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Nicky's Accomplishments

Dr. Campanella was raised in Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Xaverian High School. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Science from Brooklyn College before moving to Italy and completing medical school at the University of Bologna School of Medicine and Surgery. He returned to Brooklyn in 1978 and completed his residency at Maimonides Medical Center in Borough Park. He began working in private practice as an OB/GYN in 1982 and in 1990 he became the owner of Pilgrim Medical Center in Montclair, NJ. During his lengthy career, it's estimated that he delivered somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 babies, and he's earned numerous awards for skill and contribution to the medical profession. He was currently a Sr. Attending Physician at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belville, NJ and has been a Fellow with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology for his entire career.

Dr. Campanella was also a loving husband, father and grandfather. He had an adventurous spirit that manifested in everything he and his family did together. Whether it involved a simple visit to a museum, or bringing his girls into the woods to cut down their own Christmas tree with an axe, Nick had a way of making things interesting. His daughters recall his enthusiasm to teach them to ride bicycles, ski and ice skate, roller skate, and even learn to scuba dive! They also enjoyed Broadway

shows together, Caribbean vacations, and summers at the Jersey Shore. Nick was a very 'hands-on' dad and loved spending time with his daughters.

The story of how Nick met his wife, Marie Alfano, is charming; they were college students who shared a microscope during freshman biology lab. Not long after, they were strolling along the beach on Long Island when Nick proposed to Marie. They married on June 24, 1972 in Brooklyn, followed by a brief honeymoon of just three days in the Poconos. Nick had been accepted to medical school in Italy, so they packed their bags and moved to Bologna just two weeks after getting married! They lived in Bologna for six years before returning. Marie describes her husband as "a good man, with a good heart, who was passionate. He was a determined man, and if he put his mind to anything, you could bet it would come to be." Nick and Marie have enjoyed a "fun" marriage for forty-five years and she will miss him dearly.

Dr. Campanella also enjoyed riding his motorcycles. He would often take his bike out for a ride up to Bear Mountain and back on any nice day. He would also enjoy going for rides with the Southern Cruisers Riding Club in the Tampa Bay, FL area, of which his brothers-in-law were members. He had a great comradeship with the other riders there and loved to go cruising with the club. More importantly, he enjoyed the fact that the club was a charitable organization that raised money for children's charities, particularly St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Nick also loved taking his rescue dog, Pepper, for long walks around town on beautiful spring and fall days and was a strong advocate for animal rescue.

Dr. Campanella is survived by his beloved wife Marie (nee Alfano) of Wyckoff, his three daughters; Dr. Lisa Campanella-Coppo and her husband Thomas Coppo of Wyckoff, Cristina Hyde, Esq. and her husband Lt. Col. Milo Hyde, IV of Alexandria, VA, and Gina Campanella, Esq. of Wyckoff, and his three dear grandchildren; Julia Marie Coppo, Elissa Nicole Hyde and Anna Leigh Hyde.

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