

CHARLES D. BLUESTONE, M.D.

"BUDDY"



Age 92, passed away peacefully on June 15, 2024. He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Patricia; son, James (Maria); two grandchildren, Dr. Dane Bluestone Holland (Joe) and Elyse Bluestone; niece, Margie Reiff; and nephew, Alfred Lewy. He is preceded in death by son, Mark; sister, Evelyn Lewy; brother, Robert; and parents, Isadore and Bessie (Goldfarb) Bluestone. Born April 4, 1932, in Pittsburgh, Dr. Bluestone graduated from

the University of Pittsburgh in 1954 and from the University of Pittsburgh Medical School in 1958. In 1959, he and Patsy moved to Chicago for his otolaryngology residence at the University of Illinois. In the years thereafter, he served for two years in the U.S. Air Force, returning to Pittsburgh to enter private practice as an ear, nose, and throat specialist and as a clinical professor of otolaryngology at Pitt's School of Medicine and chief of the otolaryngology service at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. He left Pittsburgh and private practice in 1972 to become the first full-time director of the Department of Otolaryngology in what was then known as Boston City Hospital. While there, he was a faculty member at Boston, Harvard, and Tufts Universities. Returning to Pittsburgh in 1975, Dr. Bluestone became the founding director of the Department of Pediatric Otolaryngology at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, a position he held for 40 years. In 1980, he founded the National Institutes of Health-funded Pittsburgh Otitis Media Research Center, where researchers investigated medical and surgical treatments and clinical studies for otitis media (middle-ear disease). Dr. Bluestone's research over the years has led to better treatment methods for middle-ear disease, and he devoted a major share of his professional career to understanding the disease and its effect on the health care of patients. He trained countless ear, nose, and throat specialists who continue to practice throughout the country and worldwide, and he has authored hundreds of articles on his subspecialty. He became the School of Medicine's first Eberly Professor of Pediatric Otolaryngology in 1996 and was named a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Otolaryngology at the University of Pittsburgh in 2009. When he stepped down from his position as department director, he retained a clinical schedule as well as teaching and research activities until his full retirement in 2013. The love of his life was his wife Patricia Unger Bluestone, with whom he shared a love of travel and art. He loved a good joke and a fine bottle of wine. The family would like to thank Carol and his excellent team of caregivers, who have cared for him and Patsy for the past several years. Services and Interment Private. A public Memorial Service will be announced in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Dr. Charles Bluestone's name to UPMC Children's Hospital Foundation, 4401 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15224, or at givetochildren.org/tribute-giving. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**

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