



Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro

October 10, 1939 - January 13, 2022

Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro, a Pediatrician in Longwood for over 40 years, passed away at the age of 82 on January 13, 2022 with his family by his side.

He was born and raised in New York State. Attending Fairfield University in Ct., he was Class President his Junior and Senior years.

He began his medical career as a Lab Technologist, attending Walter Reed Hospital. While in Washington, he had a cherished memory of sitting in the front row of MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech. He was commissioned as an officer in the US Army and assigned to West Point Military Academy for 3 years as Laboratory Officer and Cadette Instructor. He was married at the Academy.

He then began 6 years of medical studies in Bologna, Italy; where he enjoyed wonderful experiences and made lifelong friends.

After internship associated with Cornell and 3 year pediatric residency with Yale Health Care System, he settled in Longwood and opened the Pediatricians Care Unit. At that time, Longwood was a new and upcoming area. He quickly became known as Dr. C.

A few years ago, Dr. Cannizzaro created the "Cannizzaro Integrative Pediatric

Center”, focusing on Integrative Medicine.

He co- authored a book with Dr. Don Colbert on nutrition and was the author of “Answers for the 4A’s Epidemic” (ADHD, asthma, autism and allergies).

He was very patriotic, always enjoyed gardening and in his younger days, 4-wheeling in his Jeep. Through it all, Dr. C. practiced with consideration for children first. He was a kind and loving man, a cherished friend, compassionate and loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Ann, his sons Tom and Marc and his brother, Peter. Dr. Cannizzaro was predeceased by his son, Joe, Jr. in 2017.

We have lost a truly great man...husband, father, doctor, friend and amazing human being. An incredibly kind and loving man. Heaven is receiving a ‘son of the most high.’ We on Earth are left with mourning, but with beautiful memories of this giant of a person.

A Visitation will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland on Friday, January 21 from 5-8pm. A Funeral Mass will be held at Annunciation Catholic Church on Saturday January 22, 2022 at 1:00pm. Burial will follow at Highland Memory Gardens. At 3:00pm Guests are invited to a reception to be held at the Apopka Community Center, 519 S. Central Avenue, Apopka at 3:30 PM.

The family of Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Previous Events

Public Visitation for Family and Friends

JAN **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Burial

JAN **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Highland Memory Gardens
3329 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall

GM

“ I know this is years later- but I think of Dr. C often- I was a new mom and he made all the stress of being a new mom so much easier. We really miss him. I still take my son to the practice- and I still have his picture on my phone under Cannizzaro pediatrics- I don't think I'll ever take it off. Continued condolences to his family

Ginia M. - May 31, 2025 at 07:15 PM

KG

“ I am so sad to hear this news, Dr. C took wonderful care of all 5 of my children. He was a wonderful and caring man. God rest his soul..... Ken G

Kenneth C Gallagher - December 19, 2023 at 10:44 PM

FR

“ Carol Ann: Nick and I and our family are saddened to hear of the death of Joe. We just learned that tonight. If there is anything we can do for you, Please Let Us Know. Feel free to call us whenever.

Friend - May 05, 2022 at 09:18 PM

DS

“ Dr. C was our childrens pediatrician when he first opened his practice in 1981, he was such a wonderful person, physician and so understanding to everyone he met. Through the years we continued to see and stay in touch with him even after our daughters grew older and no longer went to him, at our parish church and other functions. We were so blessed to have known him and had him as the doctor for our children, we know he is greatly missed but is in heaven looking down on his family and friends.
God Bless Carol and his family during this tough time, our prayers will remain with you.
Don & Molly Smyth

Don Smyth - February 05, 2022 at 02:02 PM

DC

“ Dr C was my children's pediatrician. We loved him. When he found out my son passed he called me. I remember Carol fondly when we would bring the children in for a visit. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was an awesome person. Godspeed to your family. With Love, The Cioce Family



Dawn Cioce - January 26, 2022 at 12:34 AM

RR

“ *This world lost a truly great man and pediatrician.*



Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro was one of the kindest, most caring people we have ever met. His desire to help kids and families learn about true health made him a leader of holistic health in this community.

When we first moved to Central Florida, Dr. C went out of his way to get to know us, not only as practitioners, but as people. He was warm, inviting, and always open to learning more. There was a time when we worked together more closely, and I will always be grateful for all that I gleaned from my experiences with him and the families we served together. He was truly unique and embodied the principles of health and wellness that he taught.

He was our daughter Zoe's first pediatrician, and it feels like just yesterday we were there for her 1st checkup. He examined her as if she were his own family. He told us : 'you know what you're doing, you'll be fine' ..He always believed in us, and supported us in growing as practitioners. He invited us to speak at his conferences, and always had questions and kind words. Although we haven't been in contact in a while, he has always been, and always will be in our hearts. Rest in Peace, Dr. C.

*Love,
Robyn and Kevin Rose*

Robyn Rose - January 22, 2022 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ Carol Ann I am sending my heartfelt condolences to you and your sons. My three grandchildren loved their pediatrician and it was Joe! Not often children “want” to visit their doctor. That speaks volumes of his gentle manner and true caring ways for children always have a keen awareness of authenticity. They loved their Dr C. May he Rest In Peace and may Jesus bring you peace, as well. I am sorry for your loss. ❤️ Julie Burkey

Julie Burkey - January 22, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro.



January 20, 2022 at 12:58 PM

NS

“ NY Med Billing Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro.



NY Med Billing Staff - January 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro.



January 20, 2022 at 09:36 AM

TF

“ *The Rotella Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Joseph Cannizzaro.*



The Rotella Family. - January 19, 2022 at 10:01 PM