



Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D.

September 11, 2020

Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D., 61, of Lancaster, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his home on Friday, September 11, 2020. Born in Bogotá, Colombia, he was the son of the late Julius Robert Del Terzo, M.D., and Helen Donio Del Terzo, R.N. His wife of twenty years, Wendy Nes Del Terzo, his son David Julius Robert Nes Gulick Del Terzo, and his brother, J. Robert Del Terzo, survive him.

Mike and his brother were raised in Greenwich Village in an apartment above their father's surgical practice. He attended grammar school at The Church of Saint Luke in the Fields in the West Village of New York City, where he later married his wife Wendy in 2000. He attended Xavier High School, a Jesuit school for boys in Manhattan, where he formed extraordinary lifelong friendships with his Xavier brothers—many of whom attended New York University with Mike. They still remain friends and have been with him through this journey from the beginning.

Following his undergraduate studies, Mike received his Master of Science from Georgetown University in 1984 and his medical degree from Georgetown School of Medicine in 1988. He became board certified by The American Board of Urology in 2000. Numerous awards were bestowed upon Mike, including the Dean's Teaching Excellence Award in 2001 and 2002, Chief Residents' Faculty Award in 2000 and 2002, and the Family Medicine

Teaching Award in 2001—all from The University of Texas Medical School. Mike was an Assistant Professor of Urology at The University of Texas Health Science Center and Chief of Urology at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) in Houston, Texas, from 1998 to 2003.

In 2003, Mike and his family moved to Lancaster, PA, where he joined Urological Associates of Lancaster, which later became Lancaster Urology (now Keystone Urology). He practiced medicine and surgery at Lancaster General Hospital, the Physicians' Surgery Center, Women & Babies Hospital, Ephrata Community Hospital, UPMC Lititz, and Lancaster Regional Hospital. He was a dedicated physician and surgeon, beloved by his patients, doctors, nurses, and all who knew the extraordinary care he gave to all.

Mike proudly served his country as Lieutenant Commander in the Medical Corps in the United States Navy from 1991-1992 and as Lieutenant in the Medical Corps from 1985-1991. In 1991 he was Assistant Division Surgeon, 2nd Marine Division, during Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait. From 1989-1991 he was Battalion Surgeon, 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, during Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia and Operation Sharp Edge in Liberia. He performed medical missions at Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Haiti in 1997 and Bien Vinh Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in 2000.

Mike was a member of St. James Episcopal Church since 2009 and served as a board member for the Lancaster Center for Classical Studies since 2010. He held memberships at the New York Athletic Club in New York City, The Nassau Club in Princeton, New Jersey, Greenspring Valley Hunt Club in Owings Mills, Maryland, and Lancaster Country Club.

Mike was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, in June of 2018. The Department of Veterans Affairs determined that Mike's ALS was 100% Service Connected, due to his service

in Gulf War I and at Camp Lejeune.

A devoted husband, father, physician, surgeon, man of faith, veteran, healer, and comforter, Mike was a friend to all—especially those in need and the forgotten.

With his humor, wit, compassionate heart, selflessness abounding, intense curiosity, love of learning and family first and foremost, Mike made a profound difference in the lives of many. Mike fought a long, hard battle against ALS with great courage and honor, inspiring all those fortunate enough to know him.

Friends and family are invited to attend Mike's Requiem Mass via Livestream on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. by clicking on the funeral link on the St. James Episcopal Church homepage at www.saintjameslancaster.org. A viewing will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA, on Friday, September 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mike one day in the future when it is safe for family and friends to gather together.

Memorial contributions in Mike's name can be made to ALS Research at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Checks should be made payable to Penn State University – ALS Center and sent to Zachary Simmons, MD, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, (RESEARCH), Department of Neurology, EC 037, 30 Hope Drive, Hershey, PA 17033 or ALS Hershey Clinic, which provided invaluable care to Dr. Del Terzo and his family throughout his illness. Please specify the ALS Hershey Clinic, The ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter (Patient Services), 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA 19002.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D.*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

TS

He was my Savior, as he led me through my bladder Cancer! I was truly BLESSED to know him! GOD Bless the family!

Thomas Shappell - December 20, 2020 at 06:00 PM

CS

*My deepest sympathies. I'm the daughter of Lucy Pepe. I've known Michael n Bobby since they were 6 months old. My mom was their caregiver n cook.
Michael was always happy and loving. I'm heart broken*

catherine pepe steindler - March 26, 2023 at 12:24 PM

DK

“ I was thinking of Dr. Del Terzo this morning and thought I would write to him, only to discover his obituary. Nine years ago, years after I had left Lancaster and Dr. Del Terzo’s care, facing a sudden urological crisis, I telephoned him asking for guidance. Following a long and generous consultation, I sent him an email thanking him and received the following reply:

You are most welcome. It allowed me the opportunity to practice medicine the way my father did. All the best, Mike Del Terzo. Keep in touch.

