



## Dr. Frank J. Piper

April 6, 2013

Dr. Frank Joseph Piper, 84, of Syracuse and Delray Beach FL, much beloved family member, friend and doctor, died suddenly on Saturday, April 6th. Born and raised in Utica, he was the second of four children of Anthony Piper and Sophia Jerzak Piper. Frank graduated from Syracuse University in 1951 before joining the Army. From 1954 to 1958 he attended New York Medical College at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital where he met his wife Teletta Anne Daly who was a nursing student from Glen Cove, Long Island. Frank started his professional career in medicine with an internship at St Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, followed by 8 years of general practice in Camillus with Drs Palmer and Bluto. After a residency in ophthalmology at Albany Medical Center, he practiced his specialty in central New York for 28 years, first in downtown Syracuse and then at Community General Hospital. Through the years Dr. Piper was active with both county and state medical societies, becoming president of the New York State Ophthalmological Society in 1980/81 and president of the Onondaga County Medical Society in 1986/87. Frank was a member of the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In addition to being president of the State Ophthalmology Society, he was editor of the Society's newsletter, a delegate to the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of New York, and was chief of the Ophthalmology Section of Community General Hospital. Frank thrived at being a doctor, caring for and helping others was his natural calling; his kindness, compassion and humor touched all those around him; he retired

from private practice in 1997. Outside his professional life Frank enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid sailor, he spent time on Lake Ontario for many years and enjoyed sailing in the Virgin Islands with his best friends. He never lost his hunger for learning, reading was a passion, as was traveling in Italy with family and studying the Italian Renaissance. Frank is survived by his wife Teletta, his children Dr. John F. Piper of Syracuse, Dr. Beth Anne Piper of NYC and Melissa Anne (Mark) Powless; a granddaughter Sophia Piper Powless, his sister Doris Anne Piper of Vernon Center, his niece and nephew Joanna Piper Young and Jason Piper, and four family dogs, Jake, Xena, Pipi and Ranger. While Frank will be thoroughly missed by all, his influence and memory will continue to positively impact our lives for many years to come. Calling hours are 5 to 8 pm Friday at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee (Main) St. village of Camillus. A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 am Saturday, April 13 in St. Joseph's Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made online at ORBIS International, 520 8th Ave., 11th Floor, NY, NY 10018. ORBIS International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that works in developing countries to save sight worldwide. ORBIS prevents and treats blindness through hands-on training, public health education, improved access to quality eye care, and partnerships with local health care organizations. Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Dr Piper was one of our first family docs when we moved to Camillus in 55. Remember him coming to our house when one of the 6 of us was sick. He was a kind an gentile man. He touched many lives in this area, and be fondly remembered.*

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**Mickey Bianchi-Beecher** - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Love and prayers from all the family.*

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**Lois Murphy** - May 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Our thoughts and Prayers go out to the family of Dr Piper. We were very fond of him and have many memories of kindness and a caring. Mike & Marie*

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**Dr & Mrs Michael A Impaglia** - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *To Dr. John Piper and family: Your father was a good man whose sense of humor was a hallmark of his existence. He was always congenial and helpful and gave me my prescription for my first pair of glasses back in the day. I never saw him without a smile and a kind word. I know my father thought very well of him both as a physician and as a human being. His loss is a sadness for us all. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Again, I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Jeffrey McGraw** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Sorry for your loss. Cousin Frank took care of me and my Dad for years.

thomas gacek - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ So sorry to hear about cousin Frank's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Barbara Tomlinson - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ John, I heard about the passing of your Dad and I do know the feeling . While I did not know your father personally, I have had several people tell me stories of the things that your father did that touched many in this community in a wonderful way. I do know that if your father is anything like you, he lived his life to the fullest and never looked back ,but forward . My thoughts are with you

John Emerson - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Frank was a strong and committed physician whose opinion I always respected. His presence will be missed. Dan Rabuzzi MD

Dan Rabuzzi, MD - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Piper Family - Our deepest sympathy for your loss. He will always be remembered fondly.

Belle & Ray Brown - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ From the time I met Dr. Piper some 20 years ago, he demonstrated a combination of quiet confidence combined with a sense of humor. His enjoyment of his work was evident as he sang to his patients as we brought them to surgery. Warm wishes and prayers to his family.

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**Dave Canfield** - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Melissa, Mark and Sophia, We were very sorry to learn about your family's loss. Things like this are never easy, but then when you lose someone who obviously had such a large presence in his community and with his family, God bless you all. The comfort of his legacy will be with you always, Melissa, and be proud of who you were to him as well. You are all in our prayers, Sara and Bob

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**Robert and Sara Munger** - April 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Such a fine man, sailor and friend. Andy

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**Andy McPherson** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I speak for myself and the entire EmPower NY staff in sending our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. Carol

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**Carol Sweeney** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Tam and family, Shirley and I were very sorry to hear of Frank's passing - we were fortunate to know him both professionally as our ophthalmologist and as a friend at the marina. His kindness and compassion to others was always present, and he had a way of making you laugh regardless of whatever issue was at hand. He will truly be missed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Wes Bacon

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**Wes Bacon** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I was just speaking about him yesterday to a friend. We were discussing the neighborhood. I told the story my mother always told when she was alive that she was so embarrassed because Frank would come over and mow our lawn when he lived next door to us many years ago. He was such a compassionate person. I remembered when I got stung by a bee she told him I was playing with his kids so he needed to help! He was so kind to her in later years when she went to him for her eyes. He will be missed.

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**Cheryl Fenner Smith** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ "his kindness, compassion and humor touched all those around him" ... I couldn't agree more. Deepest sympathy to Tam, John, Beth, Missy, Mark & Sophia

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**Betty Green** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dr. Piper was my family eye doctor for many years until his retirement. We appreciated his kindness, his caring nature, and his great sense of humor. He was a wonderful doctor and will be missed. My sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

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**Brenda E. Howe** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To all the families of Dr. Frank Piper. He was a kind, thoughtful, compassionate intelligent man and doctor. We thought very highly of him. Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Dr. Frank Piper

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**Joan and Phil Schuls** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Dear Mrs. Piper, John, Beth, Missy and Sophie: My condolences on the passing of your husband, dad and grandfather. I have fond memories of Dr. Piper growing up spending time at your home. He was a very kind and gentle man; he took great care of both my grandparents as their doctor. My thoughts and prayers go to all of you during this difficult time. Fondly, Kris Northrop

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**Kristen Heinrich Northrop** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Tammy and family...."angels welcome your loved one and heaven celebrates the everlasting peace and joy of one who has just come home" in love and prayer....Audrey Nock

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**Audrey Nock** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Melissa, Mark, and Sophie, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Father and Grandfather and you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lisa Tallet** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Melissa, Mark and Sophie, please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Carolyn King** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Missy, Beth and John, I was very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Knowing him as a partner to my dad, my eye doctor and friend of the family, I can sat what a kind and caring man he was. He will be missed by the people whose lives he touched. Jodie*

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**Jodie Bluto** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ *To John and family – Over many years at Community, I always respected your Dad's work with patients -- and I always admired his quiet kindness. From that one room schoolhouse in Chadwicks, NY, he built quite a career and accomplished much good. Frank is in thoughts and in my heart.*

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**Tom Quinn** - April 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *John- So sorry to hear of your father's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

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**Debbie Hull** - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss!*

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**Steve Bonanno** - April 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM