



## Dr. Stephen Michael Berg

May 31, 1955 - January 14, 2023

Dr. Stephen Michael Berg passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 14, 2023. He was 67 years old.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 46 years, Sallie; treasured children Dr. Douglas Berg, Jennifer (Stephen) Dowd and Dr. Kenneth (Melissa) Berg; precious grandchildren Quinn, Eva, Gavin, Baylor and Carson; and dear siblings Lisa Berg and Robert (Jane) Berg.

Steve was a proud Cincinnati Bearcat, graduating from UC in 1976 and continuing his education at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, where he was granted induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. After completing his residency at Jewish Hospital, he opened his own practice, Internal Medicine of Blue Ash. For nearly forty years he treated all who passed through the doors of IMBA as family. He arrived early and stayed late and never viewed it as work. He adored his staff and patients, and his absence in the Blue Ash community will be deeply felt.

As much as he loved being a physician, family was Steve's reason for being. He was happiest having lunch with his wife in the middle of a busy day or grabbing coffee and chatting about fantasy football with one of his sons. Working with his daughter brought him immense joy. His heart grew five times larger when his grandchildren were born, and he often said that "Papa" was

the proudest title he'd ever earned. In June of 2022, he planned the perfect vacation to Maui – his entire family, in paradise together – and it is those memories we will cling to when we miss him most. We will carry his legacy of love forward.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 10:00 am at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 am. The service will be live streamed at <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/83812>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Smile Train, the American Heart Association, or Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## United Jewish Cemetery Loveland

712 Loveland-Miamiville Road  
Loveland, OH 45140

# Previous Events

## Visitation Before Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

*Visitation begins at 10:00 am. Service begins at 11:00 am.*

## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

*Visitation begins at 10:00 am. Service begins at 11:00 am.*

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Stephen Michael Berg



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - January 20, 2023 at 08:35 AM

JC

*I know this is belated tribute to my Doctor Stephen Berg. He was my doctor for over 30 years. I saw him on January 12. As usual we talked about my family. He was always friendly and concerned for me and my family. I will miss him. There are not many doctors like the caring person he was. I wish the family of Dr. Berg to take of yourselves and may God Bless you all.*

John (Hank) Cook - March 05, 2023 at 08:26 AM

GA

“ hes my papa and i miss him so much i love you  
papa your the best  
love gavin.



gavin - October 26, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ I miss you, Dad.

Jennifer 'Berg' Dowd - July 15, 2023 at 12:04 AM

LS

“ Our thanks to him for his life's work. He was a wonderful doctor; a great person to talk to. We were blessed to know him. Peace to family as he rests after life well lived.

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**Lisa Schapp** - April 18, 2023 at 12:59 PM

AB

“ So very sorry to hear today of Dr. Berg's passing. Steve was a gentleman and a true professional. He expertly cared for so many and will be missed by all who knew him.  
*Dr. Alex M. Della Bella*

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**Alex M. Della Bella** - March 09, 2023 at 12:33 PM

MB

*I miss him, I was one of his many patients. I am so blessed to have known him as a doctor and a good friend. He is sorely missed by all who had the blessing and the pleasure of knowing him. Rest in heavenly peace Dr. Berg.  
Marilyn Berry*

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**Marilyn Berry** - November 21, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MC

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dr. Berg's passing. I'm a person who doesn't like to go to the doctor, get annual physicals, etc. but after visiting Dr. Berg, he immediately felt like a friend, a person I could trust. I started going for annual physicals after seeing him the first time, because I felt that he genuinely cared. He showed concern for the whole person. He treated everyone like they were his only patient and didn't rush off to the next person. He will be greatly missed. God bless your family.

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**Michael Collins** - March 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

JS

“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear about the passing of our dear doctor Berg. He was an incredibly special human being and the absolute best doctor! We have been so blessed to have had him for our doctor for the last 30 years. He was an incredible doctor / caregiver for us for all of those years. Our hearts go out to his family and his work family. Our deepest sympathies to you. His presence will be so deeply missed. Please know that he left a lasting impression on us as he was an amazing doctor and person. We will miss his wonderful smile!

