



Dr. Ferdinand Sauer

February 26, 1946 - June 28, 2003

Dr. Ferdinand Sauer, 57, of New Britain, husband of Kathleen McKeown Sauer, died unexpectedly Saturday June 28, 2003. Born in Bronx, NY, son of Gaetana "Gay" Cataldo Sauer of Beth Page, L.I., N.Y. and the late Ferdinand F. Sauer, he was a resident of New Britain since 1974. He received his B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, graduating as Outstanding Scholar-athlete in 1966, and received his M.D. degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in 1970. After serving with the U.S. Navy, Dr. Sauer served his residency at the University of Connecticut/New Britain General Hospital from 1975 to 1977. He was Chief Resident in 1978. He joined the Grove Hill Medical Center in 1978. In 1992, he was named Associate Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New Britain General Hospital. He was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff at New Britain General in 1997, and was appointed a Clinical Professor at the School of Medicine of the University of Connecticut Health Center in 1997. Over the years, Dr. Sauer served as participant, presenter, and guest faculty member at numerous seminars and symposiums, and had several of his articles and papers published. Dr. Sauer was known for his proficiency in Laparoscopic Surgery. He was a member of the New Britain YMCA; the Water Ski Club of Avon; served on the Advisory Committee of the MOMS Program; was a former member of the Hospital for Special Care Board of Directors and continued to be a gynecological consultant at that hospital; and served on a host of other committees at Grove Hill, New Britain General Hospital, and the University of Connecticut Medical

Center. Professional Societies he belonged to included: the Hartford County and Connecticut Medical Association; the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists; as well as serving as former president of the Hartford County Obstetric and Gynecologic Society.

Besides his wife Kathleen and his mother Gay, he is survived by 2 sons, Jeremy Sauer and his wife Jane of Catonsville, MD, and Keith Wilding, his wife Heather, and granddaughter Abigail of Bedford, NH; a brother, Joseph Sauer and his wife Debbie of Hudson, NY; 2 sisters, Linda Gubitosi and her husband Philip of Centreville, VA and Pat Roller and her husband Robert of Milwaukee, WI; many nieces and one nephew.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday 10 AM at St. Maurice Church, Wightman Rd., New Britain. Burial will be in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Tuesday 3 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Britain General Hospital, 100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06051. In celebration of Ferd's life, please consider taking a loved one to lunch or dinner and tell him or her the things we often think to say only after someone is gone. Please share a memory of Ferd with his family on our online guestbook by clicking "sign memorial guestbook at the top of the page.

Tribute Wall

NP

“ *Dr.Sauer delivered my two sons, now 36 and 33 years old, after I had a traumatic birth experience with a different doctor. Besides his clinical expertise, he was always so kind, compassionate and funny. Much belated condolences to those who loved him.*

Natalie Palmer - January 11 at 09:32 AM

AT

“ *I still miss Dr Sauer! He was the best...*

Athene Ostrowski garcia at the time - February 05, 2020 at 10:49 PM



I do too! I can not find a doctor like him

Barbara Swiantek - July 30, 2021 at 10:17 AM

TF

I always thought he was a great guy when I got to know him at Pitt. I helped him with gymnastics and he helped me when I tried out for the baseball team. One great incident I will always remember was his 21st birthday. A group of gym team members took him to a bar very close to the Towers dormitory. Since he had never even had a drink in his life one of the guys ordered him a Rusty Nail as his first ever drink. Ridiculous right? After I graduated in '68 I lost track of Ferd. So happy that his life was a great success

Tom Fisher - July 23, 2024 at 06:46 PM

HR

“ *We will always remember Dr Sauer and his wonderful sense of humor. He delivered our beautiful daughter now 28 years old and beautiful.he will be greatly missed.HE was such a loving,kind,compassionate doctor.rest in peace.may God comfort the family.love from Helena toth robba and ashley toth uccello.*

Helena toth robba - January 31, 2019 at 10:22 PM

DD

“ Dr. Sauer,
Just wanted you to know wherever you are, and I am certain that I know....that there has not been many weeks my husband and I have not remembered you and your family in our prayers. Especially now at the holidays....I am about to switch over to Dr. Andrioli, and it with a heavy heart that I do this. I would have seen you, but for a missed appointment the day before you died - and I could not have stood that.....4 children , three that you helped me bring here, at 22 and 28 and 42.....and I will be forever grateful for your grace, kindness and humor....you made the unbearable, bearable....and we will miss you always. Thanks Doc...wish you were still here.....Debbie

Debbie Dawidowicz - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JR

“ Dr. Sauer was the best doctor anyone could ask for. I was so surprised to find out that I was pregnant and so excited to tell Dr. Sauer after all the complaints I would have that I couldn't get pregnant. He would always tell me the time wasn't right. He was right. Then I found my long last love and became pregnant.He was always so funny. No matter what kind of day I had he brightened it up with his jokes and laughter. I went into pre-term labor and he was there to help me out and stop the contractions. I was so thankful to him. Then I went into labor again 1 month later 1 hour before my appointment with him. He told me to get through the night and call him in the morning. I did that and to my surprise he asked me if I was ready to have a baby that day. I said "Today?" and he said "Why, do you have something better to do?" He was just so funny. I ended up having a c-section that day and he did a wonderful job. My son was a healthy 8 lb baby 3 weeks early. I miss Dr. Sauer so much and nobody can replace him. My prayers go out to his family. I recently just lost my grandmother and it has been really hard. God Bless you all.

Jocelyn Rosol - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

GR

“ MY SISTER, DAUGHTER, 7 OTHERS AND I, WERE TREATED TO A LUNCH BY ONE OF THE DOCTORS PATIENTS. DONNA DANKO,IT WAS QUITE UNEXPECTED..AFTER LUNCH THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE "THIS IS IN HONOR OF DR. FERDINAND SAUER, AS REQUESTED BY HIS FAMILY. TAKE SOME YOU KNOW AND LOVE TO LUNCH IN HIS MEMORY"..ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T KNOW HIM. I CAN SEE HOW DEEPLY HE WAS LOVED AND IS MISSED.. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

GRATEFULL - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

RC

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Sauer. I will always remember him for his kindness, concern and sense of humor. I will miss him greatly.

Rachel Call - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

“ To Dr. Sauer's family and loved ones:

While nothing can take away the pain of your loss, may you find comfort in knowing that Dr. Sauer changed so many lives for the better.

In my case, two of the most important people in my life are here because of him:

1. Twenty-five years ago, my mother was at NBGH to deliver my little brother in the middle of the infamous Storm Larry. As my brother began to go into fetal distress, my mother's former "Dr." stared out the window, mesmerized by the snow. Noticing the problem, Dr. Sauer jumped right in and delivered my brother, blue and wrapped at the neck in his umbilical cord, while the other "Dr." stood at the window.

2. Five years ago, when my husband and I wanted desperately to have a child, Dr. Sauer guided us through the fertility process. Our son Zachary, now 3, is the greatest joy of our lives and is the direct result of Dr. Sauer's exceptional skills as a physician.

I will always remember Dr. Sauer's sense of humor as well as his serious, compassionate side that he showed when the going got tough. He was always light-hearted and quick to bring wit to any concern I had during my visits. But, after a recent just a month before his death and devastating medical procedure that I had to undergo, the compassion and uncharacteristic seriousness that he showed was very comforting. Of course, when I called his office to report that I was in so much pain after the process that I felt like I'd been hit by a truck, he was quick to ask, "well, did you find tire tracks?"

His patients, the medical community, and most of all, you, are at a great loss without Dr. Sauer. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed...

Dawn Miller - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MF

“ To the family of Dr. Sauer,

I became a patient of Dr. Sauer's 19 years ago when my first OB said: twins, oh, find another doctor. At already half way through the pregnancy, a local midwife recommended Dr. Sauer, whom she said was good with a twin delivery. And he was. He was more than I'd hoped for. Each visit he'd say: not yet, you look too good. I got to the due date, came to the hospital, and at 5AM he said just wait, i need to take a run first. I laughed, he went running, came back an hour later, and they were born by 10AM, with not a hitch. I never forgot that he could make me laugh when I couldn't even talk.

His kindness, humor, and empathy were extraordinary. At that time we had very little money, and he didn't charge a cent extra for the twin, a two for one, for which I have always grateful and touched. Both of the twins will be starting Columbia University this fall. I do believe that the happy disposition of each child, and the joy we all felt in those early months and years, was in part a result of the safety and confidence I felt during the pregnant months, due to Dr. Sauer's skill and compassion.

Both my husband and I were very sad to hear this news. I have always felt very glad that my path crossed his, as he was a very fine human being.

And I am glad to have a chance to share these thoughts, and I hope they will be of some small comfort to you.

Martha Fraenkel

martha fraenkel - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

GP

“ To Dr. Sauer's family,

I was blessed to have a wonderful doctor for 18 years. Dr. Sauer helped me through four miscarriages before he tried a "last resort method before surgery" for maintaining a pregnancy. It worked and I gave birth to my first child in 1987.

Unfortunately, Vinnie was born with biliary atresia and had to have a liver transplant at 9 months old. Dr. Sauer expressed an enormous amount of concern for me and my critically ill child during this difficult part of our lives. Today my son is a healthy 15 year old and is enjoying all that life has to offer along with his 13 year old brother, Michael.

I was scheduled to see Dr. Sauer in July and was looking forward to showing him my sons' pictures. He would affectionately ask me how "the liver kid" was doing during every visit.

My husband and I send you our love and deepest sympathy. The world has lost a wonderful man. How lucky you are to have had him as part of your family.

*Sincerely,
Gail Pagano*

Gail Pagano - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

KS

“ We were both stunned and greatly saddened to hear the news. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathleen, Keith, Jeremy and ofcourse Ferd. We will always remember Ferd for his great love of life, boundless energy, and willingness to serve. It's hard to imagine not seeing him for another bike ride, run, or get together. Please accept our condolences.

Keith & Nancy.

Keith & Nancy Schumann - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

HH

“ I remember a great teacher during my residency at NBGB 1990-1994 and Ferd's endless energy, while working day and night. My deepest sympathy to all family members.

Hildur Hardardottir - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LR

“ Dear Kathleen, Gay, Jeremy & Jane, Keith, Heather & Abigail,
associates and friends,

*While I was on vacation I received the news of Dr. Sauer's passing.
I am profoundly saddened by this terrible loss.*

*Dr. Sauer has been my doctor and friend for over 20 years. I recall
fondly so many conversations over the years and each of them
touched me so much. Dr. Sauer was one of the kindest most
genuine people I was ever privileged to meet. My life will forever
be changed for having met him and experienced his warmth and
compassion. Since I heard the news I continue to be in disbelief....I
cannot imagine walking into his office and not seeing that huge
smile and the eyes smiling right along with it.*

*He spoke with such love and pride of his family and his
medicine....so much so that I feel as if I know you all in some way.
And the stories would come with pictures and he would smile and
smile.*

*I am so sorry for each of you for your tremendous loss. May in
comfort you to know that your husband, son, father and grandfather
touched so many lives and although his time on this earth was way
too short, that his life and his work will live on in all that met him.*

You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time of loss.

May God Bless and comfort you all.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ragali

Lynn Ragali - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

PG

“ *Our beloved friend has gone on ahead to visit with loved ones in another place. God bless and keep him and give solace to those left behind till we all meet again in heaven.*

Peter & Connie Geiger - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

AK

“ To the Sauer Family:

I, like so many women, were shocked and saddened by the news of Dr. Sauer's death. I moved to Connecticut in 1979 at the age of 29 and needed to find a new Gyn Dr. My sister-in-law at the time told me there was a "new" guy in town and seeing as Ted Johnson wasn't taking on any new patients at the time that I should see Dr. Sauer. It was the best decision I have ever made with regards to a physician. I knew he had been in practice for a short time and it was like we were starting out together. Two years later it was time to deliver my son, Patrick, now 22 years old. My husband at the time and Dr. Sauer joked through the whole delivery and I kept saying "hey, what about me?". I remember Dr. Sauer saying, "don't worry I'll catch him when he's ready"...I still smile when I remember it. Unfortunately Patrick had a rough start and had to be put in the special care nurseery and I was devastated. That first night I was sitting in my room alone and in bounces Dr. Sauer in his jogging suit. He bopped himself on my bed and said, "so, how's it going?" I started crying and he hugged me and told me everything would be ok. There wasn't anyone who could have done that to make me feel better up to that point. That one hug and his words of encouragement got me through a rough week. He checked on me every day with a funny quip and that memorable smile. He even allowed me to stay in the hospital longer than usual so I could be closer to Patrick. He delivered my second son, Peter two years later and I was sorry I never had anymore just so I could visit with him more often. I looked forward to my yearly check-ups and we would gab and gab about what was going on in our lives. When I got my divorce we talked for a while and as usual he made me feel better. I will miss those visits tremendously and the thought of not having a history with a new doctor saddens me. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.

*Fondly,
Audrey, Patrick and Peter Kelly*

Audrey Kelly - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LM

“ I am so deeply saddened and shocked to hear of Dr. Sauer’s sudden passing. I was a patient of his for 12 years and was looking forward to the day that Dr. Sauer delivered my first child. He was such a genuinely caring and compassionate person with a great sense of humor; always had a smile on his face. I extend my sincerest condolences to the friends and family that he has left behind. God bless you during this difficult time and take comfort in knowing how many lives he has touched both personally and professionally. The medical profession has suffered such a great loss due to his passing. However, heaven has gained an extraordinary angel.

Leann Malone - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JH

“ Dear family and friends of Dr. Sauer,

My family and I are very saddened to hear of the loss of such a wonderful doctor and human being. Dr. Sauer was my doctor during my pregnancy, and on June 11, 1997 I had the privilege of having him deliver my daughter Taylor. He will forever be part of my fondest memory. Our heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy go out to you. He will be missed dearly.

Jennifer Healy - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

DS

“ *Dear Dr Sauer's Family,*

I was so saddened to hear about Dr Sauer. I have been a patient of his for over 20 years, through happy and sad times. He was a great man of wit, compassion and intellect, a rare human who was loved and respected by all that he met. He always believed in women and took the best care of them, always knew the right thing to say to get us through a difficult time. He always "beamed" when talking about family and sharing his family with us, as we did with him.

The world has lost a wonderful man, who will never be forgotten. I will always remember him with love and respect. Thank-you all for sharing him with all of us. Even in passing when reading his obituary, it felt like he wrote the ending note about sharing love with someone. May God Bless you all and keep you in the palm of his hands. My prayers are with you all.

Deb, Bob, Amy, Bryan, Drew and Tyler Van Steenbergen

Deborah Van Steenbergen - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MF

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer & Family,
When Dr. Ted Johnson was retiring several years ago I asked him which doctor might be a good match for me. Without batting an eye he said, Ferd, I'm sure you would like Dr. Sauer." He couldn't have been more on target! I only had the privilege of going to him for several years, but he won me over after the first visit. He calmed my fears with his sense of humor for sure, but his genuine care and concern for me as his patient was always just as evident. He always talked about his family and his love of water skiing my appointments were always in August. When I called him this past January looking for help with full blown menopausal symptoms because he had taken me off of the hormone therapy I had been on and the fact that my husband had recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer, I couldn't have asked for a more compassionate man. He made me laugh when I needed to the most. I am crushed that he will not be there to see me for the appointment I had scheduled in August, but I can assure you that his good work and kindness will never be forgotten. My sincerest sympathy to you.
Mary Foreman

Mary Foreman - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

DF

“ Dr. Sauer delivered two of my babies in 2000 and 2002 and we will never forget the impact he has had in our lives. He was the calmest and serenest doctor that we knew. In my last delivery, Dr. Sauer was like a great composer in the NY Symphony. He orchestrated the delivery to make his 4pm flight to his son’s place on a Friday afternoon last May 31st. I’ll never forget the peace and joy I experienced with this delivery. At exactly 3:33pm Dr. Sauer delivered my Hayley. I remember that morning when Dr. Sauer told me that he needed to leave but wanted to deliver my baby before he left. He managed the delivery so smoothly, painlessly, and with such expertise, that it felt like the perfect delivery. It is with deepest regret that he has passed and my family and I offer our deepest condolences to the Sauer family.

Deb Forrest - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

AM

“ I was so shocked and saddened when I read of Dr. Sauer's passing. I was a patient of his for about 15 years and always appreciated his kindness, compassion and obvious intelligence. Of course he will always have a special place in our heart as he was my caregiver during both my pregnancies. I know there are hundreds of Moms and Dads out there that share feeling ... but that does not make it any less special to any one of us!

At every visit he spoke so highly of his family ... the pride and love he felt was palpable. It always seemed to me he loved life and lived and enjoyed every day ... a model for all of us!

*My deepest sympathies to all of you-
Amy Molinaro*

Amy Molinaro - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

GP

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer and Family,
When I think of Dr. Sauer I remember his smile, sense of humor, and compassion as well as his wealth of knowledge and skill. I was one of his patients for approximately 18 years. Some of the appointments I had with him were for some of the happiest events in my life, while a few were for some of the saddest. No matter what the reason for the visit was, Dr. Sauer always seemed to understand just what I needed to hear at the time. I always left feeling better than I did when I arrived.

My thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be with you.

Gail

Gail Pandolfo - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

“ To the family of Dr. Ferdinand Sauer,

On behalf of the Community Health Center, Inc., I want to tell you how very, very saddened we are by the loss of your husband/father/friend. He was a good friend to the Community Health Center, but he was in the category of extraordinary friend, physician colleague when it came to the care of our patients. Let me share a bit about our history with "Ferd". Back in the early 1980s, when there was no such thing as "Healthy Start" medical insurance for low income pregnant women, we at CHC were committed to doing something about the terribly high rates of infant mortality and low birth weight in Middlesex County. We knew this was directly tied to women not receiving prenatal care, and that this in turn was related to the economic barriers to getting care. We decided to establish our first prenatal service at Community Health Center, Inc. in Middletown, which was then a fairly small health center with just two offices in Middlesex County. We went first to our healthcare colleagues locally to try and get their support. Absolutely none was forthcoming. We heard through the healthcare grapevine that we should consider approaching the medical community in New Britain, and specifically Dr. Sauer. His reputation as a friend and mentor to nurse-midwives, as a compassionate as well as clinically superb physician, and as a man who believed all women should receive the very best care, regardless of their financial or insurance status, was already well known although he had not been in practice for all that many years.

