

F. Gregory Brusino

January 8, 1957 - August 18, 2015

Dr. Francis Gregory (Greg) Brusino passed away Tuesday morning, August 18, 2015 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He was 58 years old. Greg was born at the U.S. Army Hospital in Augsburg, West Germany, on January 8, 1957 to Francis Bernard Brusino, Jr. (deceased) and June Faison Brusino.

Greg was raised and attended school in Niagara Falls, NY. He was a dedicated student and a talented athlete at Niagara-Wheatfield High School. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Rochester in New York in 1979. He earned his Doctorate of Medicine in 1983 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. After graduating from medical school, Greg completed a three-year residency in Anesthesiology and a one-year fellowship in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesiology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Greg worked as a cardiac anesthesiologist for twelve years in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, VA. He moved to Raleigh, NC in 2002 and continued to practice medicine with American Anesthesiology of NC. He has also served as Director of Anesthesia at Blue Ridge Surgical Center for the past seven years.

Greg was a man of faith who loved his family, friends, and profession. He found great joy in traveling (especially to Mediterranean Europe and the Caribbean), watching professional ice hockey, planting and caring for trees, keeping up to date with the newest computer technology, and learning new things. Greg was an exceptional father, a devoted husband, and a cherished son. He touched countless lives and will be profoundly missed by all those who loved him.

Greg is survived by his wife of twenty-seven years, Jennifer (Jenny) Boyd Brusino, daughter Haley A. Brusino, son G. Joseph Brusino, stepson Jared A. Linthicum, granddaughter Emma J. Linthicum, mother June O. Brusino, brothers Lee Brusino (wife Eileen) and Karl Brusino (children Alora, Brandon, Catja, and Donovan), stepmother Susan F. Brusino, and many other beloved family members.

Flowers are acceptable. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Catherine of Siena

Catholic School or for the support of Latin Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Wake Forest, NC.

The family also wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Greg's partners and colleagues, and to all of our friends and family for their outpouring of love and support.

A private burial will take place at Pine Forest Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery

Pine Forest Memorial Gardens

770 Stadium Drive
Wake Forest, NC, 27587

Events

AUG 25 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Renaissance Funeral Home and Cremation
7615 Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, NC, US, 27615

AUG 26 Funeral Mass 03:00PM - 04:00PM

St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
520 West Holding Avenue, Wake Forest, NC, US,
27587

AUG 26 Reception 04:00PM - 04:45PM

St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
520 West Holding Avenue, Wake Forest, NC, US,
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Comments



“ Dr. Brusino was my anaesthesiologist for 2 surgeries at BRSC and he took time beforehand to meet with me when he was told we were both from Niagara Falls. I played football for his father at Niagara University and can see the same gentle, confident personality they shared. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, God bless you all.

Marc Capannola

marc - September 09, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Rev 21:4 gives us hope of a time when we won't have to worry about death anymore.

Stephanie Goolsby-Savage - August 31, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ It was such an honor to have worked with Dr. Brusino. He was such a wonderful Physician, a true professional, kind, hardworking, well respected and well liked by all. He will be truly missed. Praying for strength and peace for you all during this very difficult time.

Jennifer Lee

Jennifer Lee - August 25, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 25, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 25, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 25, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ It was truly our honor to have known Greg. We agree with all the wonderful remembrances friends have expressed here. He was very smart. He was extremely modest. Hidden behind a somewhat serious demeanor, he had a great sense of humor. Most of all, he was a family man. He loved his sweet Jenny, his children, his mom and brothers. He was a devoted dad, encouraging his children to be true to themselves and to pursue their dreams. He is gone too soon, leaving us while helping his beloved son start a new chapter, a new beginning, a step into his future. A proud dad, his spirit will carry on in the hearts of his children and in the hearts of all who loved him.

Chris and Judy Colwell

Judith Colwell - August 25, 2015 at 09:25 AM



“ This breaks my heart I know its late I just saw this today as I was thinking of him today I worked with him at wmc he was such an awesome character Dr. may he Rip

Tammy Ross - March 02, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 25, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ My prayers are with the family today. Greg and I worked together at Sentara Norfolk General Heart Surgery from 1990 until he departed from the program. I will always have fond memories of the time we worked. Rest in peace Greg.

