



## Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin

June 22, 1935 - January 19, 2015

Wilfrid L. Fortin, M.D., age 79, died on January 19, 2015, surrounded by his loving family, at “The Inn” at Fairview in Hudson NH after an extended illness. Dr. Fortin was born in Manchester NH on June 22, 1935, the son of the late Joseph Fortin and Berthe (Vachon) Fortin. He was predeceased in 1991 by his brother Eugene Fortin and his sister-in-law Xenia Fortin in 1999, both of Ft. Lauderdale FL. Dr. Fortin was a Board Certified Anesthesiologist and practiced medicine at St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua NH for over 25 years.

Dr. Fortin graduated from St. Augustin Elementary School and Central High School in Manchester NH in 1953. He went on to graduate with honors from St. Anselm College in Manchester NH in 1957 and the University of Vermont School of Medicine in Burlington VT in 1961. He received his post graduate training in anesthesia at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME, graduating in 1964. He began his career as an anesthesiologist at St. Joseph Hospital in June 1964.

During his professional career he was a member of American Medical Association, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Hillsboro County Medical Society, NH Medical Society, and NH-VT Society of Anesthesiologists. During his association with St. Joseph Hospital he served as Chief of Anesthesia, President of St Joseph Anesthesia Associates and Medical Director of Quality Assurance. He was instrumental in the development of the St Joseph Hospital

Medical Arts Building West. When the St. Joseph Trauma Team was developed, he was the on-call anesthesiologist.

He served in the US Army National Guard as captain from 1962 to 1970 and was attached to the units in Lewiston ME and Fort Devens, MA. He received an honorable discharge in 1970.

During his childhood vacations, he spent summers at Hampton Beach, NH with his family. He loved the ocean. As a teenager, he worked at a hot dog stand and loved digging for clams, hence his affinity for eating hot dogs and clams. Summers of his medical school years were spent as a bouncer at the Hampton Beach Casino and a lifeguard at North Hampton Beach.

He loved traveling to warm weather vacation areas, and traveled routinely with his wife to Florida and the Virgin Islands. He loved Classical music and attended organ recitals at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall and heard many major symphonies in San Francisco, New Orleans, Atlanta, and San Juan, PR.

After retiring from the practice of medicine, he took real estate courses and law courses and earned his real estate license. He formed many partnerships in real estate. He was an avid reader and walker; he read 3 newspapers and walked 10 miles daily. He was especially proud of having climbed Diamond Head Mountain in Hawaii and the last stretch of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. A very religious man, he attended daily mass and was a Eucharistic Minister with his wife at St Joseph Hospital in Nashua NH.

Dr. Fortin considered his life to be one of service to humanity. He was a passionate advocate for the poor and less fortunate. He donated countless hours of his time and resources to community organizations and has passed his philanthropic ideals on to his children and grandchildren. His compassion and generosity in all aspects of his life remain unmatched. His gentle spirit will

be sadly missed but never forgotten by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 49 years, Jeanne (Valiquette) Fortin of Nashua. Three children: Celine Fortin, APRN and her husband John Heintz Jr. of Nashua, David Fortin and his wife Christine (Poisson) of Hudson, Elise Fortin and her husband Ronald Simoneau of Nashua. Seven grandchildren: Kara and Kendall Heintz, Harris, Hannah and Samuel Fortin of Hudson, and Benoit Fortin Simoneau and Adelyn Fortin Simoneau of Nashua. He is also survived by two nephews: Ronald Fortin and Thomas Fortin of Fort Lauderdale FL, and many relatives and cousins in the greater Manchester area.

A passionate believer in education and medical research, Dr. Fortin established the Eugene G. Fortin Scholarship Fund at St. Anselm College in memory of his brother and the Joseph and Berthe Fortin Scholarship Fund in memory of his parents at the University of Vermont School of Medicine.

The family would like to give special thanks to the many providers, nurses, and staff under whose care he was entrusted, especially those from The Inn at Fairview in Hudson NH.

Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, January 22nd from 4pm - 7 pm in THE DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST. IN HUDSON. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday January 23rd at 10am in St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 777 West Hollis St. in Nashua. All may meet at church. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery, Nashua. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St Anselm College, University of Vermont School of Medicine, Rivier University, The Alzheimer's Association or the Lewy Body Dementia Association.

# Previous Events

## MASS AT CHURCH

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
777 West Hollis St.  
Nashua, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin



Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes - January 22, 2015 at 04:05 PM

KG

Dear Celine and family-what a beautiful tribute! Thinking of you during this difficult time. May you be comforted by each other, the beautiful memories created and knowing your loved one is at peace. -Kelley Gillis-Enos

Kelley Gillis-Enos - January 22, 2015 at 06:55 PM

ST

Dear Jeanne, Celine, Elise and David my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Willie was such a warm, loving and wonderful person that I shall always so fondly cherish. The tribute to him was exactly as I remember him. All my love to all of.  
Susan Tremblay

Susan Tremblay - January 24, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM

TH

“ I am very much with all of you during this time of loss. Be assured of my love and prayers.

*Therese Fortin*

therese - January 23, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.



January 22, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JH

“ Dear Jeanne, Celine, Elise and David  
Our prayers are with you. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Willie's death. We are here to support you all in your grieving with love and sincere sympathy.

*John & Lorraine*



John Heintz - January 22, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.



January 22, 2015 at 12:22 PM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dave Fortin** - January 22, 2015 at 11:59 AM

DF

“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Dave Fortin** - January 22, 2015 at 11:55 AM

PL

“ *Our condolences to you, Jeanne in the loss of your husband. May good memories of a life shared together soon replace your grief.*

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**Priscilla & Ed Lehoullier** - January 22, 2015 at 11:23 AM

RG

“ *Raeleen Grabeau purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.*



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**Raeleen Grabeau** - January 22, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.*



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January 21, 2015 at 11:15 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.*



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January 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Joseph Gerry FORTIN purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.*



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**Joseph Gerry FORTIN** - January 21, 2015 at 09:45 AM



“ *Celine, Elise and family,  
So very sorry to hear about your loss. It is never easy to say that final "Goodbye." Thinking about you both and keeping you and your family in prayer. May the love of family and friends bring you comfort. May the love of God bring you peace as you walk through this sad time of parting.  
Anna (Fortin) Davis*

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**AMD** - January 21, 2015 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ I will never forget Mr.Dr !! He truly was a wonderful man. Love and prayers to all the Fortin family

carol chamberland - January 20, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.



January 20, 2015 at 04:56 PM

LG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Willie was such a wonderful, funny and kind man. May your memories bring you peace and comfort.



Laura and Robert Guphill - January 20, 2015 at 03:38 PM

KP

“ Kate Perreira-Pope lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin



Kate Perreira-Pope - January 20, 2015 at 02:55 PM

KP

*Jeanne, Celine, David, Elise and family, I am deeply saddened to learn of Willies passing. A kind and caring man who will truly be missed. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With sympathy and love, Katie*

**Kate Perreira-Pope** - January 21, 2015 at 10:56 PM

JL

*Dear Jeanne & family you have my deepest sympathy and I pray draw strength from all the good Dr Fortin has done in his life. God Bless you all*

**Joann LaPlant** - January 22, 2015 at 07:20 AM

MR

“ *Michelle (missy) & Stephen Rayhorn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin*



**Michelle (missy) & Stephen Rayhorn** - January 20, 2015 at 02:52 PM

MR

*We are so deeply saddened of the loss of "uncle" Willie. Such fond memories of such a gentle soul. Blessed to have him and all of you as family. Thank you for sharing my birthdate with me Uncle Willie you will always hold a place in my heart ❤️*

**Michelle (missy) & Stephen Rayhorn** - January 20, 2015 at 02:55 PM

TL

“ *The Heintz Family: Derek, Allison, Nicholas and Lucas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Wilfrid L. Fortin.*



**The Heintz Family: Derek, Allison, Nicholas and Lucas** -  
January 20, 2015 at 02:09 PM

CM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Sincerely,  
Charlotte Marrocco-Mohler*

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**charlotte mohler** - January 20, 2015 at 01:52 PM