On a dreary winter's day early in 1984, Mark Masselli, CEO of the Health Center, and I drove over to New Britain to meet with Dr. Sauer for the first time. In this day of complicated business transactions in healthcare, lengthy contracts for any services, compliance reviews, worries about malpractice coverage, etc., one can feel nostalgic about our meeting. We instantly recognized a kindred spirit, and a really fine human being. In a few minutes, we agreed on the heart of the program--Dr. Sauer would assign a nurse midwife that he employed to see all our prenatal patients at our

offices in Middletown; he and the nurse midwife would be responsible for the deliveries, which would be done at New Britain General Hospital. CHC would make sure that every woman received not only this medical care, regardless of ability to pay, but that they also received the best prenatal education, support, nutrition, etc. that could be provided. We launched forward, with Patty McNally and Karen Forzani serving as our nurse midwives over the years. Every so often, I would go and meet with Dr. Sauer, have another warm and brief meeting, and sign a new contract...again, with a handshake, and very little or no increase in the dollar amount. Both the Infant Mortality Rate and the low birth rates in our county are now less than half of what they were back then.

Someone once described Dr. Sauer as "a doctor with the soul of a midwife"...It was a a lovely image of an obstetrician who had the patience, respect, and love for women and their role in bringing new life into the world.

After many years, Dr. Sauer let us know that it was time for us to move on to a new partner for CHC's growing OB program. Times had changes; our local healthcare community was now ready to embrace and support our prenatal program. Today, we are a much larger organization, with offices in four counties and will deliver over 500 babies this year throughout our prenatal clinics in Meriden, Middletown, and Clinton. But be assured, when we are looking for physician partners for the care of our prenatal patients, it is the memory of "Dr. Ferd", with his medical expertise and skills, the soul of a midwife, and a commitment to access to care for all women, that we bear in mind as a standard to which all potential OB physicians must aspire.

The world has lost a wonderful man, too soon, and we will miss him greatly. Our deepest condolences to you, his family, who knew and loved him best.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Flinter, APRN
VP/Clinical Director
Community Health Center, Inc.*

Margaret Flinter - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

“ To the Sauer Family,

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you for your loss of such a remarkable man. I was so stunned to find out he had passed away; I had just seen him the day before. I have been blessed to have him as my doctor for the past 22 years. Starting out at the young age of 18, I don't know how I will ever get used to anyone else, given that a doctor of his caliber can't be replaced. I told him on Friday that I had hit the big 40 and I guess all that's left to look forward to is menopause. He laughed when I asked if this was a time when men pause and leave us women alone for a while? I'll never forget that laugh. We complained about the muggy weather this week and how he was looking forward to going to the lake. He talked about his granddaughter, and I could tell she was his precious one. Outside of some medical questions, he asked how I was doing twice actually. That's just how great he was. He's just that one of a kind doctor who asks his patients how they are “in life”, and he really wants to know because he cares.

Our daughter was born 12 years ago, the pregnancy was fine, but the delivery part wasn't so great. Dr. Sauer was out of town. Afterwards he gave me the emotional support I needed to bounce back, and said my second pregnancy would be different, and it was. It was a planned section for a Tuesday, and as my luck would have it I went into labor Friday night. I waited until sunrise to call, and he called me right back and said he was going away for the weekend. I said “but I have to wait for you!” He said he would call in a prescription that will probably stop the early stage of labor a couple of days, and to tell my husband he called him Mr. Frisky to take me out for an ice cream and give me a massage. He did. On that Tuesday Dr. Sauer came in and asked “You guys mind if I listen to Imus in the morning, but don't worry I'll talk to you too and deliver your baby, how's that?”. My husband who is not afraid of blood etc., had his head right next to Dr. Sauer's to see everything. Jokingly, Dr. Sauer said “hey can I have a little room to work here”. This went on for a few minutes and I remember laying there thinking

*“great now I’ve got these two fighting over air space.” They both peered over at me like two devilish boys. Just then my son decided to bolt north and I could feel tremendous pressure, the Doc sprang into action and pulled out my “9lb athlete” as he called him. Later, my “athlete” decided to show off his high pressure plumbing and Dr. Sauer said “look, he shoots, he scores”. My son, now 10, is an avid hockey player in the Eastern Connecticut Leagues. We have chosen this favorite memory to share as it depicts a doctor who was determined to not let his patient be afraid of having a second child, and kept his promise by being there and filling that morning with relaxation, happiness, laughter, and a memory that will last a lifetime. Dr. Sauer was more than a baby doctor, he was the best ladies doctor imaginable. Over the years he has become a trusted and respected friend, and I will miss him with all my heart. He was very proud of his loving and supportive family, and our prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. With love and gratitude,
Donna and Michael McKenty*

Donna McKenty - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JH

“ My heartfelt condolences to all in the Sauer family. Dr. Sauer was a great dad and a great person, a hero to all who knew him. Heaven just got an all-star.

John Haffner - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

DN

“ Ferd delivered my daughter 18 years ago. There was not a doctor in the area that would let me go through natural childbirth, after my C-section with my son. But then someone said "call Ferd", he'll take care of you! And, he did. My pregnancy, and the birth of my daughter were far from easy, but the whole thing was hilarious because Ferd was a lunatic. I know you are going to have endless stories rolling through here. I know that I was one in a million that felt as I did. I also know that you will have your own warehouse of memories, of jokes that he told, and the things that he shared only with his family. I have laughed myself stupid over things that he said at my daughters birth. I have shared the photo's of him at the delivery. The Budweiser T-shirt was priceless.

But more than my memories of my daughters birth, were the times I actually got to sit and talk to Ferd. I worked in the EKG unit weekends at New Britain General for quite a few years. I'd be heading down the hall and hear in that crazy loud NY accent "Donna Nucci", "I love saying that name" and I'd tell him he was nut's and he'd just laugh and share some story about one of his patients. He always had time to just be a real guy.

But my fondest memory was during my last visit as a patient. This was years after my daughter was born and I had gotten to know Ferd. He asked me if I had a minute, he wanted to show my something in his office. We walked across the hall and he broke out in one of his beautiful smiles, with those eyes twinkling, and he said "look Nucci". I turned to see what I honestly believe he was most proud of. He knew he was great at his profession. He knew that 99.9% of the women that walked through his door loved him. He knew he was hilarious, dashingly handsome and too damn smart for his own good, but he also knew what made him whole. He pointed to one of the most beautiful photograph's I ever seen. In fact over the years I have thought of this moment many many times. He was pointing at the photograph of all of you, together, dressed in white.

So now, years later, perhaps there was a reason that he shared that moment with me. I had told him many times how much my family meant to me, how much what he had done for us, had meant to us.

And this was his opportunity to tell me how much his beautiful family meant to him. Kathleen, I met you only once when I was working in EKG. You came through the door and looked at me, introduced yourself and said "you have the most beautiful eyes", and I said, "that's funny, I was just thinking the same about you"! Looking at your eyes I knew instantly what you and Ferd saw in each other. And now in my mind's eye, I see it all again. The love he had for each of you, which got him through those long days. It's hard not to laugh just a little, it's hard not to cry just a little, but it's easy to remember so much about the guy that I knew so long ago because he gave so much, in such a small space of time. God Bless each of you.

And know, that during your busiest days and your quietest moments you will always hear that distinctive voice calling your names, whispering funny little stories and reminding you in ways that only he can, that he loves you.

You are all in our prayers, and Ferd is forever in our hearts.

With love and wishes for a happy life, living with wonderful memories.

Donna, Richard, Chris and Marisa Nucci

Donna Nucci - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

KB

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Dr. Sauer's passing. He was my doctor for 23 years and his kind, gentle manner and sense of humor brought comfort to situations that might otherwise have been very difficult to handle. He always joked with my husband about coming to my appointments and standing guard outside of the exam room door. Before surgery once he spoke with me, then put on his surgical mask and went running down the hall shouting, "Who was that masked man?" It truly lightened a difficult day. I have been at gatherings with strangers throughout this week and have overheard many conversations about what a wonderful man he was....knowing right away that they were talking about Dr. Sauer! He kindly and thoughtfully touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. I am sure he is continuing to bring smiles to those around him. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Karen Bass - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

CM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Sauer's passing. I was his patient for over 20 years. I will miss his smile, his caring ways and the wonderful stories he told of his family. He was truly one of a kind.
With my deepest sympathy,
Carol McShane

Carol McShane - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MS

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer and Family, While I was in training to be in charge of the mammography program at Grove Hill, Dr. Sauer was very supportive and allowed me to practice teaching self breast exams to his patients. He made me feel very comfortable and welcome in the ob department. He was a great guy, and will be missed by all.
Sincerely, Marion

Marion Sangeloty - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

CL

“ *To The Sauer Family:*

I want to share my deepest sympathies with your family. Dr. Sauer was my daughter's Lisa Riley physician. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Sauer when I took my daughter to one of her appointments. He had a way of putting her worst fears aside and putting her at complete ease.

She had two very difficult pregnancies and births and Dr. Sauer made it seem as though nothing was wrong.

My daughter is going to miss him dearly.

I know he is in a better place, but we will miss him deeply.

Dr. Sauer will be in my prayers always, as will your entire family.

Christine Lombardo - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

TF

“ *Dear Aunt Kathy, Keith, Heather, Jeremy, and Jane,*

I am so saddened about Uncle Ferd. I am sorry that I couldn't make it to the services. I know there'll be an angel by my side as I have this baby. Uncle Ferd always made me laugh at family parties and he will be missed.

*All our love and sympathies,
Tricia, Ken, Brendan and Kayla*

Tricia Fischer - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MR

“ I was a patient of Dr. Sauer's when he first joined Grove Hill I was 16 years old then. He always made me laugh. He had a quick wit. Over the years I would hear about his lovely wife and great kids. Later I would hear his excitement over becoming a grandfather. I feel I knew the man and not just the Doctor. He gave me great joy delivering both my children. I was so sad to hear of his passing. He will be missed by so many. Dr. Sauer's family is in my prayers.

Fondly,

Missy Roybal

Missy Roybal - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

BE

“ I did not know your loved one, but am deeply sorry for his untimely departure from your lives. What a lovely gesture to suggest that we celebrate his life by showing appreciation for those who are still with us.

Betty - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

KG

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Dr. Sauer's passing. He was my OB/GYN since I graduated from college for 17 years. I never dreaded the "annual exam" like so many of my friends, instead I just looked forward to seeing Dr. Sauer. His friendly manner and confident expertise put me completely at ease. He knew just what to say when I was pregnant and unsure. He took care of me throughout my 2 pregnancies and delivered my beautiful girls. We shared the same birthday and I always felt that we connected on a personal level.
His untimely death is a great loss to the many who have had the great fortune to know him.
My deepest condolences to his family.

Kathryn Brookman Gomez - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your lost. Dr Sauer was the greatest Dr. to me for over 25 years. I will miss him and it will be very hard to replace him. When I went to my office visit it was always a joy, he joked made me laugh and always talked about his boys and was so happy went he became a grandfather. Thank you for letting me tell you how special a husband, father, grandfather and Dr. he was.
He will never be forgotten in my book.

Jackie Gorn - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

JM

“ Dr. Sauer was my physician for over 20 years. I will never forget the time I was having a very obtrusive test done and he walked into the room and I asked him how he was doing. In his natural sense of humor, he replied, "I'm fine. You're the one with your legs up in the air for the whole world to see. How are you doing?" He ALWAYS made me feel comfortable & ALWAYS made me laugh. I loved him and will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to all of those closest to him. It is an enormous loss. Joni M.

Joni McCusker - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MG

“ It was a tremendous shock that I read of Dr. Sauer's passing, he was a big part of my life having delivered both of my girls, 13 years apart. Dr. Sauer's sense of humor was always timely and he had a way of putting my wife and I at ease during the whole process. He was a great man and will be sorely missed.

Michael Godbout - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

AB

“ My heart broke when I heard of Dr. Sauer's passing. I was a patient of his for about a year. He took care of me through my first pregnancy. I was always excited to see him, and not many people can say that about going to the gynocologist. We used to joke around about my pregnancy and the kind of labor I was going to have. He was right, it was quick and painless. Unfortunately he was not there for the birth, so when it was time for my 6 week appointment I couldn't wait for him to meet my new baby boy. It was like showing him off to a family member. He joked about how big my son was for being 7 weeks old, and how if he could reach the pedals he would have driven to the office himself. I will miss him greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. May your memories of him carry you through this devastating time.

Amy Ben-Kiki - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

NB

“ I send my deepest sympathies. I was a patient of Dr. Sauer and he was very kind to me. I had a miscarriage and he took the time with me that I needed. I had a son May 26, 2000 and I have a beautiful 3 year old thanks to Dr Sauer. He will be very missed by all who he has touched. Again I am very sorry for your loss. Nancy

Nancy Baker - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

PG

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Sauer. What an incredible human being. To me, Dr. Sauer possessed an almost magical combination of intellect, wit, compassion, and warmth so rare in any human being, so much rarer in a doctor. I feel fortunate to have known him for the past 17 years and will always see him in my daughter, Jillian, who he delivered into this world in his typical style of expertise with a comedic flare. What a shining example he is to all of us of a life well lived and a man loved and respected by so many. He will be greatly missed.

Patty Gagnon - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

KM

“ My sincerest condolences to Kathy and his whole family. Ferd was a good friend and a mentor. He not only taught me the basics of our specialty but also how we share with our patients the good and the bad. He was always there to lend a hand.

Kevin Mitchell - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LF

“ *dr sauer never made me feel like just a number or a chart. he knew me and remembered me. even thought i saw him once a year, he still knew what we had spoken about the previous year. it seems as if the whole city of new britain went to dr sauer and is now mourning his loss. i will miss his irreverence and laughter and joy of life. my deepest sympathies to the entire family.*
lesley fearnley

lesley fearnley - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

SL

“ *To the family of Dr. Sauer,*

I was very sorry to read of the loss of my favorite doctor. He was friendly, knowledgeable and funny. I had two miscarriages, so during my last pregnancy I was very nervous. He listened to all my fears, gave me whatever test I needed to calm myself and just generally got me through all nine months. My husband also appreciated the way he always seemed to have plenty of time for us, even when the nurses were reminding him that he did not. We will miss him, too.

Susan Lanzarone - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

ST

“ *Dr. Sauer was my first and only GYN for the past 20 years. I respected and trusted him. I was so sad to learn of his passing but so thankful that he was my doctor for the pregnancy of our long awaited second son. My husband Tony and he liked to share running stories and Tony just saw him at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in New Britain.*
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Sincerely,

Susan and Tony Terzi

Susan Terzi - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

SZ

“ *With deepest sympathy to the Sauer Family. I am so very sorry for your sudden loss. I have been a patient of Dr.Sauer's for 18 years. I live in Bristol, CT. I did not find out until late Tuesday evening and wasn't able to attend the services.*

*Dr.Sauer was a kind, considerate, compassionate, loving, caring, inspiring and very confident person. He had a certain charm about him, twitching his eyebrows, telling jokes while examinations, that was just some of his charming ways. He had a way about him that made people feel warm welcome and comfortable. He was a man with a kind heart and a kindered spirit. If he had to bring you to his office to discuss things with you the first thing you see is pictures of his family. I will be praying for you all at this time of despair and sorrow. He was a very important part of very many lives and he was a part of someones life, bringing lives into the world, placing a child into its mothers hands for the first time. He touched many hearts with kindness and love. Dr.Sauer will be deeply missed, but by all means never forgotten. Remember all of us who are praying for you in your hours of need. No one could ever take his place because he is the best there ever was and the best there ever would be.
God Bless You All.*

Love,

Sherry Zack

Sherry Zack - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

PB

“ I WAS VERY SADDENED TO HEAR OF DR SAUER'S UNEXPECTANT DEATH.I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS SMILE AND HOW HE ALWAYS REMEMBER DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT MY LIFE,ALL THE TRIPS MY HUSBAND & I TOOK OUT WEST &DOWN SOUTH.HE WOULD ALWAYS WALK IN AND SAY WELL WERE DID YOU GO THIS TIME?HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL DOCTOR AND I DON'T THINK I'LL FIND ANOTHER ONE LIKE HIM.MY HEART GOES OUT TO HIS WIFE,SON'S,DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS,GRANDAUGHTER AND HIS MOM AND HIS STAFF AND PARTNERS AT GHMC MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

SINCERELY,
PHYLLIS BARTOSEWICZ

PHYLLIS BARTOSEWICZ - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

DD

“ Dr Sauer has been my doctor for 20 years or so. He took very good care of me and I will miss his "bedside manner". He always made me feel comfortable. My deepest sympathy to your family at this very sad time.

Denise D'Ambrosio - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

PN

“ My mom called at 8:15 Sunday morning to tell me that Dr. Sauer was gone. I was shocked. I had just been in to see him four days before. It's nearly a week later and I still don't believe it. My mom, sister and several friends went to him and we all loved him. He was so kind, funny and thoughtful. He must have been a fantastic husband and father.

My deepest sympathy to his wife and sons. He will be missed by many. There's a hole in the world now, but a big bright star in the heavens.