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**Julie Scherman** - February 17, 2023 at 02:50 PM

DW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I have known him since residency, both as a friend and a patient. He was a wonderful doctor and will be greatly missed.

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**Dave Williams** - February 13, 2023 at 12:25 PM

MB

I am heart broken and so very sorry to hear of Dr. Berg's passing...as a patient of his, he became not only my doctor but a good and trusted friend of mine, and will be forever missed by me and all who loved and knew him. I pray for God's comfort for all his family members. Marilyn J. Berry (former patient).

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**Marilyn Berry** - March 07, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ Dr. Berg was a kind and fun loving person. I was blessed to have him as my physician and so grateful that he also took excellent care of my Dad and Grandpa. Continued prayers for the family and for the wonderful staff at his practice - Noel Walton & Family

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**Noel Walton** - February 13, 2023 at 12:23 PM

SB

“ Dr. Berg was the most holistic, intelligent genuine and caring medical professional I've ever known ... and one of nicest individuals too. He loved his work, but more than anything he loved his family. I will miss him. Sid Gutzwiller

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**Sid Gutzwiller (patient of Dr. Berg)** - February 10, 2023 at 02:55 PM

JG

“ I was a patient of Dr. Berg for decades. He was an outstanding listener and one of the smartest doctors I have ever known. He will be missed. My heart goes out to his wife and family. Wishing them peace during this challenging time.  
Jeri Gutzwiller

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**Jeri Gutzwiller** - February 10, 2023 at 12:24 PM

GR

“ Stephen took me in as one of his youngest patients at age 15, almost 13 years ago. Our time was always spent with talk about life and plans for the future. His advice (and jokes) to me throughout the years from personal to professional is priceless. He will be deeply missed.

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**Graham** - February 06, 2023 at 02:11 PM

PD

“ Sallie,  
As your neighbor across the street, I was very sorry to hear of the sudden death of your husband Steve. Please call me if there is anything I can do for you in the neighborhood. I will have prayers said for Steve, you, and your family at my Church. "May eternal rest grant unto Steve O Lord and perpetual light shine upon him".  
Sincerely,  
Paul Derham

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**Paul Derham** - January 30, 2023 at 06:31 AM

TW

“ Dr. Berg was my doctor, friend, priest, and rabbi. Often our visits were discussions that ranged from off colored jokes to medicine to family to politics to theology. We loved each others stories from Vietnam to Med school and health care from the RN's point of view to that of the MD's. I had seen him last on the morning of January 5th. He was bright and happy and strong. As always, it was a very pleasant visit. He told me to lose some weight and get walking more and I promised him I would . He was truly loved. I shall deeply miss my friend...

Thomas Wanner - January 23, 2023 at 08:03 PM

DD

“ Many have said the kindest and most profound thoughts about Dr. Berg. His loss will be felt by so many who knew and loved him. We talked and laughed together so many times as he listened to my concerns about my health and family. It is very hard to imagine that he is no longer smiling. May his memory be a blessing.

Dian Deutsch - January 23, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Stephen Michael Berg.



January 19, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SS

“ I have been a patient of Dr. Berg for 37 years. We grew up in the same suburbs on the east side of Cleveland. We graduated from the same high school, although we didn't know each other then. He and I went to The University of Cincinnati. He has cared for my ex-husband, sons and guided me when my older son had a brain tumor. He has always lovingly cared for my family. Dr. Berg called me when I went home from the emergency room with pneumonia, even though he had not yet met me. (I had given his name and number to the emergency room staff.) This information was in my purse. The referral to him came from my obstetrician. Dr. Berg always had a joke for my older son, which he appreciated. He was a good friend as well as our doctor. We will miss Dr. Berg forever!"  
Sharon Shapiro, Eric, and Brian Loew