And so I did. We exchanged about fifty emails over the following four months, through and beyond my prostate surgery. I will never forget Mike’s kindness.

– David Kramer

David Kramer - May 21, 2025 at 06:39 AM

WT

David, thank you so much for sharing your wonderful thoughts about your experience with Mike, aka Dr. Del Terzo. He deeply cared about his patients, which, as he shared with you, he learned from his father, a surgeon, and his mother, a nurse. Your words mean so much. Many thanks, Wendy Del Terzo

Wendy Del Terzo - May 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

KE

“ *Just discovered Dr. Del Terzo had passed away and I am heartbroken and in tears...he was a wonderful human being. Kind, caring, and compassionate. May his Spirit infuse all the healthcare in the LGH Health Campus.*



Ken Ebert - January 12, 2023 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the album Michael D: Always a Ready Smile and Warm Heart*



John Burgess - November 09, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ We think of Dr. Del Terzo and talk about him so frequently. We adored him! I googled for information tonight because we hadn't heard about how he was doing for several months. We deeply, deeply grieve his loss. He saved my husband and I from traumatic worry on several occasions. We have never experienced the medical and personal care that he gave to us. We had a fun and funny experience regarding a new car that failed us as I was trying to take my husband home from surgery. He brought humor and support to a frustrating situation. We also went through a terrible experience for several days in the hospital for a surgery unrelated to his care but his kidneys became compromised and a call to him settled everything. He came to us immediately. We still wonder what may have happened if we hadn't been blessed with his loving care. We once asked him how he became the beautiful man, the exceptional doctor that he was and he said it is because of the way he was raised. God bless his parents for an amazing job! What an outstanding person they raised! One thing he always told us as we left his office with comforting news was go have ice cream. We have taken that message and share it when we are in a situation that lends itself to that kind of goodbye. He was just so very special in more ways that we can relate here. We are so sorry that he was taken from all of us, especially his loving precious family. We can't imagine your grief as you learned his diagnosis and saw your dear loved one go through what he had to endure. You are in our prayers and he is in our thankful prayers because he touched our lives in such a meaningful way. We will never forget him. May God comfort you and bring you peace and healing every day.

Our deepest heartfelt sympathy,
Shirley and Al Hoover

Shirley and Al Hoover - April 25, 2021 at 12:57 AM

SS

“ I only recently learned of the passing of Dr. Del Terzo. I was a patient of his for several years. I'm sorry for his demise but thankful that he is finally free from his affliction. The next to last time I saw him, he said to me, somewhat prophetically perhaps, "Pray for me that I will be in as good shape at age eighty as you are." The next and last time I saw him, he was obviously afflicted and told me of his debilitating physical problem. So we talked about faith, as a Ph.D. and an M.D. It's too bad that someone with such expertise had to be cut down in the prime of life. He helped many people.

Streeter S. Stuart, Ph.D.
Millersville, PA

Streeter S. Stuart - December 31, 2020 at 10:50 AM

BC

My memories of Michael go back many years. I was dumbfounded to learn he passed. I was a childhood friend from Nursery through 8th Grade. He always knew he'd be a doctor "like my Dad" he'd say. He'd join the military to offset cost of medical school- in short Michael always knew what he would do and how he would achieve it. Years later we reconnected at a school reunion and was so happy he was there and was following his dream. I always thought of him and remembered his birthday (the ides of March) and even though our worlds were different would say Happy Birthday Mike now I learn 4 years after the fact he passed. Rest in peace my friend- you were one of the best.

Barbara Coyle - October 01, 2024 at 08:19 PM

CK

“ It was clear to me when Wendy first spoke of Mike that he was an amazing person. My husband and I feel truly blessed to have known him. He was incredibly kind with an evident love of life. He lifted us with his genuine engagement and ready sense of humor. Every time we shared with him is treasured. One memory I will especially hold dear is laughing so hard and long with him and a young David poolside over stories of implausibly funny adventures they had shared together. He willingly gave of his talents. While not a patient, when I faced surgery, he was so very helpful. We are inspired knowing of his fervid dedication to Wendy and David. I will never forget the extra long hug he gave me the first time I saw him after his diagnosis. Always caring, he was comforting me. He faced his devastating illness with unfathomable grace. His exceedingly well-lived life and the wonderful son he and Wendy raised together are lasting gifts he leaves behind. Mike will never be forgotten.

Cindy Kendall and Jay Lindquist

Cindy Kendall - September 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



September 21, 2020 at 05:53 AM

CB

“ *Cathie Conolly and Rod Brown purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



Cathie Conolly and Rod Brown - September 20, 2020 at 11:24 PM

RG

“ When Mike entered York Hospital about a year and half ago, he had recently lost his ability to speak but his inner strength, mighty foot, and spelling board gave him a voice. However, he didn't use it to make demands, but rather to show (through kindness and an enormous amount of patience) those around him how to care for their patients. Always the listener. Always the teacher. Mike also wanted to know everyone's story, and wanted us to share it with each other. Whether it was the new doctor on staff, a nurse, housekeeper or a former patient, Mike insisted we take the time to share our stories, because he wanted us to know how special we were to each other, however brief our encounter, and how much we mattered in the world.

Since that time, our daily readings of the New York Times gave Mike the chance to transport us to a world of politics, world happenings, science (in particular dinosaurs), fascinating people, and sports...but never ever the Arts section or anything about bees. Our inside jokes, because it wasn't always about ALS. It was about how much Mike loved Wendy and David and how much they loved him. It was about the stories we shared about similar lives in NYC and baseball box scores.

We were all so lucky to know and love Mike. These last two years were an incredibly difficult journey for him, but in true Mike fashion, he faced it like he had lived his life, with grace, compassion, honor, and a twinkle in his eye. Those are the lessons he taught us and the ones we need to take out into the world. The journey continues.

Renee Gallagher

Renee Gallagher - September 20, 2020 at 09:38 AM

PS

“ Michael was one of my favorite relatives through my hubby, John. I remember seeing and talking with him, Bobby, and Aunt Helen at the Chew Street cookouts/manges John's dad/Dr. Donio held along with Uncle Tom, Aunt Sara, Greg, and so many other family members and friends! And I remember your mom feeding John and me, as usual, and you coming back from school books in hand, running into you by Washington Square books in hand, ... when were you EVER w/o books in hand?! You were the fellow with a mission and a drive to compliment the caring, kind, and witty soul that you already were. The last time I saw you was at John's funeral and your presence made me soo happy. I tried to plan a visit with Wendy a couple times and really thought it would happen. Then the pandemic came and all was lost. I wanted to bring you some joy, love, and comfort however I could. I'm sorry it didn't work out. But by the readings here, I am happy you were able to give of yourself as you so desired so many years ago. I am happy you found the love of your life and, together brought such a smart, warm-hearted, and loving son into this world to carry on. For sure you'll be missed but I like to think of your now being at peace, being w/o pain, being with your mom & dad and others who've gone before you including Dr Donio, Daily, my John, Adeline, and Tony as well as being able to watch over your family and Bro. Love always. PJ

Pat Savage-Donio - September 20, 2020 at 03:07 AM

BR

“ It was always assuring to see Michael, wife and son in their chosen spot at St James on a Sunday morning. My condolences to the family. Enjoy your memories. Bonita Reed

Bonita Reed - September 19, 2020 at 04:58 PM

IM

“ *Something special about Michael,*

I am a fellow physician, and also was Mike's patient. In his presence I always felt comfortable. He was empathetic and sincere as we spoke about our similar experiences. They included our background and why we chose medicine. I was in the army and he was more active in the Navy. He was always easy to talk with. It is difficult to describe how at ease I felt with him, When I learned of his terrible;e illness I wrote him and I know in my heart he would have answered if he could have. I watched the teleconference of his funeral which has left a lasting impression on me. Even in death I felt his passing has shown we will all be reunited again. May he be eternally blessed.

Irwin H Forman MD - September 19, 2020 at 04:04 PM

PS

“ *Mike and I were classmates at Xavier in Manhattan. I was just a kid from Brooklyn with no exposure to Manhattan, nevermind 5th Avenue. Mike loved the village and showed me many great places while we were walking around with other Xavierites. To this day Manhattan is one of my favorite places most likely due to Mike's influence. I have often told my family that the hardest I have ever laughed was a time with Mike, Tony L. and John E. It sticks out as a great memory of my life. Reading about all of Mike's compassion, service and accomplishments since the time that I knew him shows that Mike has touched countless lives as he did mine. My condolences to family and friends. I cannot imagine how much he is already missed.*

Paul Sandor '77

Paul Sandor - September 18, 2020 at 04:50 PM

PS

“ I was one of Dr. Del Terzo's first patients here in Lancaster. Every year when I would come into his office for my annual check up he would remind me of that fact. He would be smiling and we would laugh about it. He always treated me like a friend first and a patient second. I can only say that his kindness and sincere concern for his patients will be missed. I feel like I lost a friend!!

