



John G. O'Hurley MD

February 1, 2020

O'Hurley, John G, MD, FACS passed away to eternal life at age 92 in Milton, MA on February 1, 2020. He was the son of George and Marion (St. Gelais) O'Hurley. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Jean A. in 2017 after 64 years of marriage, and their daughter Carol Jean in 1970.

He was a 1945 graduate of Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT, a 1948 graduate of Providence College, and a 1952 graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He enlisted in the US Navy and spent the next 3 yrs at Chelsea Naval Hospital in Chelsea, MA, 2nd Marine Division/Fleet Marine Force Camp Lejune, NC and Portsmouth Naval Hospital NH. He received an honorable discharge as Lieutenant(sg) and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He practiced Family Medicine in East Hartford, CT for 3 yrs and then received specialty training in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery at Boston VA Hospital. He was the first ENT Resident at Beth Israel in Boston. He then returned to St. Francis Hospital on the ENT staff, was Chairman of the ENT Dept. and Chairman of the Medical Council. He moved to Ft Lauderdale, FL and for two years was an ENT surgeon at Holy Cross Hospital. In 1973 he returned to St. Francis Hospital in Hartford and continued his private ENT practice until he retired in 1993. He was also a member of Hartford County Medical Association, CT Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the New England Otolaryngology Association. During his years in West

Hartford he was a member of Wampanoag Country Club and Avon Country Club. In 2004 John and his wife moved to Mashpee Mass, and in 2010 moved to his most recent residence at Fuller Village in Milton, MA.

His passions were his family, friends, golf, Red Sox and Patriots.

He leaves his son John O'Hurley, Jr and his wife Lisa of Beverly Hills CA, son Neal and his wife Christine of Hingham, MA, son Bruce and his wife Jeanne of Brentwood NH, daughter Suzanne Arend of Hoschton GA, 14 grandchildren: Sarah and husband Joseph Van Saun, Jen and husband Andy Chronister, Michelle and husband Gem McLaughlin; Jack , Chris, Katie, Tricia, Mike, Connor, and Will O'Hurley; Matthew, Madeleine, Caroline and Jeffrey Arend, and 4 great-grandchildren: Cameron, Maya, and Keira Van Saun, and Max Chronister.

On Friday February 7 there will be visitation at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by burial in the family plot in Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name may be made to:

Saint Francis Foundation, 95 Woodland St. Hartford, CT 06105

Providence College, 1 Cunningham Square Providence, RI 02918

Epilepsy Foundation, 8301 Professional Place West – Suite 201, c/o SUDEP Institute Landover, MD 20785

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Tribute Wall

JC

“ He was a genuinely remarkable man, warm, generous and always made me feel like I was extended family. RIP, Doc.....

Jack Camarda - February 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM

SO

Thanks for your kind thoughts Jack. You are indeed a permanent member of the O’Hurley clan. We will all miss him terribly-what a guy. Xo

Suzanne O’Hurley - March 11, 2020 at 05:12 PM

DE

“ Dr O’Hurley was one of the attending physicians I worked with during my training in the UConn Otolaryngology residency program in the late 80’s. He was an excellent teacher who would invite me into his office to follow up on surgical patients. He was always kind and knowledgeable. We took care of several laryngectomy patients and he would perform procedures which helped them get their voices back. He was a great mentor. I learned a lot from him. He was the consummate professional.

Denis Lafreniere MD

Denis - February 05, 2020 at 07:48 PM

SO

Thank you for your kind words Dr Lafreniere. My father was a life long learner, literally until his passing. He held a 90 minute lecture on DNA and addiction last fall at his senior complex-to a standing room only crowd! Nothing pleased him more than helping people do their very best and I’m sure he is watching over your shoulder still. Best regards.