Verretta

Veretta Whickum - August 25, 2015 at 04:27 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Brusino family. Greg was a great and true friend from virtually the day we met at Colonial Village to when we graduated from Niagara Wheatfield in 1975.

Although our paths went different ways in the years that followed, I will always cherish the memories of riding our bikes together, playing football and just sitting on the picnic table in the backyard having a good conversation. Those times hold a special place in my heart and I am deeply saddened that they ended all too soon. Greg will be truly missed but always remembered, respected and loved.

Gary Keith

Joanne Keith - August 24, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ I am blessed to say that I have known Dr. Brusino for about nine years now. I am more than lucky to have met him along with the rest of the wonderful Brusino family. Dr. Brusino was and always will be an inspiration in my life. He is one of the smartest and hardest working people I have ever met. From eighth grade up until my senior year in college, he would always want to know how I was doing. I always looked forward to filling him with what was going on with my life because I knew he cared about me. I am deeply saddened now that he is gone, but I know he will always be there for his family and even for me. My deepest condolences go out to my best friend Joseph and the family and friends that were lucky enough to have known and loved Dr. Brusino.

James Colwell

James Colwell - August 24, 2015 at 09:45 PM



“ Our family is still in shock at the sudden passing of Greg. When I read Dr. Raja's tribute I thought it so beautifully described the Greg we knew and loved -- caring, intelligent, good listener, humble. He valued his privacy and respected the privacy of others. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2013. After our family Christmas dinner he hesitantly pulled me aside and ASKED if he could offer some advice. I was expecting a medical description of what I could expect during treatment. Instead he told me, "it is your body....you are the customer....the doctors work for you." He said, "do not be intimidated....no question is too small or insignificant." He never questioned me, but he was ALWAYS available to me and my family to answer our questions or interpret test results, etc. He was brilliant and such a professional. Jenny is my only sibling and the best sister and friend anyone could ever hope to have. My husband, David, is an only child. Greg was not just our brother-in-law -- he was our brother!! David is certainly going to miss their discussions about the financial market, politics, world events, and, of course, hockey. Greg, you will truly be missed by our family. We lost you way too soon. Much love and deepest sympathy to the entire Brusino family. Cindy and David Fox

Cindy Fox - August 24, 2015 at 09:40 PM



“ The Pellegrini Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



The Pellegrini Family - August 24, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ Duane Herndon, Christie Whited, Kathryn Baublitz purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



Duane Herndon, Christie Whited, Kathryn Baublitz - August 24, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Renaissance Funeral Home - August 24, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 24, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 24, 2015 at 02:20 PM



“ Uncle Cap and Aunt Linda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



Uncle Cap and Aunt Linda - August 24, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Brusino. I worked with him in the Cardiac operating room during the early 90's. He was a caring and dedicated Physician. Peace be with his family and friends. Rest in Peace. Sincerely, Suzanne Rogowski CSA
Suffolk, Va



Suzanne Rogowski - August 24, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 24, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ June B. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



June B. - August 24, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Classics Department, University of Georgia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.





“ Jenny, our hearts are broken for you and your family in the loss of your husband and best friend. We pray that God will provide comfort and strength for you all.

Donna & William Miller



Donna Miller - August 24, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Jenny, I was saddened to hear of your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Sincerely, Penny Wheeley-Triplett



Penny Wheeley-Triplett - August 24, 2015 at 07:43 AM



“ Greg and I grew up together. He was a year older and watched over me when we were kids. As next-door neighbors we did just about everything together. Greg was always very smart and had great wisdom, even at a young age. We would ride bikes everywhere and all the time. Wherever we ended up at lunch-time is where we ate. I remember the great sandwiches Mrs. B would make us. We would sit on the porch or behind the house on a picnic table and have these great sandwiches which she cut on an angle - how fancy! Then we would be off again to another adventure, scouting the woods, off to “Big Rock” or maybe a football game with Kevin, Paul, and Steve and anyone else we could scare up.

When it was dinnertime, my parents would ring the bell and everyone would tell me it was time to go home. After supper we might meet at Val’s or Colleen’s house and play hide and seek into the night and through several yards. They were great times and it was a wonderful way to grow up.

When we got older, I married my high school sweetheart and Greg was my Best

Man. I remember going over to the Brusino's a couple hours before the ceremony and his mom brought out the champagne! That was a great surprise and helped me through the butterflies.