Patricia Nielsen

Patricia Nielsen - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM



“ *Dr. Ferdinand Sauer*

September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

CS

“ *ALTHOUGH I ONLY WORKED WITH FERD FOR TWO YEARS, I TREASURE THOSE TIMES AND EXTEND MY PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY*

carol van steenbergen - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

MY

“ My sincere sympathy to Dr. Sauer's family. He was my physician since the start of his practice at Grove Hill..He always made me feel comfortable and at ease. He knew that I needed him at the birth of my children because I trusted no one else. Sure enough he was there! He always had a smile and a "hello" even though he was extremely busy. I will truly miss this exceptional Doctor. Through my tears of sadness I leave this eulogy from an unknown author in hope of easing the pain of the family:Do not stand at my grave and weep;I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush,I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there; I did not die.

Michele Yarincik - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

KW

“ To Dr. Sauer's family:
Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. I was at Moodus Res on Sunday when I heard the news.Dr. Sauer has been my doctor for 15 years, delivering 2 of my 3 children. My daughter, who will be 12 in Aug., was delivered by c-section after 22 hours of labor, and her dad remembers Dr. Sauer operating with the 50's music on the radio,singing and whistling,during the procedure. Also after delivering my son I developed a heart condition and Dr. Sauer fought with my insurance company so I can stay an extra day!!!He was so confident and intelligent, it saddens me that he is no longer here, but eases my heart that he is in heaven and will still be helping and making a difference. It will be hard and maybe impossible to trust another doctor like I did Dr.Sauer.My thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Kim W.& Family

Kim Wierbicki - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

SM

“ My sincere sympathy to Dr. Sauer's family, friends, and patients. I am greatly saddened by the sudden death of such a wonderful doctor. He touched my life in many ways--I consider myself extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to learn from him as a nursing student, later working with him in the delivery room at NBGH, and most of all, for having him as my OB-Gyn for more than 20 years. He was more than a doctor to many; he was a friend. He always exhibited such confidence, compassion, a great sense of humor, knowledge, and a true love for life. When Ferd was around, you couldn't help but smile or laugh along with him. Dr. Sauer helped me through some very tough times, which included a miscarriage at about 20 weeks. Although he was not present that night when I needed a surgical procedure, he was there for me first thing in the morning and took the time to comfort me and cry along with me. My best memory of him was going through my next pregnancy with his reassurance and the fact that he was there to deliver my daughter, Holly now 15. My labor was very long 38 hours over Memorial Day weekend, which ended with a C-Section. Dr. Sauer just smiled at me after all this time and told me that I only fooled around for 38 hours, and now it was time for him to get to work and get the job done. The world has lost not only a wonderful physician, but a genuine, caring individual. I will never forget the kindness and caring he showed toward all his patients. I truly feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know him and to have had him both as my physician and my friend. Rest in peace, Dr. Sauer. You will be in the hearts of many people forever. The thoughts and prayers of myself and my family are with you at this difficult time. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful man with so many.

Sincerely,
Sharyn, Larry, & Holly Mirizio

Sharyn Mirizio - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LC

“ Mrs. Sauer and Family,
Please accept my sincere sympathies on your loss. I still can't believe it myself. I have been a patient of his for 20 years and have so many great memories. He delivered my first daughter in April 1994 . My delivery was a breeze, no epidural, all natural..it was really an amazing experience, the whole time he was cheering me on, making me laugh and immediately after she was born, I made him laugh.....as he was sewing my episiotomy I told him I couldn't wait to do this again! Everyone in the delivery room just stopped what they were doing and said "what did she say?" He just looked at me with that contagious smile and we all had a good laugh. When I became pregnant with my second daughter I asked him what he thought about my 3 year old being in the delivery room with us. He not only thought it was a good idea..he encouraged me to do it. Unfortunately he did not deliver her but it was the best decision I've ever made. It was an incredible experience for our whole family. although Dr. Andreoli seemed to be a little leary having a child in there Everything went beautifully.

And with my baby days over , I only got to see him once a year and was actually looking forward to spending my menopausal years with him .If not for anything else, I knew he would make me laugh right through it.

I will miss him terribly, he was definitely the best. Thank you for sharing him with us. May God give you the strength you will need to find your peace. You are all in my prayers.

Lori Coppola - September 20, 2016 at 12:03 AM

LG

“ *Dear Kathleen and Family:
We are very saddened over the loss of your loving husband, father and grandfather. We pray for God's strength for you and your family during this difficult time. May you find peace in your memories of a wonderful man who touched the hearts and lives of so many people. God's peace be with you.
Lauren and Tom Grant*

Lauren & Tom Grant - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DS

“ *As a father and a parent, my appreciation for Dr. Sauer is one of admiration, respect and thankfulness. My two daughters are here, in part, because of his professionalism and care for them and my wife Marianne. His contributions were great, his time too short, his accomplishments far reaching. To his family, no words can mend your grief or loss. You shared him so much with the world and the world is far better for that.*

Daniel M. Salerno - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

UP

“ *Dr. Sauer delivered both of my sons who are now 18 and 20 yrs old. I'll never forget him, he made this special time more wonderful with his patience and calming influence. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time!*

Ursula Peters - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you with Dr. Sauer's family. He was a wonderful man who touched the lives of so many. He will be missed and remembered. He was my doctor for only a few years but he delivered many of my brothers and sisters. I know that my mom will miss him as well. She knew him for almost 30 years.

Julie O'Brien - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

PM

“ How difficult it is to say goodbye to a long-time friend. Twenty years and four pregnancies. Each child presented a new set of challenges and difficulties, yet Dr. Sauer guided me through successfully. Always a smile on his face and a joke or wise-crack to put this patient at ease. We'd just begun the battle of menopause!! It won't be an easy road without his help.

Thank you, Mrs. Sauer, for the love and support you provided to your husband. Countless patients, colleagues, and students relied on and appreciated his total dedication to his profession.

Gone too soon, yet he achieved the ultimate goal of touching lives in a positive way and making the world a better place. Many people live longer and accomplish so much less. God Bless--Ferd's the Word!!

Pamela McMahon - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

PN

“ I was saddened and shocked to hear of Dr. Sauer's death. I was one of his first patients at Grove Hill, coming to him since the winter of 1978, soon after he joined the group, although I had my last check-up with Karen because it has become so hard to get an appointment with Ferd! He was a wonderful doctor, kind and funny, and always took the time to answer all my questions -- believe me, I always had a lot of questions when I was pregnant! About seven months pregnant with my first, I went alone to my check-up, and broke down crying from nerves, saying that I didn't think I would be a very good mother. Dr. Sauer took my hands and told me I was going to be just fine. I'm sure that he has reassured many a nervous first-time mother over the years. Two years later, he laughed me into accepting the fact that I was going to have twins when I reacted to the news by saying that we had only planned to have two children. Well, he laughed, it looks like you'll be having three. Sadly for me, he was on vacation when my twins were born, but I knew that his family time was very precious to him. At my six-week check-up after delivery, I asked him if the 47 minutes between the twins' births was normal and he told me a story about a patient who had taken so long to deliver her second twin that he had gone out of the hospital with his pager to run a 10K race. It's hard to believe that such a healthy and vital man is gone. He will really be missed. To his entire family, please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Pat Nelson - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

ES

“ Please accept our deepest condolences at Dr. Sauer's passing. We will always remember his wonderful sense of humor and his skill as a doctor. He delivered all three of our children, the most precious part of our lives, and we always knew we all were in the best of care. Eileen & Sam Sepulveda

Eileen Sepulveda - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

TL

“ We were both in shock to hear about the untimely death of Dr. Sauer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. My husband knew Dr. Sauer through the delivery of his two older children and by having casual conversations with Dr. Sauer when my husband would see him running in the park. When I first came to CT. and became pregnant my husband recommended going to Dr. Sauer. He was my first doctor here. Dr. Sauer would always make me feel comfortable in his office. He could always make me laugh and he was always concerned not just about my pregnancy and how I was doing but about my family and other children as well. I am so thankful that such a skilled doctor and wonderful person delivered my beautiful baby. Dr. Sauer touched our hearts as well as the hearts of others. He will be greatly missed.

Tony and Kelly Legnani - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DB

“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Dr Sauer was scheduled to delivery my first child in the next few weeks & he had made my entire pregnancy seem so easy with all his advice & his caring nature, I am saddened that my child will not get to meet this wonderful man, but his memory will always be with me. After all the years that he has cared for people, be comforted by the fact that he is being cared for by God now. My condolences to the entire family of Ferdinand Sauer, including his Grove Hill Family, he will be & is already missed. God Bless You, with my deepest sympathy, Diane Barbagallo

Diane Barbagallo - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

BS

“ It was Feb. 3, 1978, and my "then" Dr. had scheduled me to come in and be induced in anticipation of Blizzard Larry that was to arrive in a day or two. That is when I first met Dr. Sauer. He came in and introduced himself, and said that he would check in from time to time, even though my doctor would be doing the delivery. Well, I actually went into labor myself, and it came fast and strong. They had attached a fetal monitor to my baby's head, and after a while, the baby's heart rate dropped dramatically. My "then" Dr. was standing staring out the window at the snow while the nurses were telling me to turn to alleviate the pressure to the baby, as Dr. Sauer was walking by, and noticed what was happening. He rushed over and took control. When the other doctor turned around to help, Dr. Sauer said for him to keep staring out the window!!! I believe Dr. Sauer saved my son's life that night. He had been my doctor ever since. And unbeknownst to me at the time, the lady across the hall from me was having a heart attack during delivery. I heard everything turned out okay in that instance, too. He had once told me that he still had nightmares about that night, but I'm sure that was his way of making me believe like I'm sure he did with everyone that my delivery was special. I had recommended him to many women, including my daughter, who also thought the world of him. We are both shocked and saddened that such a wonderful man is gone. He will be remembered always with great love and respect.

Beverly Swanson - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CG

“ I thought of Dr.Sauer on the day he died when I saw someone driving a VW Cabriola and then recalled a funny moment when I was waiting for my pegnancy test and he was dashing room to room and he glanced back at me and did a silly strut like Steve Martin....What a guy!! So many people loved and adored him!!! had the pleasure of sharing your familys company at the New Years Eve run in Central Park in the 80"s along with the Schumann family and Richard Tummons. It was such a great time!!!! want to express my deepest condolences to all of you and know that he has touched so many lives and helped so many. And that is the greatest legacy that one could wish for!! Sincerely Carol Dickman Gould

Carol Gould - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CE

“ I want to share in the celebration of life of Ferdinand Sauer. I first met Ferd in the late 70's when his & Kathleen's sons played in the city soccer league with our 2 sons. It was a special time when parents enjoyed attending games & the season culminated with a game played by the coaches & Dads. We wives enjoyed the event from the stands with our coolers full of drinks & snacks. It was a good old fashioned time that will, forever, be in my mind. Later, I got to know Dr. Sauer as a coworker at NBGH. Since 1988 I have worked the front information desk on weekends & holidays & have had the pleasure to interact with Dr. Sauer on a regular basis as he often made calls from my desk - just before he left the hospital. He often called Kathleen from my desk to say he was on his way out the door - not taking the chance that a call to her from Family Birth Place might result in another delay! Recently when he was chatting with me & Dr. Dreiss, we all agreed that Ferd would make a perfect volunteer once he was ready to hang up his stethoscope. He was wonderful if someone stopped and actually thought he worked at the desk & wanted to know directions to FBP. Asking him directions to other areas in the hospital, however, well how can I put this, he wasn't quite on the mark, & I'd intervene - since we didn't want to lose any visitors in the maze that the hospital corridors can be! After the birth of Abigail, we have so much more to talk about, whenever I saw him on the weekends. We both have 2 sons, and now we both have a granddaughter! A look of total joy came over him whenever he talked about her, and he told me how lucky he was that he got to see her as often as he did. We often traded experiences on spoiling - since we agreed that was our job as a grandparent! There was a subtle competition that developed between us as to who was better at spoiling our granddaughter! The last time I saw Dr. Sauer was the last weekend I worked, he was rushing out on Saturday morning & he seemed distracted. He didn't look over to say HI and I didn't want to interrupt his thoughts. I made a mental note to ask him about the family & especially about what Abigail was up to the next time I saw him... As I reflect on that morning, I remember thinking he seemed to be somewhere else; he was not carrying his pillow with him either - he always left in the morning after his on call night carrying his

pillow from home. I never told him, but he always reminded me of Linus carrying his blanket - a symbol of his deep devotion to his family, keeping in touch with them no matter where he was. My husband Chuck & I both want to offer our condolences to all of Dr. Sauer's family as we appreciate his life and his legacy. The note that was included at the end of his obituary was precious, and we thank you for adding it to the request for celebrating the life of a very special man who touched the lives of so many people in so many ways.

Chuck & Cathy Eddy - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

AP

“ *I was saddened by the news of Dr Sauer's passing. I became a patient of his 21 years ago at NBGH. My mother, who was an RN, requested him for me in the middle of an operation. Years later, he delivered my son. It was his bedside manner that kept me coming back, always cheerful and joking. It took the uneasiness out of an otherwise uncomfortable situation. And I'll always remember the pride you saw in his face when he spoke of his family. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, he will be greatly missed!*

Andrea Pitch - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

NP

“ *Dr. Sauer was man who went all out for everyone, not just his patients. I knew him when I began working at NBGH and had to get signatures for paperwork from him. He showed interest and his integrity was boundless. He will be sorely missed and my heartfelt wishes go out the the family. God Bless You.*

Nancy St. Pierre - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

BM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. I feel very fortunate to have been a patient of Dr. Sauer's for the past 20 years. He guided me through some personal situations with his compassion and humor and I will truly miss him.*

He was a dedicated and caring doctor and, more importantly, a wonderful man who touched so many lives.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Barb Morton

Barb Morton - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Dr. Sauer's family. He was a very kind and considerate man. I was very shocked to read of his passing in the newspaper.

I was a patient of his for 20 years. He got me through the birth of my two children and I am thankful. My first daughter was born on one of his weekends off. The next time I was pregnant I told him that he had to be there for this delivery. For all of my visits I kept reminding him how important it was for me to have him deliver my baby. He asked me what my due date was and I said March 6th 2003. He said what day is that and I replied it was a Thursday. He said ok that is a good day and I'll be there. But much to my surprise my baby came a week early and I went into labor early on February 28th around 1:00a.m. The on call doctor helped me get prepared for the delivery and around 6:00a.m. I was told it was time to push and I asked the nurse if Dr. Sauer would be in the hospital. He was suppose to be in around 8:00a.m. she said. So I waited for the doctor on call to help and get me started. But no one was coming in my room. Finally, around 6:30a.m. my husband looked out in the hallway and there was Dr. Sauer. He had come in to drop off some paper work and found out that one of his patients was about to deliver - me! He knew how important it was to me and in he came much to my surprise but I was so thankful. He delivered my baby daughter - Emily and I had a picture taken of him and my daughter. Everytime I look at my daughter I will think of him.

I hope he knew how very special he was to so many people and how much he was liked. God has a very special angel in Dr. Sauer. We will all miss him very much.

Tim, Cathy, Jaclyn and Emily Yates

CATHY PIKULA-YATES - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

RB

“ I have known Dr. Sauer for over 20 years working with him closely at Hospital For Special Care with the patients he saw for GYN health. Ferd was always respectful, kind, and professional with the unique patients as well as gave us a laugh and a smile in very difficult situations. I will miss him deeply and may god bless your family during this very sad and difficult time.

Rita Bonczek - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DB

“ Dr. Sauer was my doctor for over 8 years. He delivered both of my children. He was a wonderful doctor. I will never forget him. He will be missed. My love and prayers go out to his family and friends. God Bless You.

Love Dawn

Dawn Benkert - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DC

“ Dear Kathleen, Keith, and Jeremy,
Ferd has been an inspiration to so many people: as a fine physician, family man, and all around 'good guy'. He managed to touch the lives of many and leaves us all richer for having known him. He was not only a friend and a colleague, but brought into the world our beautiful grandson. He will be missed.
May God bless you now and in the years to come.
Don and Sallie Caliandri

Don and Sallie Caliandri - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CD

“ I am deeply saddened to read of Dr. Sauer's death. I had the privilege to work with him in the OR as a surgical technician and then as a nurse. He was always kind, respectful, joyful, and had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed working with him. His presence will be missed around the halls of NBGH. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Charlene Dann - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

VF

“ Dr Sauer was my doctor for over 14 years. He was a very caring and kind doctor. I've had a lot of complication and he was there to help me through them. I will never forget him. My prayers are with his family and friends.

Love Vicky

Vicky Frutchey - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DP

“ TO THE FAMILY, PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES. I HAVE BEEN A PATIENT OF FERD'S SINCE 1978 WHEN HE FIRST OPENED IN NB. HE CAME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY DR. RICHARD ROBERTS, WHO COULDN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT HIM. AS AN 18 YR OLD THE FIRST OB/GYN APPT CAN BE ALITTLE SCARY, ESPECIALLY WHEN OTHER WOMEN TELL YOU HOW MUCH THEY DISLIKE GOING. WELL, THEY OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT MET DR. SAUER!! I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE COMFORTABLE IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND REMAINED HIS PATIENT FOR 25 YRS. ALL OF HIS PATIENTS NO DOUBT HAVE NUMEROUS TERRIFIC STORIES ABOUT FERD. MY TWO BEST MEMORIES ARE WHEN MY NEPHEW WAS BORN IN 1986, I HAD GONE TO THE HOSPITAL WITH MY SISTER IN LAW. FERD WAS ON CALL THAT NIGHT AND RECOGNIZED ME. MY SISTER IN LAW ASKED HIM IF I COULD STAY WITH HER FOR AWHILE. HE SAID SURE AND I STAYED THE ENTIRE TIME EXCEPT FOR THE FEW MOMENTS OF DELIVERY. MY SISTER IN LAW AND BROTHER WERE TIRED OF COURSE, AND THE NURSE WAS GOING TO PUT MY NEPHEW INTO TO A SMALL CRIB. FERD ASKED ME IF I'D WANT TO HOLD HIM...DID I?!?! I HELD MY NEW BORN NEPHEW AND WALKED WITH THE GURNEY DOWN TO MATERNITY. I HAVE NO CHILDREN, SO THIS WAS A MOST SPECIAL MOMENT FOR ME.

