village. He was born November 11, 1933 in Johnstown, PA.

Mr. Rullo was a Chief Perfusionist in the open Heart Program at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland for 30 years. He assisted in the design and development of the Rultract Retractor as the established standard instrument for Open Heart Surgery worldwide. The retractor prompted the use of the mammary artery for by-pass surgery. He was also an integral part of the success of Kay-Suzuki heart valve.

Mr. Rullo was a US Army veteran. He attended the University of Pittsburgh and while there worked their blood bank program. Mr. Rullo helped develop the curriculum for the Extracorporeal Circulation program for the training of perfusion at The Ohio State University.

Phil enjoyed golfing and was an avid Steelers fan.

Survivors include his children Tammy (Mitch) Stonestreet, and Philip (Jessica) Rullo Jr.; grandchildren: Racquel, Kaylon, Mackenzie, Alena and Philip III; brother Angelo Rullo; several nieces and nephews, and his former wife Janice Schilt.

Preceding Philip in death is his parents: Frank and Lena Rullo; siblings: Josephine Strack, Betty Visgitis and John Rullo.

A celebration of Philip's life will be held 7 pm Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio, where the family will receive friends 5-7 pm Thursday.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland 44110

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ BOB AND PATTI purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Philip M. Rullo.



BOB AND PATTI - September 30, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip M. Rullo.



September 29, 2015 at 07:16 PM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Julie Branisel - September 19, 2015 at 08:01 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Philip M. Rullo.



September 14, 2015 at 01:04 PM

AZ

“ Dear Tammy and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking with your Dad at family get together. He may have been a little "krimudgen" but he was so interesting and intelligent and will be missed. Give Kenzie a hug from me.

Angela & Frank Zanella - September 01, 2015 at 05:31 PM

CJ

Phil taught me how to run the heart lung machine which I ran for 5 years when n Phil left to work at Bailey Meter Company. He then returned to SVCH when I left.

Cathy Hutchins Johnson - February 11 at 10:12 AM