Philip J. Scheuchenzuber

Philip Scheuchenzuber - September 18, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DC

“ Dear Del Terzo family,
We at Kim Studio were very saddened to hear of Mike's passing. Mike was a dedicated student and mentor who always brought a contagious smile and energy into our classes. He embodied the qualities we associate with a traditional Black Belt, including leadership, respect, compassion, a sense of community, and humility, and he will be missed greatly. Please accept our condolences and know you and Mike will always be in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

Your Kim Studio Family

David Cooper - September 17, 2020 at 04:57 PM

AK

“ I was blessed to have had a friend like Mike during my years as Resident in Urology at The University of Texas. During those years Mike was like a brother to me, the brother that I never had. He was such a wonderful person in all aspects , great friend, good sense of humor, respectful, kind, smart, great with patients and peers. He proudly served his country and I was fortunate to have heard multiple incredible stories and experiences while he was away from the US in Asia and Africa. Since he was single during his time of residency in Houston, my wife and I had Mike come to dine with us frequently. We really enjoyed having Mike as a friend. We will miss him. One of those friendships that I will proudly keep in my heart.
Ariel Kaufman

Ariel Kaufman - September 17, 2020 at 04:22 PM

SS

“ Wendy and David-
I met Mike in 1983 and have not met a kinder, more caring, fun-loving and genuine person since. Knowing Mike made me a better person, just as he made the world a better place.
We will never forget him and will smile whenever we think him.
You are in our prayers.
Steve & Monica

Steve Steinhubl - September 17, 2020 at 01:31 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..



September 16, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ I remember with great fondness Mike's humor and love of art as well as his curiosity. I will miss him terribly, All my love to Wendy and David.
Victoria

Kirby Victoria - September 16, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ 178 files added to the album LifeTributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - September 16, 2020 at 11:38 AM

MH

“ Dear Family of Dr. Del Terzo,
Reading and seeing the many memories and condolences expressed here certainly tells you the many lives Dr. Del Terzo touched throughout his life. What an honor this is to his family. They are all such great tributes to him. He was such a great man and physician. I personally was not a patient of Dr. Del Terzo but my dear mother who passed away in 2014 was. We unfortunately had to bring her to his office from a nursing home on a gurney for him to change her catheter. My mother suffered much from her third and final cancer and Dr. Del Terzo was so gentle, knowing the pain she dealt with at each visit, and showed much compassion to her. I never met such a caring, patient and kind doctor. I will never forget that and am grateful for his care to her. My husband then had to see a urologist and without a blink I highly recommended he go to Dr. Del Terzo. He too immediately saw why I praised Dr. Del Terzo and became very fond and confident in his care from him. He was so saddened when told personally by Dr. Del Terzo that he could no longer care for him in the office. He had so much trust and faith in his care. Dr. Del Terzo certainly was the best of the bests. So thankful for his loving care to my mother and husband. His loss is God's gain.

May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the many days ahead. Our faith consists in believing when it's beyond the power of reason to believe. Grief knows no time frame. Always remember, "those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear." Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Family of Anita Grab & Scott & Michele Grab Haberstroh

Michele Haberstroh - September 15, 2020 at 11:53 PM

LC

“ Love from Beth, Diana, Sabrina & Catherine purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..



Love from Beth, Diana, Sabrina & Catherine - September 15, 2020 at 10:31 PM

FP

“ Frank and Liz Piscitelli purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..



Frank and Liz Piscitelli - September 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM

RV

“ Dear Wendy, David and extended family,
We are so profoundly sorry to hear of Mike's passing. All we can do is pray for all of you and send our love. Ron and Ann Vail

Ron and Ann Vail - September 15, 2020 at 11:18 AM

JL

“ So deeply saddened to learn we lost Mike last Friday. Such a kind and dear gentleman. Kathleen & I extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Wendy and David and know that Mike will never be forgotten by those who knew him. He was indeed a special soul.

I came to know Mike quite well while we spend time chatting on Friday afternoons waiting to start our cases at the PSC. Invariably we shut the place down well after scheduled hours. We shared stories and laughed often. Mike was such a kind, thoughtful and dedicated man on so very many levels. Always the calm in a storm and made friends easily. I truly miss his wit and friendship. May God bless him and share the same.