AT MY LAST APPOINTMENT IN MARCH 2003 THE UCONN WOMEN WERE PLAYING IN THE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP, MY APPOINTMENT WAS FOR 9PM. WE CHATTED ABOUT THE GAME, AND AT THE END OF THE APPOINTMENT HE TOLD ME TO COME TO HIS OFFICE. WHILE I WAS DRESSING, HE HAD GONE ONLINE TO FIND THE SCORE, SO WHEN I CAME OUT HE HAD THE STATS OF THE GAME!!!

HE WAS ONE IN MILLION AND WILL BE MISSED
GOD BLESS
DONNA PEHMOELLER

DONNA PEHMOELLER - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DL

“ My deepest sympathies are extended to Dr. Sauer's family. He has been my doctor for 17 years. As you know he was an excellent doctor, extremely skillful and knowledgeable and always treated me with good humor and sensitivity. I felt great confidence and reassurance knowing that he was there to take care of me. Although he is gone and I will miss him I know I will always be reminded of him when I look at my beautiful daughter, who is almost 16, that he delivered. He helped me have a great gift in this world. God bless you all and God bless him. I'm sure he's making the angels smile now as he did his patients.

Diane Lambert - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CB

“ We heard about your loss in Spain, and feel terribly shocked and sad. Ferd has touched many lives, and proud to have been one of the many people he trained. He will be terribly missed. Please receive our heartfelt condolences.
Claudio and Lee Ann Benadiva.

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DK

“ Dear Mrs Sauer and family,
My prayers and deepest sympathy are with you. Thank you for sharing this beautiful man with me and countless others. I'll never forget my first visit to Dr. Sauer, I was just 16 and was referred to him by a high school friend who told me he was "young, cute and funny". still,I was nervous about the check-up but only until Dr Sauer came in, tickled my feet and made a very silly remark. I laughed so hard that I cried and didn't even think about my exam. That was 23 years ago and he continued with his wonderful bedside manor, cracking me up, every time I saw him over those 23 years. I was a young mom, becoming pregnant before my 18th birthday. I was so fortunate and I knew it even back then to have him as my doctor. He was so kind, caring and gentle, always giving me the reassurance that I needed. He delivered my beautiful son right on my due date after 33 hour of labor. That was on dec. 28th and my insurance wouldn't have covered anything if he wasn't born by the 31st. I named him Justin and we joked that I should've given him "Time" as a middle name I don't know why I didn't. Doctor Sauer also took care of me through my two other pregnancies. He saw me through great times and some rough ones and I always knew that he truly cared. we patients of his have been blessed to have such a dedicated, compassionate, genuine, and truly a GOOD human being for our doctor. I will miss my good Dr. Sauer,whose shoes could never be filled. My heart cries for all of you, his family and close friends, who will miss him everyday.

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RC

“ I am so very saddened by this news. Dr. Sauer has been my doctor for the last twenty years, and although he was never present to deliver my two children always on vacation with his family! smiles I considered him "A find" of a doctor. You do not find many kindspirited, warm, friendly, considerate, and generous human beings like him anymore. He will truly be missed by me. To his wife, kids, and other family members you have my deepest sympathy. May you find peace in your hearts knowing he did not suffer, but with time may your hearts be healed. God bless you all. A caring patient.

Robin Crispino - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MS

“ To the Sauer Family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Dr. Sauer. He was my doctor for over 15 years and was a warm, caring, good man. He will truly be missed by me and all of his patients. I thank him for bringing my two daughters into this world. Thank you for sharing him with all of us. He will always be in our hearts. May you treasure the wonderful memories you have of him.

*With sympathy,
Marnie Schulman*

Marnie Schulman - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

LS

“ Like so many of the guestbook entries I/we echo the wonderful visits I/we had with Dr. Sauer through the 22 years I was his patient. He was truly a wonderful man that we were fortunate enough to spend time with, through heartaches and joys.

I remember being on vacation in Rhode Island a few years ago, visiting Wickford, a very small town. I entered a Stamp Craft Store and during my chat with what turned out to be the owner, we discovered a very special bond, Dr. Sauer. The Shop Owner had relocated to RI and continued to make her yearly check up with Dr. Sauer, traveling to New Britain to visit the Doctor that made every one of his patients feel as though we were his only patient.

While we mourn the void in our lives, we know that he lived life to the fullest, touched countless lives with his humor and compassion and will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

With heartfelt sympathy to your family, Lynette, Mark, Matthew & Laura

Lynette Scapellati - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

AG

“ I met Dr. Sauer on my OB/GYN rotation 2 months ago as a 3rd year medical student. From the first day of the rotation, I knew New Britain General was lucky to have such a wonderful physician and mentor. Dr. Sauer's enthusiasm and endless devotion to teaching students and residents will be hard to replace. I'm saddened by this loss. For years to come, I know that all the medical students he taught will bring his brilliance and warm spirit into the profession he cherished.

Dr. Sauer, thank you for all you did for us.

Warmest regards,

Adam Gorra, MSIV
UCONN Medical School

Adam Gorra - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CB

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Sauer and family. Dr. Sauer was my doctor for the past four years. He was the most fun loving doctor I had ever met. Dr. Sauer had overseen my pregnancy. I had many complications with in the nine months and when ever I wanted to talk to him about my concerns he was always there to listen and address them. One of the most precious memories of Dr. Sauer is when I was getting prepped for a cesarean, I was nervous and I feel a warm hand on my arm I looked up and saw him standing next to me saying "everything will be alright", at that very moment all I felt was safe. And within five minutes he presented to me my daughter Kayla. I can't say enough about him. Dr. Sauer was the most amazing, funny, compassionate & selfless person I have ever met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Dr. Sauer will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. Every day I see Kayla and all that she does I thank God and Dr. Sauer for giving me that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Susan Bernosky

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Criag & Susan Bernosky - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JM

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer and sons,

Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. I have been a patient of Dr. Sauers for over 23 years. Although you don't know me, I feel like I know all of you. During my exams, he always tried to make me feel comfortable, so he would talk about all kinds of things, especially his family. Most recently, he spoke about his granddaughter, and how much he loved being with her. I want to thank you for sharing him with his patients all these years. He was a wonderful doctor who "went the extra mile" for his patients. I'll always remember when I was in labor with my first son 17 years ago. I had toxemia and was in labor for 2 days. He was leaving for the day that second afternoon, and was planning to go to dinner with his family. He told the staff he was off duty, but to call him when I was close to delivery. Sure enough, 2 hours later he was there for me! He was a special person and I feel blessed to have known him all of these years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of sadness.

*Sincerely,
Judy McCormack*

Judy McCormack - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JD

“ DEAR MRS. SAUER AND FAMILY:

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER/GRANDFATHER/BROTHER/SON IS OUR HERO. I HAVE BEEN WITH HIM SINCE I WAS 17 NOW 38 AND WITHOUT HIM WE WOULD NOT HAVE OUR 2 BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN WE HAVE TODAY. WE HAD A ROUGH START WITH A MISCARRIGE BACK IN 1992. THAN ON JANUARY 14TH 1993 IN THE MIDDLE OF A SNOW STORM OUR FIRST DAUGHTER WAS BORN AT 22 1/2 WEEKS AND THAN DIED. HE SAT THERE AND CRIED WITH US AS HE DID AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 23RD 1993 WHEN OUR SON WAS BORN AT 20 1/2 WEEKS AND DIED. HE NEVER GAVE UP ON US. WHEN I CAME TO HIM IN APRIL OF 1994 AND TOLD HIM I WAS PREGNANT AGAIN HE WAS TRULY HAPPY HE GAVE ME THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT I LONGED TO HEAR; HE SAID "WE'LL TIE YOUR CERVIX UP AND HANG YOU UPSIDE DOWN, PUT YOU ON SOME ANTIBIOTICS AND CROSS OUR FINGERS, YOU CROSS YOUR LEGS, AND WE WILL HAVE A BABY." AFTER 28 WEEKS I DID HAVE A BABY, A BOY AT UCONN, WHO IS NOW A HEALTHY 8 1/2 YEAR OLD. WELL IF THAT WAS'NT ENOUGH TO CAUSE HIM TO GO GREY WE DECIDED TO TRY AGAIN IN 1999. AGAIN, ONLY A CHEERLEADER HE WAS, GIVING US THE CHEER WE WANTED TO HEAR. WITH THE LITTLE CERVIX I HAD LEFT ALONG WITH THE BETASTREP WE HAD A LITTLE GIRL AT 23 1/2 WEEKS ABIGAIL NOW 4, WE TRULY OWE OUR CHILDREN TO HIM. THE CAREFUL MONITORING, THE CONSTANT PHONE CALLS, THE NEUROTIC PATIENT, THE PATIENT DOCTOR, HE DELT WITH IT ALL, OUR TRUE HERO. HE WILL LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS EVERYTIME WE LOOK AT OUR CHILDREN OR EVEN GO TO THE CEMETARY TO VISIT THE ONES WE LOST, WE WILL THANK GOD FOR DOCTOR SAUER, HIS STAFF AND HIS SUPPORT. WE LOVED HIM AND WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.

THE DEPNER'S

JOANN DEPNER - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CZ

“ *Mrs Sauer and Family*

Dr. Sauer has been my doctor for the the past 25 years. In 1994 he delivered my son, during a blizzard, storm Frank. Dr. Sauer was not on call that night but he came back to the hospital to deliver him. After many hours of labor, I was getting tired, and my son just did not want to come into this world. Dr Sauer got everyone in the delivery room to do the baseball wave. They all started cheering for Justin. After a few cheer's Justin was born. They all had a great time. This I will never forget. Dr Sauer was a wonderful Doctor, he was one of a kind. May you rest in peace Dr. Sauer. I will miss you.

My Deepest Sympathy to you all,

Carol Zup-Kulak

Carol Zup-Kulak - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

NM

“ I was privileged to work with Ferd on the OB/GYN chair search committee a few years ago. He was a "New Britain Hospital" representative, but clearly, his focus was on the residency, medical student education and the good of the department. He worked very hard, brought intellect, warmth and care to the process.

Many residents have spoken fondly of his role as teacher, role model and their own/their wife's doctor. He will be missed.

My prayers are with you.

Nancy Day Adams, MD
Professor of Medicine
UCHC

Nancy Day Adams, MD - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DS

“ KATHY AND FAMILY , I CAN NOT EXPRESS HOW WE FELT THAT FERD WAS A WONDERFUL CARING PERSON ,LET ALONE A PHYSCIAN WHO GAVE MORE THAN 100 PERCENT TO HIS PATIENTS. HE WOULD ALWAYS STOP IN THE HALLS TO SAY HELLO AT THE HOSPITAL NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY OR HIS BUSY SCHEDULE DEMANDED OF HIM.BEHIND HIM WE KNEW HE HAD A GREAT FAMILY, AS HE WAS ALWAYS PRAISING YOU. WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME. GEORGE AND LYNN SWARTZ

DR.AND MRS.GEORGE SWARTZ - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JF

“ To the entire Sauer family,
This is the saddest news ever. Dr. Sauer has taken care of me since 1979 and was wonderful at making me feel at ease when inside I was a basket case. He was a remarkable person and will truly be missed. We were blessed to have him as long as we did but it certainly was not long enough. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I will never forget him. God bless Dr. Sauer, God bless all his family, staff and friends.
Janine Falco

Janine Falco - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

VR

“ To the Sauer Family:

Dr. Sauer was my doctor for the last seven years. He was a wonderful doctor and just writing this brings tears to my eyes. My heart and prayers are with your family.
God Bless You.

Vicky Rivas - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DM

“ As a resident @ nbgh from 1993-7 I have an infinite number of wonderful memories of Dr. Sauer. His infectious desire to better himself and everyone around his was contagious. He taught me so much professionally and personally. His 'stupid Sauer tricks' are a permanent part of my clinical arsenal. My most favorite memories are operating with him and quoting Rocky and Caddy shack as well as post call water skiing as he once again the teacher patiently taught me to drop one ski. Dr. Sauer, You are forever in my heart and mind.

dan gottschar, md - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

EM

“ He used to always take all the cousins out on his boat. We asked him to take us out to water-ski and water-tube. He taught most of my cousins how to fish and we were soo thankful!!! I never liked to put the worm on my hook so I always asked Uncle Ferd to put the worm on and he never turned me down. I remember Uncle Ferd taking a picture of me and a baby fish that I caught. My name is Emily. People call me EM. Uncle Ferd called me AUNTIE EM. I liked that a lot. I liked that because I like the movie The Wizard of Oz!

Love Always,
Auntie Em

Emily - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

KM

“ I know that I have written in this already twice. The first entry I mad some mistakes. The second entry I forgot about some memories about my Uncle Ferd. He taught me how to fish. Even though I didn't learn how to fish with a real fishing pole, I learned how to fish with a fishing pole that you just need to push a button to cast. One time I was out on the dock all by myself. Then I saw my bobber go way down. I pulled in my line. I screamed for people to come and help me. I had at least a foot bass on the line!!! It was really heavy. If my Uncle Ferd didn't teach me how to fish, then it would've been someone else who caught the huge bass!!! Thank you soooooooooooooooooooooo much Uncle Ferd. I will miss him so much!

Love,
Kerry

Kerry McKeown - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DD

“ Kathleen and boys,
Where do I begin? Even though you dont know me, Dr. Sauer was the trusted friend and wonderful man who delivered my first daughter Melissa in 1975. It was January 12, and I was 22, and very impatient in hard labor, and scared. When he came in as the intern under Dr Wright, and said "Ah, I see you have been schooled in the ways of Ferinand Lamaze, Good! I am Doctor Sauer"! I said: "What kind of a name is THAT?" And he shot right back, "Well....WHAT KIND of a name is DAWIDOWICZ" and he laughed and I laughed in spite of the pain. He then delivered my second son Adam 21 years ago in Nov 1981. I was 2 weeks overdue, and my husband was in the hospital in Southington for two months with surgery from ulcerative colitis. Doc sent a wheel chair down for both of us at the ER, and was as concerned about my husband Frank, as he was me, as he had just gotten out of the hospital and had lost over 60 pounds. Fast forward to 1995. I had him tell me I didnt trust the strips that I was INDEED pregnant again with Evan Andrew, at 42. He was more than wonderful and encouraging, just as he had been at 22 and 28. I was afraid that Evan would have Downs, and he said, "Debbie thats 29 chances to one he wont be", and he isnt. I can't tell you what your Husband/Dad has meant to me. I was 50 in Jan., and I was to see him on Friday, but my husband cancelled, as I am on vacation with my parents in western PA where I am from. My sister called me, and I am still disbelieving that he is gone. It will NEVER be the same going through this stage of my life without his advice, and wit, and smile and wonderful sense of humor and life. May God Bless you Doc, we loved you, my husband and I. You will be missed more than you will ever know. I hope that in time you all will be able to laugh and smile again. This man was truly a gift from God.

Sincerely,
Debbie Dawidowicz

Debbie Dawidowicz - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MH

“ Kathleen,
I will never forget the day Ferd just showed up one day at Mooreland to start the Kathleen M. Sauer Fund. Clearly this gesture was a statement of his love for you and his philanthropic spirit. May you find peace ~

Michele Harris - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DT

“ *It was the spring of 1975. I was 22yrs. old, 9cm's dialated, and in labor at NBGH. I had just started childbirth classes the week before, because my daughter Sarah wasn't due for another month. Here we were, my husband and I, thinking we had lost our chance for a natural childbirth. Then in walks a young resident who introduces himself as Dr. Sauer. He leans on my bedrail with his head resting on folded hands and says, "you've made it this far by yourself, I'll get you through the rest." He then says with a great smile, "you still have a bikini figure." I answered with, "yeah, right." He replied with the same smile, "you don't have any stretch marks." It was the only time I laughed through my 15 hrs. of labor. He turned to my husband and said, "go gown up, we're having a baby and you're going to be there." Looking back, it seems like a small memory compared to some. But it is the small memories that stay with us throughout our lives. Our thoughts are with you all at this time.*
The Tyrrell's

Deidre Tyrrell - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

JC

“ *To the Sauer Family, we are very sorry for your lost and your prayers are with us, was a patient of your husband for 16 years and I will miss him dearly, From the Clark Family.*

Joann Clark - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CA

“ When I was seven months pregnant with my second daughter, I started to go into premature labor. I first went to the office and then Karen sent me up to the hospital. It was late afternoon in early January, and it was one of those really dreary, rainy winter days.

At the hospital, over the course of several hours, I was thoroughly monitored, poked, medicated, tested and examined. I knew I was receiving good care by the really young residents and nurses, but I was concerned about my baby and feeling a little lonely. So, I was both surprised and relieved when Dr. Sauer came in to check up on me. His compassion, humor, and expertise cheered me up immediately. I can still picture him standing there with his raincoat and hat dripping rain from being out in the crummy weather.

I have a lot of memories from being a patient of his for 20 years, but that night stands out. When I most needed it, Dr. Sauer gave me a really special gift – his care.

Carolyn Duncan Anderson - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

RD

“ Dear Kathleen, Keith, and Jeremy: I have very fond memories of those early evenings at Martha Hart Park watching marathon LL games and sharing baseball "war stories" with Ferd. Also, Ferd's "phone in a box" had to have been the first cell phone in NB.
Sincerely, Rich

Rich DiFusco - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CG

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DR. SAUER UNEXPECTED DEATH.MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY.HE WAS A WELL LIKED MAN AND HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM.

