



## Dr. Galdino E. Valvassori

July 16, 1926 - February 13, 2018

Galdino E. Valvassori passed quietly in his sleep on February 13, 2018 climbing his mountain.

Galdino was born in Milan, Italy on July 16, 1926. He was a man like no other. His tenacity and love of life were shared with everyone he touched and he had a good run of 91 incredible years! Galdino came to the United States in 1955 with his first love Alessandrina to finish his medical board exams at Memorial Hospital (at Cornell Medical School) in New York City. They married and had 4 children, who are all alive today with families of their own. Galdino had an amazing career as a pioneer in the field of the otolaryngology (radiology of the head and neck). He read cases, traveled the world sharing his knowledge with professionals in the field and teaching young up and coming radiologists at the University of Illinois everything he knew. He was a man who knew how to have fun! He loved to walk, ski (he downhill skied into his 80's), hike the mountains and play with his grandchildren who were the love of his life. He honored everyone he met regardless of their race, age, disabilities and intelligence level. He was curious about everyone he met and everything out there in the world as we know it. Galdino will live on in all who were blessed to meet him. We love you Dad and know you will be with us forever! Happy Valentines Day Dad!

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; his four children: Danielle, Alex,

(Maureen), Laura, and Pia (Sean) and his 8 grandchildren: Alex, Carly, Tony, Chris, Danielle, Colin, Marco and Sandrina.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church (526 N Park Ave, Winter Park) at 11 am on Monday February 19, 2018.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Healthcare Center for the Homeless at [www.HCCH.org](http://www.HCCH.org).

A Memorial Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Winnetka, Illinois, where he was a member for 47 years, on Saturday April 14, at 11 am.

# Tribute Wall

FE

“ *Ti ricordiamo con tanto affetto. Federica e Gianfranco figli di tuo nipote Alberto (Trento)*

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**federica** - November 06, 2018 at 12:40 PM

MG

“ *My sincere condolences to The Valvassori family. The passing of the man who taught us all so much. Dr. V. was the patriarch of our work family for so many years. May God bless him!*

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**Margaret Golden** - June 01, 2018 at 11:30 PM

RB

“ *Era un Mito. Sempre Simpatico.*

*Richard Baylaender*

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**Richard Baylaender** - March 18, 2018 at 09:55 PM

MM

“ *We are wholeheartedly saddened to hear about loss of Galdino Valvassori, MD,. He will be warmly remembered by all us, and every single one of his trained medical students, residents and fellows for his kindness, dedication to teaching, and his incredible wide ranging contribution to radiology and his pioneering work in head and neck Radiology. I was incredibly honored to be his resident, fellow and his associate. Words cannot express my sorrow. He will be in our heart for ever. God bless him .*

*Mahmood and Donna -Mahvash Mafee, MD.,*

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**Mahmood Mafee** - March 07, 2018 at 10:03 PM

RM

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. We have lost a giant in his field, and a good friend who was such a help to me as a young physician. Now the years have past, and I only have fond memories of visiting Dr Valvassori and Glen Dobin to go over the many cases that confounded me. I also appreciated his humility in learning, if he missed a diagnosis, and that was very very few.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Richard J. Wiet MD FACS  
Professor of Otolaryngology, Rush University Medical Center,  
Chicago*

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**Richard Wiet, MD** - March 07, 2018 at 02:44 PM

“ Dear Ellie and Valvassori families,

*A great big hug to you all and all my love.*

*So thankful for our wonderful childhood together and our two "Italo-American" families sharing such a rich heritage together. I have the best memories of being together every Thanksgiving and Easter and all the new "traditions" we were making as 1st generation Americans. I remember us dressing up as pilgrims at Thanksgiving and reading from Time Life books about American Holidays and what we were celebrating.*

*Your dad had such a zest for life! He was SO full of energy and made everything FUN! He had a sort of lovable mischievous streak that made him all the more endearing to us as kids... He would chase us, swing us around, tickle us and make us laugh til we cried. Just a dear dear man.*

*I heard stories of how the night I was born, your dad and Mario Luchinetti saved my dad's life, when the espresso coffee he was making overflowed and extinguished the flame, but not the gas of the stove. They knocked down the door and hung my dad out the window for some fresh air*

*In later years, I got to be a part of the Christmas Sing-a-longs at their apartment in Wilmette. Ever giving and kind, they would make an effort to see me or call if I was in town to see Fritz, and ask about Chiara.*

*As was shared, he certainly enjoyed a full life,*

*Hope to reconnect with all of you again sometime. Till then,*

*"Bacioni"*

*Carla Baylaender Phillips with Bruce and Sons.*

**Carla Baylaender Phillips** - February 25, 2018 at 03:02 PM

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**Carla Baylaender Phillips** - February 25, 2018 at 02:20 PM

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**Carla Baylaender Phillips** - February 25, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ *To Pia and the Valvassori family, It was a sincere pleasure meeting your father last year and chatting with him. God bless all of you with his comforting memories. He is truly peaceful in the arms of God.*  
*Bob and Sally Pickering*

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**Sally Pickering** - February 17, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Galdino E. Valvassori.*



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February 17, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *I am incredibly saddened to hear about the loss of Galdino, your father. He was an incredible support to me personally when I was ill as well as when my family had its trials and loss. Sending all of you my heartfelt sympathy. Thinking of all of you , our younger childhood days together and missing those times. He will forever be remembered by me for his kindness.*

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**silvia lucchinetti** - February 16, 2018 at 09:48 PM