J. Paul & Kathleen Lyet

J Paul & Kathleen Lyet - September 14, 2020 at 11:50 PM

G'

“ Mike was a classmate of mine at Xavier HS in Manhattan. He was a real nice guy. It saddens me to hear of his passing when he was probably on the verge of retirement like me.

Rest in Peace Mike.

Glen Corsello '77 - September 14, 2020 at 10:38 PM

CA

“ Christine, Bill & Ashley purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..



Christine, Bill & Ashley - September 14, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



September 14, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ *White Roses Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



September 14, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *We were all saddened by Mike's ALS diagnosis; and now we are all devastated to learn of his death. What a gift of incredible life he gave his family, friends and co-workers. To Wendy and David -- let the multitude of memories become the new fragrance of your life. My heartfelt condolences. Ross Fairweather.*



Ross Fairweather - September 14, 2020 at 01:14 PM

SS

“ *Mrs. Del Terzo & David*

My husband and I were patients of Dr. Del Terzo since 2005. I was very surprised when I went to my appointment in July 2018 to learn that he had ALS. He always had a smile on his face even when we knew he had to be in pain. We knew he was proud of his family because when I would ask about you, his face would just light up. We could not have asked for a nicer or kinder Doctor. We are really going to miss him.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

Les & Sandy Sellers

Sandra Sellers - September 14, 2020 at 10:13 AM

AN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Del Terzo for five years. What a extradentary human being. Such a kind , caring , physician and loved by the nursing staff and his patients. I use to joke with him do you ever get angry? He was so laid back. R.I.P You will surely be missed by many. with love, Angie*

angie - September 14, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JC

“ *Mrs. Del Terzo & David, so very sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful Dr. but most importantly a caring man! Prayers for you both.*

Rick & Joanie Cashdollar

Joan Cashdollar - September 14, 2020 at 09:25 AM

AR

“ *Wendy and David,*

Eric, Henry and I are so sorry for your loss.

With love,

Ashley

Ashley Ramsay - September 14, 2020 at 09:23 AM

VM

“ *He was my husbands doctors. He will be missed. Rest In Peace. My condolences to his family. Veronica Martin*

Veronica Martin - September 14, 2020 at 07:28 AM

ME

“ *My heart is heavy to see the loss of this gentle man and wonderful surgeon. Many hours I got to spend with him as an OR nurse at LGH. Cases with him are some of my most fond memories as a nurse there. He was a good man, a good surgeon and just absolutely poured about his love for his wife and his son. Oh I hope his son knows how much he loved and adored him! I'm so sad to see this. Seeing his smiling face in the picture pulls at my heart strings. My deepest sympathy to his family. May you find peace during this difficult time.*

Melissa Eisenhart - September 13, 2020 at 11:15 PM

LH

“ Mrs. Del Terzo and David, You have our sympathy as you grieve the loss of a great man. He was my Dr. for many years. I loved his gentle spirit! He shared his faith with me. He was always interested in our travels and our family! He was so proud of you David! He showed me a gem or a rock he carried with him and maybe a bracelet he wore that meant a lot to him! He always listened to my concerns and would compare my options and then would help us decide the best treatment etc. He will be missed! Love and Prayers for Gods comfort and peace in the coming days!

Louise Hoover - September 13, 2020 at 11:05 PM

MD

“ Mrs. Del Terzo and David,

I had the privilege of working with Dr. Del Terzo on 7 East @ LGH for many years. He was always an advocate for his patients and nursing staff. His exemplary skills along with his compassion, kindness and selflessness were the hallmarks of a great doctor. He was the epitome of an outstanding man and physician. God bless you.

Melissa Droege Deascenti R.N.

Melissa Deascenti - September 13, 2020 at 10:14 PM

PS

“ Goodbye, my sweet friend. You will always be in my heart and in my mind. Love never leaves!

Philip Scalamogna - September 13, 2020 at 10:08 PM

 Renae
Hirsch

“ Wendy and David-so sorry for your loss. Dr. DeIT was a great physician and an incredible man. He always had a smile on his face when he came to the PSC and had only kind words to say to everyone. He also had a great sense of humor. I always looked forward to his response to my text. His response was always very creative. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
Deepest sympathies,
Renae and Lorin Hirsch

Renae Hirsch - September 13, 2020 at 08:12 PM

VA

“ Wendy and David,

We are sorry for your loss.
Mike will be dearly missed by the medical community in Lancaster.
What an outstanding and caring physician.

On a personal level a good friend, who will be deeply missed.

Vinitha and Shakeel Amanullah

Vinitha and Shakeel Amanullah - September 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM

TS

“ Mrs. Del Terzo and Son,

*My prayers and sympathies go out to you and the family..
Dr. Mike was one of the most kind and caring physicians my
husband and I encountered in dealing with my husband's terminal
illness.*

*Having passed in Dec. 2017, my husband would say how much he
liked Dr. Mike and how down to earth he was in dealing with his
patients. They shared similar likes, the military, hunting and having
only one son. Dr. Mike would always ask how our son was doing
when we saw him.*

*You already know how special he was, but it does help to know and
remember how many people's lives he touched, leaving a lasting
impression for a life time.*

*Illness may take away the presence of a loved one, but nothing can
ever take the life, memories or love of the soul. They remain
forever. Stay close to God and He will stay close to you and help all
through the challenging months and years ahead.*


*So thankful for your husband and father's care of my loving
husband.*

God bless and comfort you!

Trudy Sheetz

Trudy Sheetz - September 13, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Michael’s passing,what a great man!!!!
Michael was my wife’s surgeon back in 2012.
Sue had cancer and through her 3.5 years journey Michael and his family became friends with our family!!
Wendy and David you may not remember us,we were the folks at Rosie’s Drive Inn, The Halloween party.
Wendy my whole family is sending you,David and your family our prayers!!!
Sue had a bunch of doctors though her 3.5 years of illness,but not one of them came close to Michael!!!!!!

Darrell Roten
and Family

Darrell Roten - September 13, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BS

“ Doc took good care of our Father for years and I now see was a fellow immigrant and veteran. May he rest in peace.

Bruno S. Schmalhofer

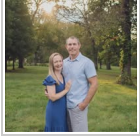
BRUNO SCHMALHOFER - September 13, 2020 at 06:25 PM

WG

“ Wendy and David, I am so sad to hear about Mike. In our residency together he was unfailingly witty and wry, and always a pleasure to be with. Also a smart, excellent and compassionate physician. Every accolade and kind remembrance shared about him will reflect what a great man he was. Rest in peace, Mike.

Will Graber

Will Graber - September 13, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ I worked with Dr. DeITerzo for four years as a PA at UAL. He was always willing to help with any questions that I had. He was knowledgeable, kind and had a wonderful bedside manor. Even on the busiest of days he gave every patient the time they needed and deserved. He was loved by his patients and his staff alike. I remember him as a proud father, speaking frequently of his son. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends and this difficult time.

Heather Fink

Heather Kennedy Fink - September 13, 2020 at 05:06 PM

RF

“ Michael was more than a doctor to me. I only saw him once a year but he was as much a friend, as he was my physician. Condolences to all who knew and loved him. He will be missed. Robert Funk

Robert Funk - September 13, 2020 at 04:31 PM

DG

“ Wendy, You have our deepest sympathies. My heart is with you and David. You were so kind to our family during our sorrow I wish I could be more comfort to yours. Please know that we are thinking of you and David and sending our love.

Don Catlett and girls - September 13, 2020 at 03:47 PM

RV

“ Wendy & family, I was so saddened to read of Michael's passing. He was a very kind, humble and sincere physician and gentleman. Knowing he and your family at St James. Our paths would cross at the health campus cafe at work. He always greeted with a kind smile and would step back and allow the ladies to go first, a true gentleman. My heart breaks for your loss. Please know he is never never far from you... Heaven is all around us...we just cannot see it with the naked eye... May you feel the palpable loving and comforting presence of God and the Angels embrace you now...
Sincerely, Rachel Victor

Rachel Victor - September 13, 2020 at 03:30 PM

JH

“ Dr Del Terzo saved my life . I will be forever grateful for his skill and compassion. He was a stellar human being indeed. Jo Hart

Jo Ann Ann Hart - September 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM

PW

“ Dear Wendy and David, we are very sorry to learn of Michael's passing. Certainly, he is at peace and is pain free. We send our sympathies to you both for the pain of your loss. May he always live in your hearts and memories. We miss seeing him in the next pew over from us at St. James. With blessings from God, Paul and Judy Ware

Paul Ware - September 13, 2020 at 02:59 PM

TL

“ I was saddened to hear of Dr Mike's passing away. He will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to his family and loved ones and the legions of people, patients and other wise whose lives he touched. He was a unique loving, caring person, who gave back in many ways. One of his traits that I admired most was he was a throw back to doctors of 50 years ago. Despite his harried schedule he never allowed himself to be an assembly line practitioner controlled by the clock. He gave me all the time I needed with his undivided attention about my well being. Doctor Mike was an exemplary example for the entire healing arts profession . He will be missed and fondly remembered.