CINDY GRZES - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MM

“ *Always great to talk to, fun to share jokes with and a true clinician!*

Michael Marranta - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

BJ

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy. I will miss my Dr. Sauer very much. I have been a patient of his for about 20 years. I just saw him on Thursday, and am in complete shock, as I am sure everyone is. He delivered both of my children. He had my trust, as well as that of my husband, especially after the difficult delivery of my first child, a son who is now 15. I am alive today because of this wonderful man. He always displayed a positive attitude towards his work, his patients, and all those around him. God bless his family and all whose lives he so deeply touched.*

Barbara Jurczynszak - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MM

“ *Kathy and family, I was deeply saddened and shocked to hear of Ferd's passing. We are out of state this week and are unable to attend services in person, but I wanted you to know what an incredible influence Ferd was on me during my early years as an ObGyn. He was totally committed not only to the practice of ObGyn, but to passing on the skills required to be an ObGyn to many generations of residents and young attendings. He truly was one in a million.*

Mark DeFrancesco, MD - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

FP

“ *Dr Sauer.....possibly the only man in my life that could make me smile.....no matter how scared or worried I was.....thinking of him still makes me smile....thru 3 pregnancies,2 children,cancer,and everyday life with its hurdles,he always managed to make me see the positive and humorous side of it all....I'll always love him for that and I'll miss him more than words could ever express....and so will my daughter whose life I owe to him and who was now also lucky enough to be his patient...My deepest simphathy to the family and my prayers*

francesca la posta - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

KL

“ *Dear The Sauer Family:*

I became a patient of Dr. Sauer's 15 years ago after I asked a neighbor who is a Hospital Director, for a gynecologist recommendation. She was right about his gentle bedside manner.

I just visited Dr. Sauer last Thursday for my annual exam and noticed how he continued to age well, and was still so fit and trim. He talked about opening the pool which would make his wife happy. Naturally I was shocked and saddened to read the news. My heart and prayers go out to all of you during this sudden loss in your life.

May the love and support from your family and friends comfort you. Remember, Love is Forever; Sorrow is not.

*Sincerely,
Karen*

Karen Lapierre - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MR

“ Dr. Sauer was a great physician and most of all he was a great human being, you felt at ease in company. My wife and I worked at N.B.G.H and met him in 1975.

Marg.&Walter Radziszewski - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

BT

“ The few years that I knew Doc, I was amazed at the genuine kindness he displayed towards me. The way he treated people is the way that I try to treat people in my profession. No matter how busy or tired he was, he had a hello and a smile when I saw him. Little things like playing basketball or whiffle ball in his driveway with us are the things I'll remember. My heart goes out to the entire Sauer family on their loss of a man whom I consider to be truly one of a kind. The lessons he taught me are lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Bruce Thompson - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

DN

“ Dr. Sauer always amazed me with his knowledge and skill; yet also with his insight, wit and humor. I would always ask or he would tell me about his sons- how old, what they were doing- always with a smile and the deep show of love and affection. When the elder was getting his license, Dr. Sauer told me how he had extensively researched "the safest car" on the market to ensure his sons' safety. When he would mention his wife in conversation, again always with a smile and one could just feel the love he had for her. You his family know what an incredible man he was, I am just sorry you lost him so soon.

Love,
Dale Noviasky
he delivered my 2 daughters

Dale Noviasky - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

KT

“ It is with tremendous shock and sadness that I learned of Dr. Sauer's untimely death only the day after my last appointment with him. As always, he was full of energy and wisecracks while doing his usual thorough exam, distracting me from feeling any unease. I have been a patient of Dr. Sauer's for over 13 years and he has seen me through 2 pregnancies, 2 miscarriages and successful treatment for infertility. Through all those years, I was continually amazed at his warmth, consummate professionalism, compassion and good humor, no matter what time of the day or night I happened to see him. No words can adequately express the loss of this gifted physician and wonderful human being to his family, friends, patients and colleagues. I feel so very fortunate to have known him, and want to wish his family and loved ones peace and hope in this difficult time.

Kelly Thornton - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

EB

“ Dr. Sauer has been my GYN for close to 25 years and he also delivered my one and only child back in 1992. I will truly miss him. My deepest condolences and sympathies go out to his family and friends.

Elizabeth Bouffard - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

MP

“ So very sorry to hear about your husbands death.
I have two beautiful daughters that are 22 and 24 both delivered by your husband.
He was a caring and considerate and respectful Doctor, who will be sadly missed.
My thoughts are with you and your family at this sorrowful time.

Sincerely,
Mindy Parent
formerly of Bristol, CT

Mindy Parent - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CJ

“ Ferd will be sorely missed by the residents and faculty at the Health Center. He was skilled, compassionate, an excellent teacher, and good fun.

Casey Jacob - September 20, 2016 at 12:02 AM

CF

“ DR. SAUER/HERO truly on the morning of July 12, 1979..because he was quick on his feet and truly took charge of a "twin B" Breech/Prolapse Cord/ barely 2 lbs. baby with hematacrit of 13 and no respirations -EMERGENCY situation..Rebecca Lindsay got to grow up and Jennifer Lindsay, "twin A" got to enjoy growing up with her twin...They are both smart, healthy, beautiful and still as close as can be ...thank you so much Dr. Sauer...I was one of your 1st patients, my sister is and many of my cousins too thank you for having taken care of us...it was a privilidge

Cathleen Lindsay Taylor & family - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

CK

“ I would like to give the family my condolences.

Dr Sauer was a great doctor. he was always in a great mood and love to crack jokes. He not only delivered my daughter but helped me to get through my miscarriage that I had during the holidays. I am now 5 months along with my second child and I truly wish that he could be there for that delivery. He will be missed

Catherine Kordik - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KM

“ He was my uncle. Uncle Ferd would take my cousins and I on his boat. We would go water-skiing and water-tubing. For two years I have been trying to learn how to water-ski. Both years I didn't succeed. Last year I almost got it, but I gave up. When my family was going to go to CT, this year, I was determined not to give up until I got it. It will definitely not be the same without Uncle Ferd!!!

Kerry McKeown - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DF

“ I was thrilled that Fred could be at my 50th baseball birthday party on 7/2/98. In checking my party scrapbook, I counted him in 15 photos; those will be cherished. I remember he nearly hit one out of Beehive Field! He was a top performer on that field and in all his activities. I will sorely miss my number one Bashan Lake buddy.
Bruce Fletcher

Dr. Bruce Fletcher - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LS

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer and family,

My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Dr. Sauer has been my doctor for the past 10 years. I always looked forward to my appointments because he was so personable & kind. He has delivered both my boys and was to deliver the twins that i am carrying now due in November. This has been a great loss for me and my family. And also to the community. We have lost a great man. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. He will always be in my thoughts.

God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Luz & family.

Luz L Santiago - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PF

“ Dr. Ferdinand Sauer

PAULA H. WEBER & FAMILY - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KM

“ He was my uncle. Uncle Ferd would take me and my cusins out on his boat to water ski and water tube. For two years I have been trying to learn how to water ski. Both years I didn't suceed. Last year I almost got it, but i gave up. This year I was determinded to learn. I was not going to give up until I got it. It won't be the same without Uncle Ferd!!!

Kerry McKeown - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

BK

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Ferd 27 years ago when he was a resident at NBGH and I was a new nurse. I worked at NBGH for 16 years and was always impressed with his professional skills, bedside manner, and warm interaction with staff. I recently returned as an AlterNative in FBP after a 12 year absence and he greeted me warmly and asked " what the hell are you doing back here?" He seemed very happy and healthy. He will be missed on many levels by many, many people for his accomplishments, relationships and contributions. I am lucky to have had the priviledge of knowing and working with him. My thoughts are with all who have lost him.

Betsy L. Keller - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

PF

“ I WAS ONE OF HIS FIRST PATIENTS. IN 1978, AT THE AGE OF 28, I WAS A NEWLY WED. MY HUSBAND AND I WANTED CHILDREN, BUT WERE NOT YET READY TO BE PARENTS. I WAS IN FEAR THAT MY TIME WAS RUNNING OUT. HE ASSURED US THAT WE HAD PLENTY OF TIME AND PLENTY OF CHOICES. THREE YEARS LATER OUR FIRST CHILD WAS BORN. THROUGHOUT THAT AND THE FOLLOWING TWO PREGNANCIES, HE GAVE US CONTROL OF OUR LIVES BY EDUCATING US SUFFICIENTLY TO BREAK THE HOLD OF SUPERSTITIONS AND ENABLING US TO LIVE FREE FROM THE OLD FEARS OF OTHERS. WE HAVE THREE BEAUTIFUL CHIKDREN WHO ARE MAKING LIVES FOR THEMSELVES, THANKS TO A GOOD BEGINNING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING EACH TIME WE NEEDED HIM. I AM SORRY FOR THE DEVASTATING LOSS THAT THIS IS TO ALL OF YOU. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. WITH LOVING MEMORIES, PAULA, JOE, HARRY, JEFFREY, AND JENNIFER WEBER.

PAULA H. WEBER & FAMILY - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LK

“ My deepest sympathy to Dr. Sauer's family. Dr. Sauer was an outstanding Doctor with impeccable bedside manners. I was a patient of Dr. Sauer for 14 years. In 1990, Dr. Sauer helped me through a very difficult diabetic pregnancy, which resulted in the birth of my beautiful healthy boy. Dr. Sauer also saved my life this year. During a routine exam Dr. Sauer discovered a lump and immediately suspected it was cancer. He left the examining room for about 5 minutes, came back and said I have set you up with an oncologist and we will get you taken care of right away. After aggressive Chemotherapy and Radiation, I am cured. All of the treatment Dr.'s commented that I was very lucky that Dr. Sauer recognized this as a possible cancer, and because of his thoroughness I am cancer free now. I am so grateful that I was in such good hands, I am blessed that Dr. Sauer was such a competent Dr. who assured me everything would be alright. I will miss him so much. Again, my sincere sympathy to the Sauer Family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Kordek

Linda Kordek - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

TC

“ Mrs. Sauer and family- I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Dr. Sauer was my doctor for sixteen years. He was funny, kind, compassionate, and the most wonderful doctor. He spoke so proudly about you, Kathleen, and his children many times during my check-ups, and told me this spring that he had become a grandfather. He was so proud of his family! He was truly a very special, very gifted man. I am grateful to have known him, and I will never forget him. He did so much good and spread so much joy throughout his life that he certainly left this world a better place. Rest in peace, Ferd. I hope somehow you can know how much you were loved by the countless people whose lives you touched.

Tina Cotter - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DA

“ To the Sauer Family - How difficult this must be for all of you. To lose such a wonderful person in the prime of his years. So much more to give, but no more time to do it. But as far as I could tell, he was always giving, always there for everyone who needed him, like a rock.

He delivered my two daughters, 18 & 20 years ago, and I thank God for his mild manner and assuring disposition. God bless his patience and his steadfastness in all he did for people. He will be missed is an understatement.

*Sincerely,
Debbie Amodio Allegretto*

Debra Amodio Allegretto - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

CS

“ My deepest sympathy to Dr.Sauer's family. He was my doctor for the past 27 years.

I admired and trusted him, I will miss him so much. My heart aches for all of you that he is leaving behind.

Cheryl Sittnick - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ To Dr. Sauer's family, I am so, so sorry for your loss. I was a patient of Dr. Sauer's and he was the most kindest, sweetest, funniest man and doctor I have ever met. He made you feel so comfortable and important. We had trouble getting pregnant and Dr. Sauer was so helpful and caring and it finally happened for us. I will never forget his help and encouragement. Now that I am pregnant, he was the doctor I went to see every month. He would have delivered my baby and that really makes me sad that he won't. Please know how deeply saddened I am for your loss. He was a great man and I will miss him terribly.

Thank you for letting me share this with you.

With my deepest sympathies,
Susan Beal

Susan Beal - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

BG

“ Dr. Saur has been my gyn for around 30 years. He always made me feel so relaxed when it was checkup time, very friendly, high spirited and healthy. I was totally shocked to see he had passed away. He will be deeply missed by all and my sympathy to his family and close friends especially those he worked with at the Grove Hill Center. No one can take his place. My heart is hurting for everyone who knew Dr. Saur and especially his family. We never seem to find the time to say how we feel until its too late but I know in his heart he knew he was loved.

Berniece A. Gondek - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DH

“ To the Sauer Family,

Quips and wisecracks. Over the past twenty years, Dr. Sauer's goofiness got me through situations that were awkward, painful, and downright frightening. Nothing diffuses fear faster than a joke and Dr. Sauer's "offhand remarks" had a way of putting me at ease even in very tense moments.

A particularly vivid memory came during my first pregnancy when a very bad AFP result suggested the need for amniocentesis. I was not afraid of the procedure in his hands, but I was terrified of the results. My husband, who is incredibly needle-phobic, gallantly accompanied Dr. Sauer and me into the procedure room and got through most of it just fine. But, towards the end, he caught a glimpse of the huge amnio needle and nearly passed out.

A few moments later, seated in Dr. Sauer's office, I was ready to go, but my husband was still a bit woozy and slightly ashen. He rose to leave.

"Not just yet," Dr. Sauer told him.

"No, no, I'm fine," my husband said in a way that proved he wasn't. Dr. Sauer rose from behind his desk and looked very seriously and professionally at my husband.

"Look," he said. "I'm a DOCTOR! I KNOW what color people are supposed to be. You ain't that color, so stay put."

My husband sat, we all laughed, the amnio turned out fine and that fetus who gave us so much worry is now fourteen years old.

Dr. Sauer's very presence on the planet gave me a great deal of strength and comfort over the years in ways he never knew. Just knowing he was there could calm me in worried times. And I am just one. Multiply that feeling times all his patients over all the years he practiced and you've got something really quite remarkable. I will miss him very much. We all will.

Please accept my condolences and know that your family is in the prayers of many today.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dawn Hoffman*

Dawn Hoffman - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RM

“ *To Dr. Sauer's family, members of his staff, and everyone else who is blessed by having known him: I feel most fortunate that this caring person had tended to my healthcare needs for over twenty years. His exuberance and love for life was contagious and, like everyone else, I will feel an emptiness in my heart that will not be gone soon. Find strength in the many memories that are shared here in this memorial, as a true indicator of the wonderful person that Dr. Sauer was can be measured in the number of lives he touched in a positive way. What a wonderful world it would be if only more people could be like him....*

Rosaria MacFarlane - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

“ I have been shaken about the news of Dr. Sauer's untimely death and share your grief. He has been my doctor for 20 years. He delivered my only child, my son, who is now in the Navy. Every year, I would bring a new photo of my son and shared it with him. I have my son's Naval graduation photo with me and planned to share it with him when I visited him on my next scheduled appointment. Losing him was like losing a member of the family. One time, when in Outpatient for sinus surgery, I saw him walk by me in recovers and he stopped and backed up. He looked at me, gave a big smile and said "Hi! I didn't recognize you with your clothes on." He was always quick to reassure me with I had concerns and always had a story to share about his family. Like the time his son drove the car through the garage door or the birth of his granddaughter.

I'd like to share with you the funny event that occurred during my son's birth. He was breach and Dr. Sauer wanted to try to turn him around before I went into labor. Dr. Sauer was scheduled to take vacation and wanted to make sure I was comfortable should I go into labor in his absence. I was already a week late. Well, the day before I was scheduled for this "turn around" procedure, I went into labor. Knowing he was breach and a c-section would be preferable, Dr. Sauer reassured me that the baby would receive very little, if any, of the anesthesia. Since I had general anesthesia, the nurse who was with me recounted what occurred. I was put out and immediately Dr. Sauer proceeded with the procedure. Upon his birth, my son opened his eyes and looked around the room. Dr. Sauer held him up and started running his hands up and down my son's spine. Well, Baby Rob didn't like that at all. He waved his arms and legs, let out a scream and peed all over the front of Dr. Sauer's smock. Dr. Sauer remembered that event even after all these years. I will never forget him.

My sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies to all his family and close friends. He was a truly gifted doctor and dedicated family man. May God bless you all and may you find comfort in His love.

Carol Washington

Carol Washington - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LC

“ *We are remembered by the way in which we lived our lives. Ferd certainly lived fully, enjoyed sports and fitness, and graced us with his wit and compassion. One of the finest teachers and role models...he will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed.*
Linda Chaffkin

Linda Chaffkin - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JP

“ *To the Sauer Family,*

Your husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle... will never be forgotten. He was a truley amazing Dr. and we are blessed for having known him. He was the best coach in the delivery room and will live on in our memories for the loving and compasionate man that he was. He had a knack for always making you feel at ease no matter what the problem was. We thank you for sharing his life with us and will always remember the man who delivered our gift from god. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and always.

Jess, Joe and Louie Passaretti - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

VC

“ Dear Kathleen and family,
My heart goes out to you in this time of sorrow. I have good memories of Ferd. I will never forget his face and his calm and friendly personality. Ferd delivered my last baby and with so much care and kindness. Please know that he is in God's plan and is a part of the angel network. Life as we know it here in physical form is not the end. God bless.
Vicki

vicki campbell - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DM

“ To the Sauer family:
As Director of the Laboratory at NBGH, I worked very closely with Ferd. I started at NBGH IN 1970 and so I knew him from his residency years on. I do not know anyone in the NBGH family that I respect more. As a dedicated teacher, clinician, committee member and philanthropist, I was honored to work alongside of him. He laid things on the line and you always knew where he stood on issues. He could be blunt and a gentleman at the same time. From my upbringing, he would be known as a mensch. Please accept my deepest sympathies for this tragic loss.
Sincerely,
David Krugman, M.D.

