



Francis Joseph Covelli, M.D.

September 3, 1942 - February 12, 2021

Francis Joseph Covelli, M.D., 78, Maitland, FL passed away February 12, 2021. Francis was born September 3, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri to Joseph M. Covelli, M.D. and Bernice Menke Covelli. As a child he moved to Flushing, New York and attended Loyola School. He graduated from Holy Cross College in 1964, then attended University of Bologna School of Medicine in Bologna, Italy. It was there he met his wife Giuseppina Morselli. The two married in 1968 and raised three children, Elizabeth Ann, Michele Nicole, and Joseph Michael.

Francis and Giuseppina moved to Central Florida in 1974, where he co-founded a medical practice with his brother Joseph L. Covelli, M.D. Working with their father, it became known as the Covelli Clinic. He worked at numerous hospitals during his tenure in the Orlando area, including Winter Park Memorial Hospital where he served on multiple committees and was President of the Medical Staff. Francis was a constant advocate for patient care and known for his love of history and education. Francis was a beloved brother, a loving husband, an inspiring father, and a nurturing grandfather.

Francis is preceded in death by his wife Giuseppina, his sister Mariann Covelli Burridge, and his son-in-law David Hodge. He is survived by his brother Joseph L. Covelli, M.D. and sister-in-law Maureen McCormick Covelli; his three children, Elizabeth Ann Covelli Bidy (Ralph Bidy), Michele Nicole

Covelli Hodge and Joseph Michael Covelli II (Leisa Bononi Covelli); his grandchildren, Laurel, Leah and Sean Bidy, Mason, Tyler and Chaley Covelli, Ethan and Zachary Hodge; his nieces Christina Covelli (Steve Guthrie), Lauren Covelli Sharon (Jeremy Sharon), and Dana Covelli (Corey Chapman); and his grandnieces and grandnephews Sydney, Kate and Joseph Guthrie, Mackenzie, Alexis and Colton Sharon, and Hope, O'Neill and Clare Chapman.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, and a Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 18 at 10 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Winter Park. Attendance will be limited. A livestream of the funeral service can be accessed at <https://stmargaretmary.org/funeral-mass-livestream>. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Winter Park Health Foundation, 220 S. Edinburgh Dr., Winter Park, FL 32792, phone: 407-644-2300.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 North Park Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am very sorry I am so late in giving you my condolences, however I just found out about the loss of Dr. Fran. I was a patient of Dr. Joe's for over 37 years and only saw Dr. Fran a couple of times as a patient. Dr. Fran was kind, professional and very thorough. I always felt heard, and cared for when visiting the Covelli clinic. I just lost my mom October 2nd and so the pain of losing someone dear is fresh in my heart. I pray that God will give all of his family peace in their hearts. May his memory always be a blessing! Eve and Nick Sierra

Eve Sierra - October 31, 2022 at 06:42 AM

JW

“ Dr. Fran was the best. Best doctor, best friend. He helped me through many difficult times and I appreciate him. His gift was he made everyone feel as though you were his most important patient. God bless him and his family he loved so much. Joan Collard Weimer
February 26.

Joan Collard Weimer - February 26, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DS

“ Dr. Fran was such a dedicated, thoughtful and compassionate physician. My entire family was blessed, and so fortunate to have him as our doctor for many years. He always went the extra mile. I tend to measure all my physicians against him. He was a wonderful doctor, and an extraordinary human being. And above all, he deeply loved his family. He loved to share recent photos, stories and updates with all of us. We will always remember this very special man. We send our loving thoughts and prayers to his family.

Debra Smith - February 17, 2021 at 08:07 PM

JM

“ We were truly saddened to hear the news of Fran’s passing. We we think of Fran we also think of Pina. They had a wonderful bu way too short life together and with their family. They were friendly, funny, caring and great to be with. We are so appreciative and lucky to have become part of their extended Covelli family during our many trips to visit Joe and Renie over the years. Love to all the Covellis, Joe and Darea McCormick

Joe McCormick - February 15, 2021 at 10:06 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to see that Fran has passed. Deepest condolences. Lynn Carles Bekisz

Lynn Carles Bekisz - February 15, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Dr. Covelli was such an amazing physician and person. As a nurse I was proud to take care of his patients because I knew that they were getting the best care. He will truly be missed.

Carmen Gonzalez - February 14, 2021 at 09:26 PM

BD

“ I am shocked to hear this news. I worked with Dr. Corelli at Winter Park Hospital for over 30 years. A wonderful doctor, husband, son, father and friend to so many. He will be missed. Barbara Davis

Barbara Davis - February 14, 2021 at 06:16 PM

DI

I just found out today by another physician that Dr. Fran Covelli had passed. What a loss to the community as he was truly loved and respected by everyone he had touch. I worked with him in Care Management at (Winter Park Memorial Hospital) AdventHealth Winter Park for 18 years. He will be truly missed by everyone! Dawn Isbelle

Dawn Isbelle - May 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



laurelbiddy - February 14, 2021 at 04:54 PM