Tuck Long

Tuck Long - September 13, 2020 at 02:22 PM

LW

“ Dr. Del Terzo saved my husband's life. For that we will be eternally grateful. He's care and concern were a Godsend. We mourn your loss and send our deepest sympathy. What an extraordinary man who will be remembered by so many for his deeds and character. It is with deepest gratitude that we send our condolences to the family. Rocky and Linda Watson

Linda Watson - September 13, 2020 at 12:22 PM

BC

“ *Dr. Del Terzo played a big part in our lives. He was the most caring and compassionate person while he was caring for my daughter Sue. Nothing was ever too much to ask of him while she battled kidney cancer. We will always remember the great Halloween we spent together at Rosie's Drive In. Our family will never forget him. My deepest sympathy go out to Wendy and David. Rest in peace Dr. D*
Barbara Cisco

Barbara Cisco - September 13, 2020 at 12:15 PM

GM

“ *George, Chris and Dorothy Markley purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



George, Chris and Dorothy Markley - September 13, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ SO SAD TO HEAR OF DR.MIKES PASSING..HE WAS CERTAINLY A CARING DOCTOR,BUT HE WAS MUCH MORE THAN THAT...HE WAS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE,AND NEVER ENDED AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT US DISCUSSING FAMILY...HE MADE MY VISITS PLEASANT,AND EXPLAINED EVERYTHING AND ANSWERED EVERY QUESTION...HE ALWAYS DREW DIAGRAMS OR PICTURES TO MAKE A POINT,OR TO SIMPLIFY HIS EXPLANATION...AND OBVIOUSLY,HIS STAFF LOVED HIM DEARLY,AND NEVER HESITATED TO SAY SO...THEY WILL MISS HIM,AS WILL THE MANY PATIENTS WHO LOVED HIM AS WELL....

REST IN PEACE,DR.MIKE,AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR WIFE AND SON.YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS TONIGHT,AND IN MY MEMORY FOREVER.

JOHN CAPERELLI

JOHN m CAPERELLI - September 13, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JL

“ I very much appreciated Dr. Del Terzo's thoroughness and kindness every time I had an appointment with him. (James Lawrence)

James D. Lawrence - September 13, 2020 at 10:24 AM

RG

“ ONE of MY FAVORITE SURGEONS. Dr DelTerzo ALWAYS had a kind word for EVERYONE. I truly NEVER saw him in a "BAD" mood. He was KIND and GENTLE. His Skills and Bedside Manners were SUPERB. He found the BEST in the WORST of people. Every day he talked about his WIFE and SON, he wore his LOVE for his FAMILY on his SLEVE. HIS SMILE was his SIGNATURE. To those who had the PLEASURE of crossing Dr Del Terzo's path in life were BLESSED with one of GOD'S MASTERPIECES.
REST IN PEACE DOCTOR
PRAYERS & HUGS to his WIFE & SON
I WILL REMEMBER HIS SMILE & HIS KINDNESS FOREVER.
Feeling SAD
Robin Sue Gainer RN

Robin Gainer - September 13, 2020 at 10:20 AM

HS

“ Dr. Del Terzo was always so kind and caring to my father during my Dad's later years. He used his life and gifts for the good of others. Such an inspiring person! I will pray for his family.

Hope Schmids - September 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM



Colleen
Levitan

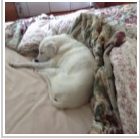
“ I loved working with "MAD" or Dr D as we would call him. Anytime I had questions he was quick with an answer and he loved teaching new things to staff and he absolutely loved his patients and they loved him. He will be missed by many. He was so proud of his son and spoke of him often. ❤️ To Wendy and David. "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us" - Helen Keller ~Colleen Levitan

Colleen Levitan - September 13, 2020 at 09:58 AM

LF

“ *What a wonderful father, husband, friend and physician. His commitment to family and patients was second to none. Holding you in our hearts and prayers. George, Lesley, Riely and Whitney*

Lesley Finney - September 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Dr. Del Terzo was my urologist for 15 years. Generally, going to a urologist is not my favorite activity, but Dr Del Terzo was such a kind, thoughtful and caring person that I enjoyed my usually brief visits with him. He had a quiet dignity and always listened carefully to my concerns and even expressed interest in aspects of my personal life.*
I was sorry to hear about his illness and subsequent passing. I am sure he will be missed by the many people he helped over the years as a doctor.
My condolences to his family and friends for your loss.