David Krugman, M.D. - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DR

“ Words cannot adequately describe how heavy my heart is with the passing of Dr. Sauer, my friend, my doctor for over 23 years. I first met Dr. Sauer as a student nurse at New Britain General working in labor and delivery. His humor, his wit and his extraordinary bedside manner convinced me he was to be my future doctor. Five children later, he has been with me through laughter, tears, and guided me around many bumps in the road. Each of my children has a photo with Dr. Sauer taken with him following their birth. I'm so happy for these wonderful memories. Most recently, I brought my 17 year old daughter for her first appointment. He treated her like gold and made what could have been a very difficult experience very positive and upbeat. Following this appointment, I took out a picture of the day she was born. He was holding her. His comment was, "See I really did have hair !!!" We both laughed. I will miss his humor, compassion, and the wonderful care he has shown me for more than half my life. Thank you, Dr. Sauer. Julie, Brian, Meagan, Victoria and Little Debbie. God bless you in Heaven. We will always love you. Thank you, Kathleen, for sharing this incredible man with all of us. He will not be forgotten. Deb and George Ross

DEBORAH SMITH ROSS - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MB

“ *To the Sauer Family,*

I was deeply shocked by the loss of your husband, father, brother and son - Dr. Sauer to me. He was my doctor for over 20 years and although, the drive to his office was over a half hour for me, I never considered switching to anyone else. I just saw him about two weeks ago and he talked about his wonderful granddaughter and his gardens that had gone unattended because of all the rain. What a great man and a great doctor. He took me through a very difficult miscarriage and then the birth of my three daughters. He was not the doctor on call for my third child, but when I hemorrhaged in the middle of the night, he came in at 3:00 AM to perform surgery on me and, I'm convinced, saved my life. Mrs. Sauer and family, I am sure there were many times that he had to leave you to attend to his patients. That must have been difficult for your family at times. But you can take comfort in the fact that he touched the lives of so many families and made the world a much better place for his efforts. There are not many people who pass through this life who can say that.

My prayers are with you all.

Mary Bonner - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

EG

“ Twenty-four years ago I moved here from New York right after the birth of my first daughter. Obviously, I needed to find a gynecologist right away and after much research and meetings with several doctors, I met Dr. Sauer. I knew immediately he was the doctor for me and I have never regretted this decision. Not once in the last 24 years has he not been there if I needed him. Always smiling, always optimistic, always a source of strength. He always made me feel like I was his only patient when I know in reality that there have been thousands of women who looked to him for help and guidance through times good and bad. I can't express how much I will miss him.

He was a blessing from God and I know that God now has him in his care.

My thoughts and prayers go out to him, his family, and his friends.

Ellen Gardner - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LW

“ I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to Doctor Sauer's family. He was my doctor for 25 years and delivered my two children. He also helped me through the most difficult times with his humor and comforting way. I thank God for sending us this special Angel.

Liz Wasik-Nelson - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

EE

“ Thank you for sharing your husband, your father and your grandfather with each and every one of us.

I will always remember Ferd through my three children each and every time I look at them, as he was the first person to hold each of them. I will treasure the memories, his smile, his laughter, how he use to call me "a crazy woman" or "Super Mom" and most of all his corny jokes. He was truly a WONDERFUL and dedicated doctor. He will never be forgotten and never be replaced. There is NO ONE like Ferd...

He will be missed by all of those he encountered in ways no one can express. There are not enough words or space to describe this wonderful person that God has take from us so soon and unexpectedly....

May God bless each of you and please take comfort in knowing you are each in our prayers and thoughts throughout this terrible time and always....

*We loved him and we will miss him...
Erin, Bryan Mikaela, Rylee and Garrett Van Epps*

Erin Van Epps - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RG

“ I didn't know the Doc as well as many, but to meet him, even just a few times, is to know what a great man he was. This summer at Jeremy and Jane's shower, a friend got his car stuck in the mud at the Lake House, and he pulled out his John Deere tractor to pull it out, completing the look by putting on his John Deere hat, and at Jeremy's Bachelor party, we were playing whiffle ball, and Doc was good enough to join in and play with us. He was on my team, helping us to a thrilling comeback win in the 9th inning. He crushed a home run about 30 feet further than anyone else. I think those are good examples of the Doc, whenever he did something, he was not only the best at it, but did it with a great sense of humor. My deepest sympathy to his family and everyone who shared their life with him, as his shoes are impossible to fill.

Rick Gasparini - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KG

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer, Jeremy & Keith,

I can not express how sorry I am for your loss, Dr. Sauer was truly one of the "good guys". I thought I might share some memories I have of him from residency.

1. Morning report! Always there to teach, tease and give support to the residency that he cared so much about.

2. The daily pear.

3. The tight T shirts with the blazer showing off "the pipes"..

4. Making fun of

Dr. Kozlowski's clothes.

5. Being in the OR with him....an experience that I WILL NEVER forget.

6. Making fun of himself.

7. Friday afternoons

....couldn't make him late for racket ball!

8. His "coaching expressions" in the DR...I'll keep those to myself.

9. Pimping the medical students.

10. LOVING HIS WIFE, SONS, FAMILY, NURSES, RESIDENTS and anyone else that was part of his life!

Ferd was my teacher for 4 years but most of all he was my friend. Although he is physically gone please be comforted that he will always be present through the care of our patients!

Kerry & Ashling Gowell - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MS

“ My condolences to the Sauer family and the Grove Hill Medical Center. Unfortunately, Dr. Sauer was never able to deliver my two daughters but he was there for all of my prenatal visits. I just recently found out that he had a cottage on the lake that I grew up on. I could tell from the conversation that he absolutely loved the lake as much as I did. On May 19th I delivered my second daughter, Dr Sauer came to me the next day and looked out my window and said, "Today is a great day, I think I'll have to go to the lake for a ski". It just shows what a true diehard he was. I wish that I could have had the chance to see him on the lake this summer.

I can assure you that the memory on him will live on forever. He was a great man and certainly a great aspect to the medical community. God bless him!

Martha Santoemma - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues. He was my doctor for 23 years. Not only was he an excellent doctor, he had the kindness, sense of humor and bedside manor that always put me at ease. I'm thankful that he was there to deliver both of my children. I also feel sad that he didn't get to enjoy the retirement he talked about and deserved.

Robin Tiede - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LC

“ *Dear Kathleen and family,
Like all Ferd's friends and colleagues, patients and partners, Lynn and I were deeply shocked and saddened by the news of his death Saturday. Ferd touched our family in so many ways. He was a friend and partner, Lynn's doctor, our son, Charles's dearly loved and respected professor, the deliverer of our first granddaughter, born as we looked over his capable shoulders at the delivery. He exuded confidence, never arrogance because he knew he was good at what he did and loved what he did. He was as hard working a physician as any we've known. At the same time he cherished you, his family, talking about happy times together whenever he had the chance--the dinner in Chicago, the birth of Abigail and your babysitting joys, baseball camp. He loved and was loved back and will be missed in ways not yet imagined. He lives on as the students he taught teach his skills to the new residents arriving today. He lives on in all of you whom he loved the most.
You are in our prayers and thoughts during this terrible time.
Sincerely,
Lynn and Jack*

Lynn and Jack Cavo - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

BD

“ As I try to deal with the unexpected passing of "Doc", it is the wonderful memories of him that I would like to remember, rather than his death. He was without a doubt one of the overall good guys, never a bad word or thought to say about anyone. I moved to North Carolina in 1998 and Doc would always find time to call and see how I was doing. When I visited New Britain, which was quite often, the first thing I would do was call Doc to schedule a racketball game at the YMCA. We had many intense battles on the racketball courts over the years, in which most of them he won. After he beat me, we would always have conversations about life in general and my overall well being.

It has been very difficult for me over the last couple of days as I struggled with the decision to attend his services. I loved Doc Sauer and he was one of my dearest friends, but I have decided that I want to remember him as he lived, a caring, vibrant, and passionate friend. To Kathleen and the family please accept my sincere apology for not attending but know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Although I will not be there physically, I will be there in spirit. I will never forget Doc and will miss him dearly.

*Sincerely,
Bennie*

Bennie C. Darden - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

SF

“ Mrs. Sauer and family, I can not tell you how sorry I am/we are for all of you. What a wonderful man! Through three pregnancies and two deliveries, he gave me hope and encouragement and ALWAYS made me laugh! At the birth of our second daughter, when I was about to give up, he was my biggest cheering section, coach and leg supporter! Mrs. Sauer, I'm sorry he was late for your date 12/19/01, 7:09pm But thank you! Thank you all for sharing your guy with all of us! He will be surely missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Much love, Sue, Chris, Jackilyn and Lauren Anelli

Sue Anelli & family - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MC

“ Dear Kathy and Family,

I am sorry I cannot be there but I did want to express my deepest sympathies.

Reading the obituary I was struck by how many honors and positions Ferd held that many of us were unaware of. That modesty coupled with his gentle sense of humor must have served his patients very well. I know that whenever I saw a smile start that I would soon be treated to a sly observation.

*Good husband, son, father, doctor, man.
We were fortunate.*

Warmest regards,

Matt

Matthew Coffey - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RV

“ To Mrs. Sauer and family:

My deepest sympathies to all of you. Dr. Sauer was so special to so many people, and I know he will be greatly missed. I've been a patient for 15 years, and he helped me through the difficult times of trying to conceive, and finally having my one and only child. He was always humorous, and positive and never let me feel hopeless. And right to the end, at my last visit one week ago, after scary test results & treatment, he was still supportive in his unique funny way. I especially like that we would talk about books as I always brought one with me into the examining room, and that he really enjoyed the Harry Potter series! My prayers are with you, & may God bless him and keep him, and watch over all of you.

Rhoda Valentine - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LD

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer and family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy.

I had spent many painful years unable to conceive and miscarrying but with the medical expertise and "positiveness" of Dr. Sauer I was able have a baby who will be 15 years old next month!. He was my Doctor for over 20 years and was always "positive" and direct with every surgery I ever had to have!

I'll never forget the day before my hysterectomy he called me to make sure that I wasn't going to "chicken-out" and that he knew I would get through it..and I did.

He always asked me about my family, music and the students I teach...and for over 20 years he always remembered even the smallest of details.

I will really miss him. He helped me so much. I will make sure my son knows that because of Dr.Sauer he is here.

May God bless you and give you comfort during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Lynne Day*

Lynne Day - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JQ

“ To the entire Sauer Family and the staff at Grove Hill:
We were shocked at the sudden and untimely passing of Dr. Ferd Sauer. Dr. Sauer delivered our son, Quinn, on September 12, 2002. It was his expertise and good humor that helped us through a difficult time. We are forever grateful that Quinn was in such good hands.

Our Prayers are with you ~
Julie, Scott and Quinn

Julie, Scott and Quinn - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KD

“ I've known Dr. Sauer for over 20 years. He delivered my 2 children, Dylan and Shiloh. I will never forget his sense of humor, his kind and caring ways, and his passion for athletics which I shared. At one visit during a pregnancy, he asked me to come into his office after the exam, so he could show off his new racing bike to me! I am blessed in my life to have known this very wonderful man. I love him and will keep him in my heart always. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Kim Dodge - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LR

“ We always knew Dr. Ferd Sauer around the New Britain YMCA, as ‘Doc’. All last winter I played racquetball with him, usually three times a week. Whenever I walked into the men’s locker room, the first person I looked for was Doc. If he was there I knew it was going to be a fun day. In the hundreds of games I played with him he was always a true gentleman, full of wit and humor. He was a joy to be with and I will miss him.

Lou Roy - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LM

“ I feel blessed that my life was touched by your husband and father in so many ways. He was a mentor, having dedicated himself to the education and training of young physicians. When I was a resident, he was faithfully at morning report, even having just come in from a run. He used every available opportunity to teach and shared his knowledge freely. He was a doctor, caring for and supporting me during two difficult pregnancies. His skill and compassion were unmatched. He was a friend, for the bonds that form between physicians are strong and lasting. Ferd was a beautiful person, humble yet proud. May he rest in peace.

Lisa M. Rinaldi, M.D. - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DR

“ My deepest sympathies to the Sauer family. I have been a patient of Ferd's for over 20 years, but more importantly a friend. I saw Ferd a few months ago after 5 years and it was like we were together the week before. I was the last patient that evening and we sat and chatted about life and Ferd was always the beaming dad and grandpa. He was so proud of his family.

Ferd helped me through a difficult hysterectomy when I was in my late 20's and offered to postpone his ski vacation if I wanted him to be around the weekend following the surgery. This surgery meant that I would never have the baby I so desperately wanted. He seemed to feel my pain and mourned with me. Now, I mourn with you at his passing.

Thank you for being so understanding when it came to his crazy schedule as it was that schedule that allowed him the time to touch so many of us. While I know that your heart is breaking, I am sure that it is also deeply touched by the stories all of us will share about what Ferd meant to us and how he always put his patients first. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Denise Roberts - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

GK

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Sauer. He delivered both of my children. His great personality and incredible sense of humor got me through two long labors. I just saw him 5 weeks ago and he we talked about the lake house that he loved so much. He talked with great pleasure and love of his granddaughter. His easy going manner made him such a lovable guy. My mother and my sister both were patients of his as well. I will always remember the gentle and caring way he took care of my mother when she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. I will truly miss him. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Gail Koerner - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

LP

“ What a tragic loss for Dr. Sauer's family, friends, colleagues, patients and the medical community. I have rarely had the good fortune to meet someone that I could admire and respect as much as Dr. Sauer. As a physician he had everything a patient could want--intelligence, expertise,humor and above all compassion. He had a unique way of making his patients feel as if they were old friends and that he would treat you and take care of you as he would his own family. When I moved to the northwest corner of Connecticut I wouldn't even consider getting a new OB/GYN I didn't care how long of a drive I had I knew I had the best. I will miss him terribly. My prayers are with his family and his wonderful staff at Grove Hill.

Linda Persechino - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ Kathleen, Keith and Jeremy,

You have my deepest sympathy. Ferd was a great man. Please take comfort in knowing that he touched so many lives and that he will live on in the hearts and minds of many. I will never forget the Tuesday afternoons we spent waterskiing. He always brought a smile to my face watching him have so much fun out there skiing. I will miss him greatly. My deepest respect and love.

Jim Cyr

Jim Cyr - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

CZ

“ Kathy,Keith,Jeremy and family.

We all mourn with you with this terrible loss. Ferd was a special person who touched us all in many different ways. As a running and biking partner in the mid to late 80's and early 90's he had one speed. Pedal to the metal! When we would run or bike, at 530a.m., no less, he had one speed, overdrive! No warm up kid, he would say,lets get to it. The 17 year age difference did not matter. He was awesome, always encouraging, and great to be around. I miss those 530 am workouts with Ferd and Chuck. When I run tomorrow, Ferd, you will be on my mind and I will have to go run the "reservoir course" this summer for old times sake. Thanks for encouraging me to run cross country in college, It was the best fall season I ever had in 86. I will miss you buddy!

CZ

Craig Zettergren - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MK

“ *My sympathy to the Sauer family. I am 61 yrs. old and have been a patient for over 20 yrs. Dr. Sauer's help and compassion with my bout of breast cancer was wonderful. He and I discussed retirement last Dec. and he was looking forward to a happy retirement. May God bless him and his family. With sympathy, M Kall*

Martha Kall - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

NM

“ *Kathleen,*

My deepest sorrow at the loss of your husband, Ferdinand. You may not remember, but when we moved to Birch Hill Dr. in 1985, you were the first person to bring me cookies. Your husband has been my gyn since then. It is rare to find a dr who will listen and who has a sense of humor as well. We are moving to Fl in July and I had written him a thank you note for his years of wonderful care and had just mailed it last Fri. Such a coincidence. I am sure that your children and your memories will help you through this, but what a horrible shock.

Sincerely, Nancy Mellon

Nancy Mellon - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

MJ

“ *Mrs Sauer and family,my deepest siympathies go out to you Dr. Sauer will be deeply missed by all his patients he was the best Dr and will never be replaced. again my deepest sympathies .*

Michele Jasunas - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

AC

“ I will miss him I scrubed for him and Dr.Winston Campbell and Dr. Rich Dreese many times Karen and I were at Winstons daughter's wedding and she thought he was so nice he will be missed. May God take him into his kingdom until we are together again.

AI

Albert J. Cambo - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

TF

“ I was a patient of Dr. Sauer's for over 10 years. He always made me feel as though I was his only patient because he wasn't just a doctor. He was a caring, genuine and understanding person. He was compasionate and had an amazing sense of humor. I know that eventually my husband and I want to have children. I had many conversations with Dr. Sauer about my family history, pregnancy, giving birth etc. He was always there to answer my silly questions that he did not think were silly and tell me not to worry,. I knew that I would be just fine knowing that he would be there throughout my entire pregancy, of course, along with my husband. I am so saddened that he will not be there for me when I do get pregnant - to make me laugh - to tell me not to worry - to make me feel like I am his only patient and everything will be fine.

Your husband and father was a wonderful person and he really did touch the lives of many people. God bless you all during this difficult time.

Tammy Flanders - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DH

“ My love and support goes out to Dr. Sauer's family. I have been a patient of his for 22yrs, he was with me on the birth of my daughter, and my son was born on his birthday, He was an incredible, sweet gentle Doctor and I will miss him very much, God Bless.

Debra Hale - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JL

“ My sincerest condolences to Dr. Sauer's family. I will miss Dr. Sauer.....I have been a patient of his for over 20 years....I always felt better when I left his office than before I went.....he had a wonderful sense of humor and was a very caring doctor who had a great concern for his patients. I was under his care and consultation through three children.....he wasn't on call for my first or my second so didn't actually deliver them and I complained after my second jokingly that it would be nice if he showed up for their births....he did deliver my third....and we have it on videotape....that is a tape I will cherish. God bless you, his family....may you find peace in your heart through your memories.