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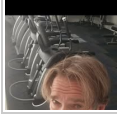
**Sharon I Shapiro** - January 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM

MW

I share the sadness with many others upon hearing of our loss of Dr. Berg. Deep thankfulness goes out to his family for sharing this incredible man and physician. As a patient of many years, I know he truly cared about our lives and our health. I will miss him greatly.  
Mark Williams

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**Mark Williams** - January 23, 2023 at 03:53 PM



*Dr. Berg ,even as a new patient back in September 2022, I knew I hit the jackpot!*

*Besides the medical visit and blood work ; the conversation wrapped around ,music, art , poetry and boxing and why I came to Cincinnati, and why I wanted to move to Asheville.*

*He was curious who I was inside and my 70 year history he loved animals! Finally on my second visit in November we went over the blood work again spending another hour with me. When he got to go his final statement for me was," I don't want you to make another appointment here, I want you to send me a card from Asheville to tell me how happy you are there"!*

*3 weeks ago when I called the office to tell him I made to NC, I heard the news, and was numbed by it. He has left a lasting impression. My contact information to the office there, has a picture of him holding his little dog& and it will remain in my phone. May the Lord bless his family...🐕*

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**Tom Cherney** - March 15, 2023 at 10:10 AM

TB

“ I do not even know how to express my deepest condolences, to not only the staff at his office, but especially to Sallie, Jennifer and Karen. I loved him not only as my doctor but as a person. I felt such a connection and had a relationship with him as a friendship rather than just a doctor/patient. I was there in the beginning of December when he became ill and his beloved Sallie came in to take him to the hospital for tests and I remember telling him he needed to be okay because without him I wouldn't be okay. Needless to say, I am absolutely heart broken and not okay. He was the best and my favorite doctor tat I have ever had and he is missed tremendously. He took such a personal and genuine approach with care and love in treating his patients. He made me feel as though I was his only patient. He worried for me not only in regards to my health care, but also about my personal life. I always wanted to have lunch with him just so we could keep conversation going and not hold up other patients or the rest of the office. My diabetes/health care will never be the same. The world, and especially the medical community has lost a great, great human being.



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**Terri Bean** - January 19, 2023 at 04:57 PM

MS

“ Dr Berg was my family physician not only did I have the pleasure of him caring for me he also cared for my mother and grandmother see that they had the best care possible I will always keep our talks as memories and I give your dear family my deepest sympathy Im truly going to miss you

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**MICHELE HAINES ( SCHAEFER)** - January 19, 2023 at 04:39 PM

BR

“ As a patient of Dr. Berg's for 20 years, he was unique. In this day of fast-paced patient care, he took the time to know his patient's personal life, consistently spent "as much time as it took" talking and listening, giving tough love advice, and always shared the best stories so you left with a smile. I have seen many other doctors in my lifetime and none of them can hold a candle to the sense of commitment he had for me, my well-being and had the best bedside manner EVER! Truly an irreplaceable human that will be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family which he spoke about fondly and often.

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**B Roberts** - January 19, 2023 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ Dr. Berg was our family's physician for 30 plus years. We had many wonderful talks over the years. Always a joke and story about his family. Talking about kids and then grandkids. His intellect and experience made him an excellent physician, his empathy and kindness made him a wonderful friend. Thank you Sallie for sharing him with us. He was my hero and loved by many, including me. Love and condolences to you and the kids.  
Melissa, Ron, Nancy (Heston), Mark and Sarah Wright

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**Melissa Wright** - January 19, 2023 at 01:16 PM

SF

“ I have been a patient of Dr Berg's for over 20 years. He was compassionate and loving to everyone. He was there for me through many personal as well as medical issues. I could talk to him and share my deepest thoughts. We would talk about our grandkids and share stories. The world has lost a truly wonderful, amazing and loving man. I will truly miss him.