Tim Wheale - September 13, 2020 at 09:40 AM

MG

“ *So sorry for your lost of this good man your husband father and friends to many.to the man who save me from Kinney cancer twice. I will miss talking to him and will always remember him for his wisdom and smile. May the lord take care of him as he did for many on this earth. God bless mike and Diane gordon*

mike gordon - September 13, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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Miller

“ *condolences to the fam. it was my pleasure to be at his side during many surgeries, remember his kindness caring nature. rest in peace.*
Rosi Miller

Rosi Miller - September 13, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..*



September 13, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ *Our heartfelt prayers for the DelTerzo family. We are so fortunate that we were a part of his family at the PSC.*

Kim Kauffman - September 13, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *It is with great sadness that I learned this morning of Dr. DelTerzo's passing. I always felt comfortable, informed and valued as his patient. He was compassionate in his care giving, generous with his time and a truly gifted doctor and surgeon. I have missed him since he retired from his practice of medicine but I am much the better for the care he gave to me and our time and talks together. Above all he was my friend and I am thankful for that.*

My deepest condolences to his family. The loss of his love and wisdom is no doubt irreplaceable.

Brent L. Richmond - September 13, 2020 at 09:29 AM



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Barbara Cisco*

Barbara Cisco - September 13, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“*Dr. Del Terzo was my urologist for many years. I always appreciated his gentle warmth, his kindness, his remembering details of my family and work, his humanity. I knew he cared about me (and, surely, all of his patients) as a whole person, not just a patient with this or that condition. Knowing I would have a few moments to exchange conversation with Dr. Del Terzo made going to the office something positive. He was thorough, careful, knowledgeable, and humane, in the truest sense of that word. When he sent his patients a letter announcing his need to retire, I felt a deep sadness; now I am sadder yet that he is no longer in this world. His memory will be a blessing.*”

Lynn Brooks - September 13, 2020 at 08:52 AM

KN

“ Dr. "Del" was my doctor and my friend for many years. Never have I ever had such a doctor who took such a personal interest in my family, my travels and my life.

A kind and gentle person, always listening, always caring, always curious. So rare in this age of fast and furious medical care. He told me about his life, his family and his pleasures in life. So unfair that he was taken so young.

He always spoke about the pride in his family and his love for them. Our conversations about my own health seemed insignificant. Time with him was unlimited. His kindness generated feelings of optimism, even in my darkest hours. His concern was healing in itself. I became a friend, not just a patient.

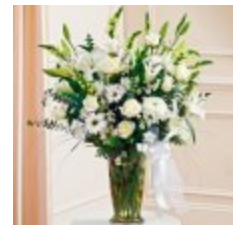
Rest in peace, my dear friend. And love and peace to your family. We will miss you. You will never be forgotten.

*Kermit M. Norris
Manheim Township*

Kermit M Norris - September 13, 2020 at 04:15 AM



“ White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Michael Anthony Del Terzo, M.D..



September 12, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Michael D: Always a Ready Smile and Warm Heart



Frank Piscitelli - September 12, 2020 at 04:50 PM

PS

Thank you for these wonderful pictures of Michael as a young man. Even then his exuberance and kindness showed through!

Philip Scalamogna - September 13, 2020 at 10:06 PM

BS

*Dear Wendy and David,
Jean and I are so sorry for the loss of Mike, he was a St. James co-parishioner, good friend and wonderful doctor. When I needed him most in the hospital, he was there with his coat and tie Sunday morning at 6:30 AM with "I know what your problem is and I will fix it right now." He did fix it and I was discharged at 3:00 PM. He had a lot of people praying for him during his most difficult illness, and we hope that was helpful to you and David during that most difficult period. When they opened the church for limited services two weeks ago, Jean and I sat in your recognized church location. You can bet we were thinking about you at that time. Hope to see you soon. With our sincere sympathy,
Love,
Bob and Jean*

Bob & Jean Stahl - September 15, 2020 at 11:13 AM

TW

What a wonderful, kind person. God certainly did something right when he made him. I was honored to work with him at Keystone Urology (formerly Lancaster Urology) for 7 years. He would always be smiling, and never had a harsh word to say about anyone. He spoke frequently about his son David, his voice filled with love and pride. He took excellent care of his patients, and truly listened to their needs regardless of any time restraints. But he was like that with everyone. Wendy and David I will keep your family in my prayers

Theresa Wagner

Theresa Wagner - September 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

RH

*We last saw each other at your wedding, and you were beaming! I'm so happy that God blessed you with your wonderful Wendy and David.
I know you're at peace brother. Well done!
Robert Hoang*

Robert Q Hoang - May 07, 2022 at 03:12 AM