



Dr. George E. Magaletta

January 1, 1931 - June 24, 2021

Dr. George E. Magaletta, 90 years old, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away at his home on June 24, 2021.

He was born January 1, 1931 to Rocco and Alice Joudrey Magaletta in Boston, Massachusetts.

He was of the Catholic faith.

Dr. Magaletta graduated from St. Louis University in 1956, opened his practice in Cape and was here until 1985 when he moved back to St. Louis. He retired and moved back to Cape in 2005.

He loved swimming, scuba diving, traveling with his wife, and cooking. He cooked with garlic so much his family gave him the name "Garlic Gramps".

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda Cash Magaletta of 37 years; six children, Diane (Terry) Meatheany of O'Fallon, Missouri. Ed (Kim) Magaletta of Chesterfield, Missouri, Christine (John) Aliberti of Florissant, Missouri, Cathy (Ben) Bade of Bloomer, Wisconsin, Mary Wertke of Chicago, Illinois and Debbie Gates of Tampa, Florida; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ann Donahue of Dayton, Ohio.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

As per George's wishes, there will be no services.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Dear Family of Dr Magaletta, I was a patient of Dr in 1980 and he was the only Dr in town who thought I had an Ectopic Pregnancy! If it weren't for him, I wouldn't be alive today at age 78! I will never forget him saving my life with surgery! Bless Him and your family. ☐
Joice Whitby

Joice Ann Whitby - May 21, 2025 at 10:21 PM

DW

“ Cindy, I am reaching out to you, to let you know I am sorry to hear of your loss. I would love to see you. Dorothy Williford

Dorothy Williford - September 08, 2021 at 05:37 PM

BC

Dr. Magaletta became my doctor as a very young girl who was having mysterious problems that many many doctors before him had not been able to diagnose. He helped me and it changed my life forever. He was the kindest human, and just recently in speaking to an old high school friend across the miles, I discovered how he had been her doctor, too, and touched her life in a monumental way as well. We never knew this until now. She and I are both in our mid-60s, and yet still we recalled his great bedside manner, and how it meant the world. He was a great physician. My heartfelt condolences to his family.,

Beverly Coleman-Bland - October 16, 2023 at 09:20 PM

RT

“ I have wonderful memories working with Dr. Magaletta and Cindy in OB at Semo hospital in the 70s. Peace be with you now and always as you mourn your dear husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Rosita Taake - June 30, 2021 at 08:26 AM