Joanne Listro - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

BM

“ Dear Kathleen, Keith and Jeremy, Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your families. We were shocked and saddened by the terrible news. We have many happy memories of Ferd. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time. Bob and Debbie

Bob and Debbie Mazza - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KP

“ I remember this as if it were yesterday. My son decided it was time to make his entrance into this world. My regular doctor was not available at the time, his associate, Dr. Sauer, was however. I am on the phone with Dr. Sauer who is trying to get me to calm down a bit. He asks to be excused for a moment while he put the phone down. I can hear him saying to his own children, "will you kids be quiet" and all the while I am thinking...what am I getting myself into...this becoming a parent. Well 23 years later I am the proud mother of a wonderful son. And now Dr. Sauer is helping the Good Lord deliver little angels each and every time a child is brought into this world. God Bless

Kathy Poulin - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

JM

“ Dr. Sauer was one of the finest men I have ever known, and an exemplary physician. He has been my doctor for 20 yrs., since I was pregnant with my second child. He had a wit and sense of humor that put his patients immediately at ease. He performed surgery on me in the summer of 2001 the day before he was leaving on vacation, yet he showed up at the hospital the next morning to be sure I was all right. When I had a post-operative infection he saw me several times with no notice and did more surgery in his office. He understood women's emotional needs through menopause with complete respect. He will be greatly missed by hundreds of women, and I can't imagine who could replace him as my doctor. You have my very deepest sympathies, and those of my family. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Jane V. Milardo - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

DK

“ I told my 4 y/o son that our beloved friend Dr sauer has died.He delivered my 2 daughters.My kids said when somebody dies a cloud turns into an angel,and flies up to tell God to put another flower on a pillow.Dr Sauer had his own special "on call Pillow". My son asked me who is going to give us the boat rides now when Dr Sauer is in heaven?.I told him,knowing Ferd, he is whispering to us, don't miss me too much.The view is nice and I'm doing just fine.
Ferd was our family too and we will miss him.
Deepest sympathy
Derek Kozlowski,M.D.

Derek Kozlowski,MD. - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

NS

“ I have known Dr. Sauer since I was 19, I am 42. I had a child in 1986, which we still continued thru the years to joke how upset I was, when he had "that parituclar weekend off" and didn't deliver. I cannot say enough in words about my feelings of gratitude for his kindness and experience thru the years. He knew more about me at times then I did myself, he was just that way, that "sharp". He was one of the most gentle men I have ever known and I will miss him dearly. I will always remember how when there were times I had fear about a procedure, as small as it was, he always found a way to make me laugh, and we went thru it together. To his family, I want to personally thank you, for all the years of your sacrifice, he really loved us, his patients. He often told stories of his family and the love he had for all of you. I know he was a proud grandfather, he told me the last time I saw him all about her. Bless you during this time of loss. May God be your strength.

Nancy Tessman Serrano - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

KC

“ My sincerest sympathy goes out to the entire family during this time. I had the privilege of working at Grove Hill and having Dr. Sauer as my physician. During our break we would sit out back and smoke and without fail Dr. Sauer would drive up park his car and always yell at us about smoking. He did two surgery's on me before doing a hysterectomy in January, and before we made the arrangements for the surgery he told me that I had to quit smoking the day of my surgery or he wouldn't do it. We had a standing joke that he would always check his schedule and when he saw my name he would have another patient go into labor so that he would be late. Even for my surgery in January, he was over 30 minutes late. The nurse remarked to me that she didn't understand why because he had been running right on time in the past few months, I told her it was only because I was waiting, he came walking into pre-op just at that moment and the nurse remarked that he was late, he looked at me and smiled and said "only because I knew who was waiting, I wouldn't do this to any other patient. I will truly miss Dr. Sauer, and I know it will be very hard to find another Dr. with his sense of humor and compassion. He can never be replaced. I will always keep him in my thoughts and prayers along with your entire family during this difficult time

Kathie Cote - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

AG

“ Dr. Sauer has been my doctor for the last 15 years. I will never forget when I was in labor with my first child on Labor Day 1991. He was there popping in and out all day and checking up on me it was one of those dreaded 24 hour labors. I had to walk up and down the halls of the Labor and Delivery Unit at NBGH to get my labor going. My husband accompanied me on my walks, but at one point he had to go to the restroom. There I was, by myself, walking the hall when I felt a contraction coming on. I turned toward the wall and grabbed the barre for balance while I did my lamaze breathing to get through the pain when what should I hear but, "Well what do you know? It's the ballerina at the barre." I started to laugh and told him not to make me laugh because it hurts. He came up beside me and looked down at me from over the top of his glasses and said, "Would I do that?" And I looked back at him and said, "Yep", and he said, "You're right, I would!" My heart goes out to his family and those close to him. He will be greatly missed!

Anita Gabrielson - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 AM

RK

“ Dear Mrs. Sauer,
I had a 7 p.m. appointment with Dr. Sauer on May 27, 1986 for my weekly checkup as I was due on 5-30. He commented that it was your anniversary and he was going home to take you out to dinner. I went into labor at 11 p.m. and he arrived at the hospital soon after I did. He spent the night at the hospital, checking in periodically throughout the early morning hours. He came in at 5 a.m., told me he was going for a jog, and would be back to deliver my daughter. When Dr. Sauer returned to deliver my baby, there were a few more doctors in the delivery room. Dr. Sauer knew that my baby had the cord wrapped around her neck and that my fluid was filled with macomium. A 9lb 10 oz healthy daughter was eventually placed in my arms, and I thank Dr. Sauer on her birthday each year. Dr. Sauer was kind, thoughtful, considerate, respectful, and sensitive to all of my needs. Thank you for sharing him on May 27, I will continue to think of him fondly every May 28, and when I have my yearly check-up.
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
With Sympathy,
Robin Kasprzak

Robin Kasprzak - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Sauer family and all of his office staff. He was a truly wonderful and caring doctor. When he delivered our daughter on Wednesday July 8, 1998 he was so funny when he told me "come on' you can do it, you have to do it becuae im late for a dinner date with my wife" it was 6:00 pm he always found a way to make people laugh. We were very lucky to have such a wonderful doctor. We will miss him.
Traci & Eric Masse

Traci Masse - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dr. Ferdinand Sauer*

Jane V. Milardo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Dr. Sauer was a friend of mine, and delivered both of my children. He was, in all respects, one of the greatest guys I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He was funny, smart, caring, generous, a great athlete.....I could go on and on. And his ability as a doctor was unsurpassed, which I saw first-hand during the delivery of my children. When my daughter was born 5 years ago, it was an extremely difficult delivery. I have been told that if the right doctor was not there, she may not have made it. In typical Ferd Sauer fashion, he brushed it off as no big deal, but I've always felt that he saved her life. I will be forever grateful to him.*

Hank Hoffman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dr. Sauer was the most kind hearted wonderful doctor. Not many doctors give their patients home phone numbers when medical problems arise. He always made me laugh every time I saw him. He had a very special way about him. I know I will never find a doctor as great as he was. Dr. Sauer, I will miss you so very much. No other doctor will be able to fill your shoes. You were the best!*

Shirley Pulcini - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *My prayers and thoughts are extended to you and your family. I am sorry for your loss.*

Jeffrey Reut PA-C - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Dr. Sauer's Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dr. Sauer was my Ob/Gyn since he first started his practice. He delivered my daughter Danielle 16 years ago this December, and was with me when I lost another a few years later. He was a great doctor with a great bedside manner, always ready to put you at ease! He will truly be missed.*

Ellen Fitzsimmons Mahan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *My condolences to the Sauer family. I will always remember Dr. Sauer's kindness and his ability to allow me to make choices in the labor and delivery of my three sons. He deeply respected the rights of his patients. I will miss him.*

PATRICIA RICCIO - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *I am truly sorry and saddened to hear of Dr. Sauer's passing. He was a highly loved, respected and wonderful person. May love and memories embrace and comfort you during this most difficult time. Fondly, Pat Pagani /office manager for Dr. Bruce Fletcher*

Pat Pagani - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *One of my dearest memories goes back many years...at one of my first family gatherings he was helping me put a name to the many cousins, aunts and uncles...then he finally just looked at me and told me to smile a lot and not use names! Ferd we know that you are now in a better place. We will miss you greatly. Pray for us.*

Lee Ann Miller - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I have been a patient of Dr. Sauer's for 22 1/2 years. I can't begin to tell you how much I will miss him, his sense of humor, his dedication, his bedside manor and his superb expertise as an OB/GYN physician. I had a bond with him that I have with no other doctor. He is the only physician I could ever really trust and rely on. He performed laparoscopic surgery on me in my early twenties, he delivered by Ceserean section both of my children and saved my life with the first as I had severe toxemia. He also saved my life discovering that I had an abnormal pap smear in my early twenties. Anything I ever needed or wanted, even if it was just an ear, he was there to listen and to help in what ever way he could. He never gave up and always tried to find new and better ways to help someone if one method didn't work. I referred many friends and other family members to him. I just saw Dr. Sauer for my yearly check up back in May and he was discussing with me his experience with having kidney stones recently. I said to him, "Now you have an idea of what your patients are going through when they are experiencing labor." he laughed and said, "Yes, and I am so glad I am a man and not a woman!" We laughed. For him to open up and tell me something he went through in his health, I felt very special. It was also then that I thought after I left that I hoped and prayed he would stay in excellent health and continue to be my physician through my years of menopause before he decided to retire. I am struggling daily with the loss of such a wonderful man and physician. I also just want to say he loved and cared for everyone, including his family and his new granddaughter. He will truly be missed and I want to send out my prayers and condolences to all of his family, friends and co-workers who are going through this very difficult time. God Bless You Dr. Sauer! We love you and we will always remember you!
Kimberly Gilleran
Berlin, Connecticut

Kimberly Gilleran - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I am surprised and saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Sauer. I was a patient of his a number of years ago, and he was my primary obstetrician when our daughter, Anne, was born. I remember his wonderful care, his sense of humor, and the great amount of time he devoted to his patients. My sincere condolences to his family.

Deborah Cervas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Kathleen and family,

Twenty three years ago next week, Dr. Sauer walked into the delivery room at New Britain General, quickly analyzed what was happening with my labor, and delivered our daughter. We had never met before, but because of his skillfulness and complete ease during delivery, I immediately made him my primary gynecologist. It's a decision I've never regretted. Six years ago when he operated on my daughter to remove a teratoma from her ovary, we knew that she was in the best possible hands. Dr. Sauer found the growth during her very first gynecological visit, which could have resulted in her having a negative association with him. On the contrary, she will tell you what a terrific doctor he is, and how much she looked forward to her visit each year when he would reassure her that the teratoma had not grown back, and that she was healthy.

My last visit with Dr. Sauer was in February. I always enjoyed our chats, and took the opportunity to catch up on what was happening with his family. He couldn't stop talking about his granddaughter, and how wonderful she was. I was the last patient that evening, and he invited me to see the pictures he had taken of her with his new digital camera. He was proud because he was becoming more skilled with the camera, and was amazed because one of the pictures had managed to display the beautiful texture of her skin. He told me that when he first saw the picture, he almost cried. I remember thinking to myself that he absolutely knew what was most important in life. His love for his family was there in the expression on his face. I was touched, and proud that he was my doctor, my friend.

The loss of Dr. Sauer is tremendous for his patients, but I can only imagine the magnitude of your pain. Please know that my thoughts are with all of you. I pray that God will hold you close, and give you strength and great comfort.

Sincerely,

Judy Janas

Judy Janas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“*Dear Mrs. Sauer and family, I would like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. Your husband and father was a wonderful man who always knew what to say to me. I have been a patient of his for at least 26 years. He delivered all my 3 children as well as performing my laproscopic surgery 2 years ago. He always joked with me, but when he needed to be serious he was. I trusted him 100% and know how much my heart is breaking right now. May God help all of you through this very difficult time. He was an inspiration to me and I will miss him terribly. Sincerely, Laurie Plourd*

Laurie Plourd - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“*Dear Kathleen and family, Please accept my deepest heartfelt condolences. Dr. Sauer had a tremendous impact on the quality of my life. With his compassion, humor, and medical expertise, he guided me through many decisions that resulted in 2 beautiful daughters, and for the past 2 years, a pain-free life. I will keep you in my prayers, always. Pam*

Pam - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. Sauer. He was my Dr. for a little over 20 years. He delivered my son on Christmas day 1981. He had these big Yoda ears on trying to make me smile as I was in so much pain. He rushed out of the hospital to spend a few hours with his family before rushing back to NB General to deliver my son. He always had a gentleness about him as a Dr. he was such a good listener . I never felt rushed or hurried by him. I always felt like a person to him, a friend, not just another patient. I will miss him very much. My condolences to his family.
Noreen Yelenak

Noreen Yelenak - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family and colleagues of Dr. Sauer. Having known him and been a patient of his for some 20 years he will be greatly missed. He never made his patients feel rushed and always had a kind word and smile for each of us. His untimely death has left me at a loss for words. Upon a recent reading I came across a poem that says it all, that I'd like to share with you. The caterpillar, brown and furry, Caterpillar, in a hurry, Take your walk To the shady leaf or stalk. May no toad spy you. May the little birds pass you by...To live again...a Butterfly. by Erik Steiger Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you reflect on the all to short but wonderful life of a fine intelligent doctor, husband, father and friend.
The Banker Family

Roberta Z. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Please accept our deepest heartfelt condolences. Dr. Sauer was my doctor for over 20 years. He delivered both our sons. He was a compassionate doctor with an outstanding sense of humor. He was the upmost professional yet was able to share his personal side at many office visits. No question was too small or concern was to silly. He was able to make us feel like we were the most important people he had as a patient.
His passing will leave a void in all of us.

Joe and Alicyn Pulcini - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest sympathies to the Sauers and Wildings. Ferd will be conspicuos in his absence and dearly missed by all.
We would all be hard pressed to find someone as caring and gererous as Dr. Sauer. I consider myself lucky to have known him and appreciate the memories of the time spent together in New Orleans and in Connecticut, especially the lake house, where he always played a gracious, fun-loving host.
I'll never forget him riding the John Deere to rescue the car stuck in the mud, or being on the sidelines when he hit the greatest home run in the history of wiffleball. A true champ, God bless him.

Justin Fahey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I met Dr. Sauer at NBGH while delivering my first child 17 yrs ago while I was a clinic patient at NBGH. I remember us watching a basketball game together that day, Mother's Day 1986, me in my room and Dr. Sauer across the hall laying on an empty bed. I had the honor of remaining a patient of his since then and giving birth to 2 more children in which he had delivered my last child 4 years ago. His humor is one thing that i'll never forget about him and will always be a lasting memory as I have the video tape of it and him with his bugs bunny tie playing around in the camera. If I knew last Thursday would be the last time I would have been seeing him, I would have said more than "hello". I would have said "Thank you so much for your kindness, compassion, and humor during my 3 pregnancies and what an honor it has been being a patient. I will never forget him. I would like to offer my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to his family at this time. May God comfort you all and hold you in this time of need.

Joanne McCurda - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ As a NBGH Board Member having listened to and worked with Ferd for many years his integrity, honesty, and gentle soul has been and will forever be a positive and powerful force in my life.

J.Kemler Appell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ *To Dr. Sauer's Family:
I was very saddened to hear about the loss of your loved one. Ferd was my gynecologist since 1980 and delivered both my precious boys in 1983 and 1990. I admired him as a professional and loved his sense of humor. He will surely be missed at Grove Hill and NBGH. All of you are in my thoughts & prayers.*
Kim Zordan

Kimberly Zordan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family of Dr. Sauer. He was one of the most incredible people I have ever known. The world will miss him in every way.*

John Sanders - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I was very sad to hear of Dr. Sauer's passing. I have been a patient since his first year of practice and he has helped me through the birth of both my children and several operations. His kind caring manner and humor will be sadly missed. My sincere sympathy to his family and staff.*

Michele Perzan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Dr. Sauer, how I remember him coming into my hospital room with his bright smile. While I was in pain, he made me laugh. Dr Sauer brought both of my children into this world. You will be missed by all.
Rest in Peace, Dr. Sauer*

Cheryl Kallberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the family. Dr. Sauer was an excellent physician. I will always remember his smile & wit. I always looked forward to my visits with him, not only because I was confident in him, but also the fact that he made you feel comfortable. He will be greatly missed, but surely never, never forgotten.*

Mylene N. Largent - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Ferd Sauer. He was a dedicated and caring physician. I will always remember his skills and expertise, but more importantly the compassion shown to my husband and myself during some very difficult times. May God be with you all at this time and grant you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.*

Sharon Orlich - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I have many good memories of Dr. Sauer. I was pregnant with my second child, and had had a c-section with my first. I had done a lot of research during my pregnancy and did not like the answers I was getting with my current practice. Through a midwife in Hebron we received a glowing recommendation for Dr. Sauer and New Britain General. My husband and I visited Dr. Sauer and took a tour of the hospital this was in 1992. After a second visit I was 8 months pregnant, I asked Dr. Sauer if he would be willing to take me on as a patient. As far advanced as I was in my pregnancy, he didn't hesitate to say yes. I had a successful VBAC, and during my labor I was lucky, Dr. Sauer was on call we were in a labor room pre new maternity and we were watching Bill Cosby on a talk show talking about labor, and he said "then her water broke", at that exact moment my water broke, we all looked at each other and laughed at the coincidence. I went on to have two more children, and had many good conversations with Dr. Sauer, we shared a love of boats and skiing. He never failed to amaze me with his love of life, which was obvious with his choice of career. He shared aspects of his life that other DR's considered off limits. He made me feel that I wasn't just a patient, but a friend. He will be missed by myself and I'm sure many others. I had complete faith and trust in him as a doctor, who put his patients needs ahead of his own. I have three boys and a girl, if any of my children grow up to be even half as giving or loving, I would consider myself fortunate. My condolences to your family and friends, Dr. Sauer made the world a better place with his presence, he will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,
Sarah Nanni

Sarah Nanni - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I first met Ferd Sauer in the 70’s, through the common interest of bicycling. He had been a champion junior racer and was a welcome addition to the Central Connecticut Cycling Club. He participated in some of the early New Britain Criterium races. I remember how he reluctantly had to ‘retire’ from racing, fearing a crash could injure his hands. He emphasized how important his hands were in the delicate art of birthing a baby. I appreciated his decision even more as I stood by during the delivery of my two daughters, and trembled as I reached for the scissors he handed to me to ‘cut the cord’.