Suzanne O’Hurley - March 11, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JP

“ *Dr. O'Hurley was my first ENT doctor. I was young when I went to him and he always made me feel comfortable and valued as a patient. I have missed him since he retired and I know he is missed by all. My condolences to his family - he was a wonderful man.*

Joann Pappaceno - February 05, 2020 at 04:41 PM

SO

Thank you for your kind words Joann. My father had a wonderful way with his patients and his caring was indeed genuine. We miss him terribly but find comfort in knowing he is reunited with my mom in heaven. Kindest regards. Suzanne

Suzanne O'Hurley - March 11, 2020 at 05:20 PM

PR

“ *Dr. O'Hurley was my doctor for over 25 years, and I loved my appointments because he always made me laugh. He operated on my right ear twice and gave me back much of my hearing with his great skill. When I had one of my surgeries at St. Francis Hospital he made sure I got "the governor's room". It was a private room at the end of the hall on the top floor, with a separate room attached for visiting family. Once, when I was visiting his office I accused him of using the pictures that came with the frames, he had such a beautiful family! He was very proud of his family. He was so funny and I was so sad when he retired. My all-time favorite doctor. My prayers are with his family and all the people that loved him.*
Pat Rummans

Pat Rummans - February 05, 2020 at 02:40 PM

SO

Thank you for posting your sweet memories Pat. My father was indeed the most genuine, hard working man and we miss him terribly. He was proud of his relationship with his patients and knew that laughter was often the best medicine! Kindest regards, Suzanne.

Suzanne O'Hurley - March 11, 2020 at 05:23 PM

KM

“ My sincerest condolences to Dr O’Hurley’s family during this sad time.
I had the pleasure of both being a patient, as well as having him care for my family, especially my own Father.
My fondest memories of Dr O’Hurley came from the experience of scrubbing on ENT cases with him. A kind gentle soul, who was an amazing teacher. I have always treasured our conversations about books, travel, but most importantly his love of family
Rest In Peace 🙏
Kathy McGann

Kathleen McGann - February 04, 2020 at 06:39 PM

MB

My deepest sympathy to Dr. O’Hurley’s family. He was my doctor for a short time years ago but I remember how kind and attentive he was.
May God bless him and keep him.
Mary-Margaret Burgdorff

Mary-Margaret Burgdorff - February 05, 2020 at 07:37 AM

JM

My sincerest condolences to Dr. O’Hurley’s family. Forever grateful for the surgery he did on me in the 1980’s. Jessica Meltsner, West Hartford, CT.

Jessica Meltsner - February 05, 2020 at 08:49 AM

CT

I live in Bristol but Dr. Cenci sent me to Doctor O'Hurley. I was a patient of Doctor O'Hurleys for almost thirty years. I had over 20 ear surgeries by him and I still have my hearing.

Sometimes I had to see him three times a week and he never was upset with me.

For my 40th birthday I had a surprise present in my mailbox. Doctor O'Hurley had asked John Jr. to send me an 8 x 10 autographed picture of himself. I had it on my desk for many years until I was afraid someone would steal it. Mary Ellen told me " I can't even get a picture and I know what you got. I am jealous"

God Bless Doctor O'Hurley

*Carolyn A. Thiery
156 Moody Street
Bristol, CT.*

Carolyn A. Thiery - February 05, 2020 at 04:38 PM

SO

Thank you to all of you for the kind words and memories. My dad touched so many people in his life and was so proud of his life's work in medicine. He was a wonderful doctor and father and we miss him terribly. Kindest regards. Suzanne

Suzanne O'Hurley - March 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM

MM

My sincere condolences to your family. I only recently heard of his passing through my sisters. Dr. O'Hurley was my mother's (Margaret Murray's) ENT surgeon. She was one of your father's first patients when he returned to CT to practice at St. Francis Hospital. Though she died in 2001, 13 yrs later (2014) I discovered he lived in my neck of the woods (MA, and I wrote to him to express my family's ongoing appreciation and prayers for him. We had exchanged several Christmas letters/cards since 2014. He was a gift to my mother, a laryngectomy patient, and because of his skill sets, our family was blessed with an additional 26 + years with her.

Please know that he was loved by his patients (and their families) and touched many lives through God's hands. I am sure that God has a special place for him, and we will always keep him in our hearts and prayers . . . grateful that he was there at our family's greatest time of need. He gave us hope when we had little, and gave us strength by knowing our mother had the best care there could ever be for her. What a blessing he was to so many people. His inspiration lives on. One person had such a profound impact on so many lives. He left a legacy that spoke volumes of how compassion, warmth, hope, and integrity can uplift us all.

Maureen Martowska, Lakeville, MA - July 16, 2020 at 09:33 PM

MM

Previous post was by Maureen (Murray) Martowska of Lakeville, MA

Maureen Martowska - July 16, 2020 at 09:35 PM