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**Sharolyn Francosky** - January 19, 2023 at 12:02 PM

MB

“ *Doctor Berg was my Friend and doctor for 43 years. My father cut his hair for 30 plus years and I'd been doing it for the last 12 great man he will be missed my condolences to the family*

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**mark bowley** - January 19, 2023 at 10:24 AM

JD

“ *Dad,  
I will forever be so proud to have been yours, and for you to have been mine.  
This loss will shape me forever. I will try my best to not let it break me forever. I promised you I'd try, Dad. You'd say, "Sweetie, it's time to focus." So that's what I'll do. I'll spend my whole life trying to hold up my end of our bargain, because you always came through for me. For everyone. Always. But if you could still watch over us, I'd really like that.  
I love you so much, Dad.  
Your daughter,  
Jennifer*



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**Jennifer Dowd** - January 18, 2023 at 11:26 PM

TB

*I can see him saying this to you. I am so very sorry.*

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**Terri Bean** - January 19, 2023 at 04:46 PM

HY

*My heart and prayers go out to you and your family Jen, Your dad was not only my doctor but one of my best friends. He was my doctor for 30 plus years. He was a good friend of my daughter Chris and worked with her over the years. When my husband died, he was there at the funeral. When my daughter died, he was there at the funeral for me. He was at me second husband and my wedding along with your mother. I will always hold him dear in my heart Herberta Young January 28th*

Herberta Young - January 28, 2023 at 09:59 AM

CW

*“ Dr Berg was an amazing man! I am forever grateful for him for what he has done for our family!  
He always would ask “how’s that boy doing?” Always cared and made sure you felt good and taken care of! Truly one of a kind!  
Thank you for sharing him with so many!  
Dr Berg we will miss you dearly! Thank you for being you and all you did for my family and so many others you are a true blessing!  
You will forever be in our hearts!*

cara Wilson - January 18, 2023 at 10:09 PM

MC

*“ Stephen Berg was my doctor and a friend for over 30 years . He always showed genuine concern, delivering excellent care over the years. He was like a mother hen, monitoring with great care my medical issues and because of him, I have lived a healthier life. I will truly miss his smile and his infectious laughter. Stephen was bigger than life....taken too early....rest well my friend💕💕*

Michelle Cohen-Fesman - January 18, 2023 at 08:44 PM

KH

*“ The world has lost a truly wonderful family man, friend and a healer for all that came to him. I am blessed to have him and his words of wisdom in my life.*

Keith Haigh - January 18, 2023 at 06:38 PM

WC

“ I am lost for words, Dr. Berg was a doctor, a friend, more than just a Dr. (over 22 years). No matter how I felt or how sick I was by the time I left the office I felt better. He always had a story to tell me, and we have many laughs. I am really going to miss you Doctor Berg.

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**Wilma Collins** - January 18, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BA

“ More than just a physician, Steve was truly a friend. We had some great discussions when I would visit him. Goodbye.

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**Barry Austern** - January 18, 2023 at 03:14 PM

SH

“ The world has lost a beautiful person in Doc. A man's man, fantastic, husband, and father, and a man I was proud to call Friend! Thoughts and prayer to Sallie and the kids.

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**Scott Haigh** - January 18, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JO

“ Ray and I have been patients of Dr Berg for over 20 years. From my first appointment with him, I felt very comfortable and confident that we had chosen the right physician. Dr. Berg made you feel as if you were his only patient in his busy schedule - caring, kind, funny but serious about providing excellent medical care for you.

He could hardly wait to become a grandparent. Often asking me what it was like to have grandkids. And I remember the great joy in his face when he told me of the birth of his and Sallie's first grandchild.

My deepest condolences to you and your family, Sallie. For as much as Ray and I will miss Steve's friendship and excellent care of our medical needs, you will miss him far more as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. May your beautiful memories sustain you during this difficult time.

Jane Osborn

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**Jane Osborn** - January 18, 2023 at 01:39 PM

AH

“ My husband and I were fortunate enough to be his patients for many years of excellent care. But more than that, he was also our confidante and friend. Just last week, when I saw him, he joyously reported on the family vacation in Maui. As much as he loved being a physician, he loved being a family man more. We grieve and are heart broken with you, and per his wishes, plan to give to the American Heart Association in his memory. Well done, good and faithful physician.

John and Angela Hopkins  
Montgomery, OH

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**Angela Hopkins** - January 18, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RO

“ Dr Berg was my physician for over 20 plus years. He was not only my physician but I considered him a friend. I will truly miss him. Most people don't cherish going to see their Doctor , but I always enjoyed my appointments. We joked and teased each other. He was concerned for my whole well being and made sure I was getting the right medical treatment. I will miss him.

Ray Osborn - January 18, 2023 at 01:22 PM

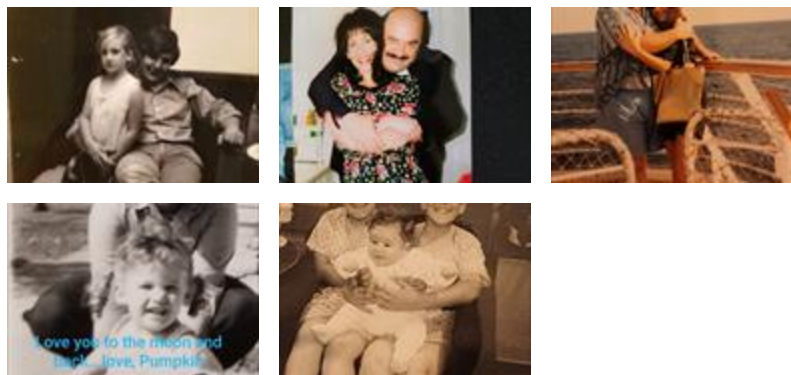
JL

“ My heart is broken. Dr. Berg was a wonderful person and a great doctor. He was so caring, a good listener and had a funny joke. He was not only my doctor but my friend. I will miss him dearly. My prayers are with his family. Janice Lindner.

Janice Lindner - January 18, 2023 at 11:10 AM

LI

“ 5 files added to the album Brothers and Sisters

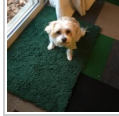


Lisa - January 18, 2023 at 08:47 AM

LI

He was a son, a brother, a guardian, a protector and a friend...he was larger than life and touched so many.

Lisa - January 18, 2023 at 11:26 AM



*Dr Berg was the only doctor I ever looked forward to my appointments with. It was more like visiting a favorite relative than a doctor's appointment. He knew his patients, and made you feel at ease. Always a joke to share or a current topic discussion with whom to share an opinion. He provided great care and never made you feel rushed throughout your visit, A kind, warm, caring man who will greatly be missed by us all. RIP my friend Prayers to his family during this difficult time.*

*Nina Goldfarb*

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**Nina Goldfarb** - January 18, 2023 at 03:11 PM

NN

*“ Dr, Berg was a wonderful doctor as well as a very good friend. I developed cancer three times over a period of time and Dr. Berg diagnosed it early enough that no chemo was required each time. Surgery took care of it in every case. We loved him as a person and a doctor. He always was friendly and always was interested in our welfare. We will miss him more than words can express. We are extremely sad. Such a great loss. Our prayers are with his family, friends and his patients.*

*Norm and Lois Nichols*

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**Norm & Lois Nichols** - January 17, 2023 at 11:27 PM

MW

*“ Our hearts are broken. We were patients of Dr Berg for 30 years. Steve always treated us with such care. He was interested in the whole picture, our family, our business...he will be terribly missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to Sally and Steve's children and grandchildren. May he rest in peace*  
*Mary Beth and Dick Weiss*

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**Mary Beth and Dick Weisd** - January 17, 2023 at 09:24 PM

GF

“ Dr “B” was simply the best, I am beyond proud to have worked for him for 15 years and loved him soooo much 😊. I’m sad that he is gone and wished I could have just one more conversation with him. I’m sure he would say, Miss Gwen we got some work to do on this schedule! I would gladly do it one more time if nothing else but to have that talk! Love you Dr B, RIP, we’ll see you again 🙏

gwen fiala - January 17, 2023 at 08:12 PM

CC

So very sorry to hear of Dr. Bergs passing. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Berg over the years at a couple nursing facilities. He was a very good doctor and very dedicated to his patients. He will truly be missed. My condolences to his wife and family.

Carolyn Cline - January 18, 2023 at 04:06 PM

KC

My gratitude to Dr. Berg for how he took care of my family. He was caring, a good listener, looked past the appointment & saw the individual & their emotional needs too.  
Thank you to his family for sharing him with his profession.  
My deepest condolences to his family & friends. God Bless you & keep you always.

Kimberly Crocker - January 18, 2023 at 08:19 PM

TR

*My wife and I were so profoundly sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Berg. He was my primary care physician for over 25 years and my wife's for about 15. He will be irreplaceable as a professional and personal confidant and caregiver. He always had a smile on his face and was genuinely invested in both the physical and emotional well-being of his patients. He always genuinely interested in what was going on with your life, and how that affected your physical well-being. I never saw him cross, hurried, or dismissive. He was always running late for all the right reasons – because he cared about his patients, and was always good for a story or two and was truly interested in what you had to say as well. To Dr Stephen Berg's friends and family- oh I can only imagine the hole that's been left in your hearts and hope you can take comfort in the incredible positive impact he had in so many peoples' lives personally and professionally.*

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**Troy Beth Roberts** - January 19, 2023 at 11:51 AM

CH

*My wife and I are very sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Berg. We were so fond of him and his comforting care. He will surely be missed by many, a wonderful man. Condolences to his family.*

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**Chris Long and Sue Huber** - January 20, 2023 at 03:01 AM

MP

*I am devastated to hear of Dr. Berg's passing. A wonderful doctor and an even better person. He was caring and thoughtful and always listened to what I was saying. His smile lit up the room and his laughter was a joy. Watch over your family, who I know you loved very much. I will miss you greatly.*

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**Michael B. Paolercio** - January 20, 2023 at 09:22 AM

BV

*Dr. Berg always made us much better after a dose of his doctoring, humility, humor and storytelling. He always made you feel that your health and welfare was the most important thing going on at the time. We were deeply saddened to learn of his passing. This fine man and physician will be truly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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*Balther and Masako Van Dierendonck*

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**BALTHER G VANDIERENDONCK** - January 20, 2023 at 10:37 AM

RR

*I have known Dr Berg for many, many years. We met early in his career at the Cincinnati VA Hospital.  
Dr Steve was not only a great Physician, he was also a great friend.  
The world has lost a wonderful person but heaven has gained a great soul.  
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Richalee Rice, or as known to him Ms Richie*

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**Richalee Rice** - January 26, 2023 at 01:13 PM

KO

*I wholeheartedly echo the sentiments of so many. Dr. Berg was talented, caring, good-natured, funny and he actually made a trip to the doctor an enjoyable experience. He was the epitome of "personalized" medicine and will be deeply missed.*

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**Karen Oravetz** - January 27, 2023 at 02:40 PM

KM

*Dr.Berg was the best. I had the pleasure of working along side him at Deaconess hospital for many years. When I retired as a nurse he became my doctor, friend, and confidant. I learned so much from him and will miss him every day. Rest in peace my friend you will be so missed.*

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**Kathleen Mefford** - February 01, 2023 at 05:32 PM

JH

*Boy Pat & I are really going to miss Steve. I was out of town when his passing occurred and we were very saddened t hear of his death.. We've been patients of Steve for 35 years and its going to be hard to find a replacement who was a attentive to our needs.. Steve & I got to know each other very well. I always said he was spending too much time talking with me but the conversation was most welcome. Sadie I know you will miss him a lot. There is a special place in heaven for the great guy.*

*Jim & Pat Hodge*

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**Jim Hodge** - April 18, 2023 at 07:26 PM