I mostly saw him on times when I accompanied my wife to office visits. Those were always remembered with a smile, because they were so unlike other doctor appointments.

We always had a great time, laughing and kidding as old friends, even if the real reason for meeting had a serious aspect. He never failed at making you feel at ease and fully aware of what was going on and part of a decision making partnership.

I’d often see him out running, and on one rare occasion I met up with him when we were each out for a bike ride. We rode together, catching up on our lives and he talked me into riding up Mine Hollow Road. He claimed it was his personal fitness gauge. I huffed after him saying he was scoring better than I was, at least.

Sunday, I participated in our club’s Tour of Sandy Brook, a 46-mile jaunt from People’s Forest into Massachusetts and back along route 8. I yelled a dedication at the start, to the late Steve Paskowski, the ride’s founder. Today, there is no doubt who I will be dedicating my ride to each time I grunt up Mine Hollow Road, and I imagine it will be getting easier and easier to climb it.

Mark Hoffman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mrs. Sauer and family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and father.

I have been a patient of Dr. Sauer's for the past 20 years. Incredibly, I have never seen any other doctor in the practice, even during the pregnancy and delivery of my two children, now 13 and 8. I will never forget how he came back to the hospital for both of their deliveries, even though he was off duty. At my last appointment, just one month ago, I didn't know why at the time, but I felt compelled to thank him again for taking the extra to be there for me. I'm so glad that I took the opportunity to tell him how much I appreciate everything he has done for me.

It is obvious that Dr. Sauer was a dedicated and accomplished physician, yet it was always clear to me that his family was the backbone of his life. From the pictures he proudly displayed in his office, to the smile on his face when you would ask how his granddaughter was doing.

Thank you all for sharing him and allowing him to make such a difference in so many people's lives. I will miss him terribly but I will never forget him.

May God be with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Debi Muzio

Debi Muzio - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ To the Sauer Family:

I was shocked and dismayed to hear of Dr. Sauer's untimely passing. I just wanted each of you to know that you are in my prayers.

Dr. Sauer was the OB on call during the absence of my own physician back in 1978 and it was he who helped bring my son, Raymond, into this world. He possessed a remarkable bedside manner and had my every confidence all along the way. In fact, the birthing experience was so awesome, I chose to see Dr. Sauer over my former physician from that time until I moved several years later.

It has been sometime since my son's birth . . . a lot has happened, but I will never forget "Dr. Ferd!"

My deepest sympathy,

Theresa Barry Nadolny

Theresa M. Nadolny - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Family of Dr. Sauer:
As a patient of Dr. Sauer’s I wish to express my sincere condolences. It was a surprise to hear that he had passed away. Dr. Sauer had been my OB/GYN since 1987. Because of Dr. Sauer’s vision in his profession, most of my exams were with Karen Forzani, the CNMW, who worked closely with him in his practice.
In all these years I’ve had occasions to see and speak with him, all of which were extremely helpful, When I wasn’t seeing him I knew he was overseeing my care.
I am forever grateful to Dr. Sauer for having such a vision and providing me with both a doctor and a Midwife, who both had extraordinary experience and compassion and made my OB/GYN history easier. I don’t know what that means for my OB/GYN care now, but know that he will be missed by those of us who called him Doctor
My prayers are with you at this most difficult time and I pray that God will give you the peace and comfort of knowing that someday a reunion with your loved one will occur. In the meantime treasure the memories of him and please remember all the times your husband and father was not with you the many lives he helped. That in itself is a legacy to be proud of and added to the personal triumphs of his family, Dr. Sauer made a lasting mark on the world he now has left.
God bless you all during this difficult time.

Claudia - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ To a very compassionate individual and a devoted physician who will be greatly missed by all of us at NBGH and those within the community. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Patricia Sachonchik, R.N. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ We are shocked by the stunning loss of our cousin Ferd. He was a delight to know - warm and friendly - and a smiling face we always loved seeing at family reunions! We are praying fervently for Kathleen, the kids and the entire Sauer family on this devastating and heartbreaking loss.

Will & Sally Miller - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My favorite memory of Dr. Sauer is during the birth of my third daughter. I was induced and Dr. Sauer was convinced that it would be a quick birth since it was my third. He promised that I would have my daughter by lunchtime. Lunchtime came and went and frustrated, I confronted him. With his quick wit he replied, “Yes, I did say by lunch, but I didn’t say by lunch in what country!” As it neared 6:00 PM, I still hadn’t given birth, so I really began to challenge him. He assured me that I would deliver by 6:10. Arianna was born at 6:09. When I asked him how he could predict the time, he told me that he had ordered Chinese food for 6:30 pick-up and he wasn’t planning to be late with dinner! True to his word, he was out the door by 6:25. A handsome, delightful man and physician – my condolences to his family and his staff for this sudden and shocking loss.

Janne Gauthier - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Sauer Family at this difficult time.

Over the past 4 years due to infertility problems and 2 extremely difficult pregnancies, I've had the opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time with Dr. Sauer.

When I was pregnant with my first daughter, I saw Dr. Sauer twice a week until he delivered her in March of 2000. Dr. Sauer promised me he would deliver our baby even if it was his day off and against all odds, we have a healthy little girl.

When my daughter was a year old Dr. Sauer performed surgery on me and assured my husband and I that we would be able to have more children.

I became pregnant again last summer and began having complications at 14 weeks. After consulting with several specialists and hearing that the outcome would not be favorable, Dr. Sauer stood by our decision to have the baby. The odds were against us with less than 300 documented cases in the United States of my condition. Dr. Sauer saw me once again every week throughout my pregnancy. Even though he told us we were in "uncharted waters" he never lost faith. He reassured me over and over again that I would deliver another healthy baby and no matter what he would meet me at the hospital. On April 17th 2003, we gave birth to our second "miracle" with Dr. Sauer by our side. Even though my delivery was rough Dr. Sauer saved both my life and our baby's life with a smile on his face. He spent time with me in the labor and delivery room watching "The bachelor". He had some humorous comments about the show that lifted my spirits. After the delivery he commented on what he would do with all of his free time.

We are truly blessed to have 2 beautiful little girls in our life and our children are lucky to have had Dr. Sauer deliver them.

Dr. Sauer had scheduled yet another surgery for me this August and he remained optimistic that if I wanted to he would get me through yet another pregnancy.

His positive attitude and optimistic approach gave me hope and the family I always dreamed of having. I will miss him dearly.

Carrie and Robert Lanteri - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *To the family of Dr.Sauer: My deepest sympathy to you all. I met Dr. Sauer 4 years ago, last April he saved my life. I cherish life alot more, to me he was a Angel sent from up above and now he is the Angel watching down from up above.
GOD BLESS YOU DOC.
Theresa Chute*

Theresa Chute - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *To Dr Sauers Family
My thoughts and Prayers are with you. Dr Sauer was awesome and he will truly be missed. He was always telling jokes or kidding around with you. He was the best. Once again my thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sincerely,
Teresa Smith*

Teresa Smith - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *As a patient of Dr. Sauer's for a number of years - two teenage children later - I will truly miss him. His sense of humor and professionalism was simply the best. I am deeply saddened for his family and the Grove Hill Medical Staff on this loss.*

Sharon Fournier - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Sauer.*

I've been a patient for 17 years and only kept my appts. because of Dr. Sauer's compassion, humor and understanding. This is truly a great loss.

Dr. Sauer will always be in our hearts.

Robin Packard

Robin Packard - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *I was shocked and saddened to learn about Dr. Sauer's death. My heart goes out to his family.*

Dr. Sauer delivered 3 of my children, none of which came while he was on call. Yet he managed to deliver them all.

My oldest daughter was born an hour or so before Dr. Sauer was due to leave for his vacation. He stuck around to make sure she arrived safely. Dr. Sauer came in to deliver my son on Halloween night. He left a ravioli dinner to be there for that delivery. 18 months ago my last child was born at 4:30 in the morning. Dr. Sauer was there with his catchers mitt!

He was a great man and will be missed.

Beth Gagnon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My Sympathy goes out to all of the family. Dr Sauer was my doctor for Eleven years, he always made me feel at ease and always took the time to talk to me. he will be greatly missed.
Linda Riel

Linda Riel - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I had such a great respect for Dr. Sauer. He was a wonderful man & skilled physician. We will all miss his compassion at the hospital. We have lost one of the finest in medicine.

Cheryl Costa - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs Sauer and her family. Dr. Sauer was there to deliver my first child, my son Rylan. During my first trimester I had been seeing a different doctor, but my husband and I felt that he didn't respect us, or our decisions, because we were a young couple. When we began to look for a doctor, many of our friends suggested Dr. Sauer. I am still glad to this day that we made the decision to switch doctors. Dr. Sauer always respected my husband and me, and the decisions for the type of birth that we wanted. He was a certainly a gifted physician, but more than that he was a wonderful man.

Scott and Jessica Olandt - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I met Dr. Sauer when he was a resident at UConn and decided when he opened his practice that this was the OBGYN person that I wanted to have as my physician. There’s no denying that Dr. Sauer was a handsome man and maybe that added to his charm. But I never felt safer nor have I ever trusted a physician as much as I trusted him. And I am so happy that I’ve had the opportunity to be able to tell him this over the years. He had a way about him that would alleviate the fears you might have or concerns you might have with your medical condition. He listened to your questions. I would say to him, now don’t tell me you don’t know. So after I would ask the question I would say, what do you think. He’d say, I don’t know and then we would laugh. I just saw him two weeks ago and am so very thankful that I did because it gave me a little time with him.

He sounded to me to be a wonderful husband. I’m sure Mrs. Sauer never tired of hearing how wonderful her husband was from all his patients. He was so proud of his boys and being a grandfather and when I saw him two weeks ago he mentioned his son’s upcoming wedding.

I don’t have the words to ease his family’s pain or his staff that is just as wonderful as Dr. Sauer was. But I am so grateful for this man that touched our lives. My prayers and thoughts are with his family. You have been blessed to have him. He has given you quite a legacy.

Jill Price - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I was so sorry to hear such a great man's life ended so soon. He delivered both of my daughters, my second daughter was born with her cord wrapped around her neck, it was his expertice and quick thinking that made her birth a success. I am glad that the first man in their life was Dr. Sauer.

Debbie Gallo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I just want to say how thank-ful I am that I was able to have Doctor Sauer as my doctor for the past 2 years. Because of him, I am able to have my first baby. He performed a laparascopy on me and I will always remember how he did a little tap dance in his wooden clogs right before the surgury. He always cheered me up. He was the best doctor. I will miss him very much. I offer my condolences to his family.

Kathy Steadman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Mrs. Sauer & Family,

It is with a heavy heart I write this. Dr. Sauer was an amazing person and he will be truly missed. He helped my husband and I through the 2 most difficult days of our lives, the losses of our first 2 children. He helped us through our pain with a humour, grace and confidence that will always be unsurpassed. Finally 8 weeks ago he got to be with us for our most joyous day - the birth of our daughter Bianca Julia. Dr. Sauer helped us so much with this last pregnancy and he will never truly know how much his patience and humour meant to us and kept us sane. He will forever be in our hearts and part of our family. When Bianca is old enough we will tell her of the amazing man, full of life and spirit who helped bring her into this world with a smile on his face. Thank you for sharing him with us.

God bless you all during this difficult time. Please take comfort in knowing how much your husband and father touched the lives of so many.

*Sincerely
Joe, Teresa & Bianca Talarico*

Teresa Talarico - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Thank you is the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of Dr. Sauer. I had be trying to get pregnant for years and thought everything was hopeless, until I met Dr. Sauer. He not only gave me hope, but also made me smile with all the tests that I had to go through. I now have a beautiful baby girl, Emme, who is 16 months, that Dr.Sauer came in on his day off to deliver her by C-Section.

I think that's what I'll miss most about Dr. Sauer, he always went out of his way for you and made you feel like you where the most special person.

I'm due in 3 months with my next daughter, and even though Dr. Sauer won't be there for the delivery, I know he is watching out for all of us.

Not only did we lose a great doctor, but a very special friend. Thank you again Dr. Sauer!

Marie Bouchard - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I was a patient of Dr. Sauer's over twenty years ago when I lived in New Britain. He was very kind to me, a very young girl at the time. He took the time to answer all my questions. May you his family be comforted by your memories with him.

Myrna Figueroa - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OE

“ *As a patient of Dr. Sauer I wish to say to the family how sorry I am for the lost of my Doctor, he was an excellent physician and one that always had words for his patients, he always took care of me. My condolences to his family. I don't know what I am going to do now that he is not here.
May God be with you.*

Olga Egipciaco - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *When you have so much faith in trust in someone and they are taken away suddenly your heart just feels like it is breaking. Dr. Sauer was my ob/gyn for 5-6 years..I just saw him a month ago. I am terribly saddened that he is gone. My thoughts and prayers are his family, friends and colleagues. May god bless you!*

Bridget DiCosimo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences. It was a total shock to read in the newspaper that the very much loved, and respect Dr. Saur had passed at such an early age. I met Dr. Saur at New Britain General Hospital in 1975. I worked as a nurses aide in New Britain General Hospital and I was pregnant with my daughter, Tori. Dr. Saur was a Resident at that time and was scheduled to assist that's what they said, but I believe he actually performed the surgery in the C-Section birth of my daughter. I was joking with him telling him about this pesky mole that I had I my neck and asked if he could snip it when I was under I am a chicken when it comes to any kind of needle or anything close to it. Well, Dr. Saur said, "I can do that right now," and sure enough he sat me down and removed that mole. Both my daughters, Tamara and Tori Smith, myself, and my mother Shirley Pia have been seeing Dr. Saur and we will sorely miss him. Please know that all our thought and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Andrea Smith - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I met Dr. Sauer when he was a resident at NBGH. He held my hand for hours during the very lengthy labor and delivery of my first son. His kindness and gentleness will always remain in my memory. He told me I held his hand so tight he would never work again - he faked a bent down wrist the day after my son's birth - Obviously he was kidding and helped me through a very difficult few days. My condolences to his family. He will be missed, but he will never be forgotten.

Susan Wojenski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Of all the good things that Ferd was, the best is that he was our friend. Our prayers and love to Kathleen, Keith, Jeremy, and the entire Sauer Family.*

Paul, Cristina, Jason, Jessica, & Steve

Paul, Cristina, Jason, Jessica, & Steve Trahan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My condolences to the family. Dr. Sauer was an incredible person. He delivered both my children one on his day off and showed me caring and understanding during my miscarriage also on his day off. His compassion was unlike that of any other doctor I've met.*

Rebecca Cormier - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ **KATHLEEN & FAMILY**
WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVING HUSBAND AND FATHER. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME. MAY GOD HELP YOU ALL GET THROUGH THIS. ALL YOUR WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF FERD WILL KEEP HIM CLOSE TO YOU-IN YOUR HEARTS FOREVER.

KATHY & JIM SCALISE - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *To Kathleen and Family,
Our love and prayers are with you all at this time.
Dr. Sauer was a wonderful boss and such fun to work with. His patients always came first with him!! He had a way of making people relax when he was around.
He looked out for the folks in the office too! If anyone of us was having a bad day, he had a way of making us feel better.
His passing will leave a great void in all our lives and we will miss him dearly.
May God Bless you all and may His love help you through this time of sorrow.
Love, Bill and Heather*

Bill and Heather Thumbeck - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *To the Sauer family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bless your family.
With Love, Cara & Erik*

Cara Scalise - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Kathleen,

I just heard about Ferd. I am very sorry for you and your family. Over the last few days I have been thinking a lot about Ferd and have read what an excellent doctor and an impressive man he was. Although I didn't know that side of him I wanted to share with you some of my memories of Ferd. Out of the hundreds of people that came to Diane's Restaurant you and Ferd were among my very favorites. You were both always happy and never complained. I looked forward to seeing you.

My memories of you and Ferd start a few years ago with you. You sat at the counter because Ferd was on call. You and I made up an omelette special and you named it the waitress omelette. We wrote it on the board as our special that day.

After that I got to know you and Ferd. We would talk about your family and mine. Once Ferd came to the restaurant before you and brought in a photo album to show us pictures of your granddaughter.

I remember Ferd liked strawberry jelly on his pumpernickel toast. We always had a shortage of stawberry jelly so when I saw Ferd coming I would start to look for it. I put some jelly packets in an envelope and wrote "Ferd and Kathleen" so he would have some even if we ran out.

I remember that he ate faster than you. He didn't like tomatoes. He drank coffee but he didn't like many refills. He drank water when he ran to the restaurant but when he drove he didn't want water. He helped me hang plants outside the restaurant. On holidays there would be an extra \$20 on the table and he would write "happy holidays" on the placemat. He invited us to your house on the lake. He would ask about my son and compliment and encourage me on my exercise. He asked about my real estate sales. I told him I was doing well and soon I would be driving a Mercedes just like his. He said he'd like that.

Do you remember the time you thought a guy in the restaurant was a colleague of Ferd's so I asked the guy if he was a gynecologist. It

turns out he wasn't and he has been laughing about it ever since. He turned out to be a long distance runner and wanted Ferd to join his running club.

Sometimes Ferd and I would pass each other while he was running and I was walking. He would have a big smile on his face like he was happy to see me.

That is how he was in the restaurant too. When I would first come to your table I would bring two cups of coffee with regular milk instead of cream. You would say, "Hi Sher" and Ferd would have a big smile on his face.

I really liked Ferd and I will miss him. I hope you will come in again soon because I will miss you too.

Sherry Borgeson

Sherry Borgeson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM