



William H. Gerber MD

March 2, 2013

Dr. William H. Gerber M.D.

Dr. William H. Gerber M.D. passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in West Hartford, Connecticut of complications associated with prostate cancer. Bill was born in 1937, the son of Hermann Gerber and Pauline Gerber (nee Stalzer). He grew up on City Island New York, considered by many to be the boating capital of New York City. His father constructed custom-built racing sailboats. After completing his education at Cornell University and the Heidelberg University Faculty of Medicine, Bill accepted a residency in 1968 in obstetrics and gynecology at Hartford Hospital. After receiving his board certification he, along with Dr. Robert C. Emmel, M.D., co-founded a practice of obstetrics and gynecology in West Hartford from which he retired in 1998.

Bill always had a great interest in the arts and education in the greater Hartford area. Over the course of the years, he served on the board of directors/trustees and supported many organizations including: Connecticut Opera Association; Hartford Symphony Orchestra; Chamber Music Plus; Renbrook School; Miss Porter's School; Literacy Volunteers of Greater Hartford; New England Cognitive Center; Christian Activities Council and The Village for Families and Children.

After retirement, he continued to be engaged as a volunteer physician with the

Malta House of Care, which dispenses primary care to the urban uninsured. He took great pleasure in this capacity. Not only did he share his medical expertise with his patients but also was enriched by learning of their life experiences.

Bill is survived by his partner, Prof. Gene J. Gort of West Hartford, his former wife Dr. Joanna S. Gerber, M.D. of West Hartford, his daughter Christina L. Gerber of New York City, and his sister Margaret Gerber Benedini and her husband Atty. Ernesto Benedini of Lugano, Switzerland.

Thanks to Dr.'s Upendra Hegde and John Menoutis for the excellent care they provided in recent years, always making time for Bill. Special thanks to Bill's good friends and the administration and health care personnel at the McLean Hospice for making Bill's end of life as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

A service celebrating the life of William H. Gerber will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 11 a.m., at the Immanuel Congregational Church, corner of Farmington Avenue and Woodland Street, Hartford. Contributions/Donations can be made in his honor to the Malta House of Care Foundation, 19 Woodland Street, Suite 37, Hartford, CT 06105 or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Congregational Church
10 Woodland St.
Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I vividly recall the first time I met Bill, when he came to an information session for the new program for retirees that Leadership Greater Hartford was preparing to launch. He told me that he wanted to learn about the community, about the world outside of medicine. Having been active in his professional circle all his life, he was aware of how little he understood the community in which he lived and he wanted to find ways to make a difference. Bill joined the first class of the Third Age Initiative and was a member of a team that set out to encourage elementary school children to use the arts to express what they learned about their own history and heritage. During the 2002-2003 school year, the team piloted the program at the University of Hartford Magnet School and exhibited the children's work at the Peoples Bank branch in downtown Hartford. The program expanded during the 2003-2004 school year with parents and team members involved actively in the learning projects the youngsters undertook. I know this work paved the way for Bill to give back as he hoped to do. The long list of organizations in the arts and education that benefited from his time, his commitment and his many talents is testament to the wonderful man he was. Bill will be missed by many, including me.

*Doe Hentschel
Vice President, Leadership Greater Hartford*

Doe Hentschel - March 16, 2013 at 12:37 PM

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“ *The members of the Gottscheer Memorial Chapel in Ridgewood, New York send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Gerber. His contribution to his Gottscheer heritage in the form of a yearly student scholarship is, and will continue to be, very much appreciated. We always looked forward to his attendance at our annual Palm Sunday fundraiser where the larger Gottscheer community could meet him and thank him personally.*

Robert Anshlowar - March 13, 2013 at 05:51 PM

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“ *17 files added to the album Bob and Pru remember our good friend Bill*



Bob Chaplin - March 05, 2013 at 12:50 PM