We had many great times and wonderful adventures. Throughout everything we did, skiing, cycling, hiking, we managed to do great things and push ourselves, growing in so many ways.

It was a pleasure and an honor knowing the boy and young man and hearing of his great success as a doctor, as a man. Greg was always a good example and a good man. I am thankful to have known and grown with Greg, and cherish the many great adventures we had.

Jim Johnson - August 23, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 23, 2015 at 07:25 PM



“ Dr. Brusino was a wonderful physician to work with at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. He helped me many times when we had late cardiac cases and heart transplant surgery during the night shift. I will miss him. May God bless you and your family.

Ernestine Overton - August 23, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ I had the fortune pleasure to work with Greg at Sentara Norfolk General Cardiac team until he left for NC. He was excellent at what he did and loved. He always treated everyone in the OR with respect and that as a team we delivered the best care for our patients. I am truly sorry for his passing. I am sure that our Lord has received him with open arms. God Bless you all ?? ??

Lynne Virgili - August 23, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 23, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ It was a great privilege to work with Dr. Brusino at Blue Ridge. He was a skilled and caring man. He was especially kind to the pediatric patients. I know his calming manner made their surgical experiences much less traumatic. I will miss him so much! RIP Dr. B. Pat Hyatt

Pat Hyatt - August 23, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ Robert & Iman Andrews & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



Robert & Iman Andrews & Family - August 23, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ Greg was a special person and an outstanding physician. I was fortunate to have worked with him at Blue Ridge Surgery Center for many years. He treated every patient with dignity and respect and was always extremely thorough in dealing with clinical issues. We will all miss his professionalism, the genuine concern he had for his patients, and his ability to put patients at ease.

David Clark

David Clark - August 23, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 23, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ Dear Brusino family,
What a wonderful man, friend, doctor and teacher Dr. "B" was! He helped us through our anesthesia change at Blue Ridge which was filled with much uncertainty. I can still see him carrying children to the PACU fridge to look at the popsicles. Dr. Brusino was the "Go to man" for many of us. Much Love to you all especially you, Dr. "B" I will miss you my friend.
Karen Phillips

karen phillips - August 23, 2015 at 07:42 AM



“ Greg never failed to do the right thing for every patient under his care. He was there for my son when he needed surgery years ago, and he ushered countless patients of mine through the OR experience with skill and caring as well. I will always remember him for his calm demeanor and his evident love of family.

Mark Clarkson

Mark Clarkson - August 23, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ Dr Brusino,
A wonderful physician, a gentle heart & a kind friend! May you know how much you are missed & admired! Blue ridge Surgery will have such beautiful memories of you & yet such sadness from the loss of our dear friend & com-worker! RIP dr Brusino!

lee schwarz - August 23, 2015 at 12:02 AM



“ For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.-
Psalm 48:14

I had the honor of knowing this man professionally at Wakemed where he showed

compassion to his patients and care for the staff. Also had some reflective moments on our shared Catholic faith and also when he visited St. Raphael.

Eternal rest grant unto Greg oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Amen!



Ramon and Joy Castillo - August 22, 2015 at 05:46 PM



“ I worked with Dr. Brusino for several years in the O.R. at WakeMed. He was always pleasant, always professional, and one of the nicest people I've ever met. So sorryto hear of his passing.

Cecelia Davis RN

Cecelia Davis - August 22, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ Sharon Gooch lit a candle in memory of F. Gregory Brusino



Sharon Gooch - August 22, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ I so enjoyed working with Dr. Brusino at WakeMed he was so kind and compassionate.
Praying for the peace that passes all understanding for the entire family.

Patsy Plyler Davis

Patsy Plyler Davis, RN - August 22, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Every time he stepped into it, Dr. Brusino turned the operating room into a calm, comfortable place. I loved that. And, I loved Dr. B. Great doctor. Great person. -KW

Kirk Woelffer - August 22, 2015 at 03:33 PM



“ Truly one of the nicest, kindest people I met whilst living in the states. It was a pleasure to work with him and I'll always have fond memories of our chats about travel etc. Great loss for everyone that knew him x.

Helen Villiers-James - August 22, 2015 at 03:06 PM



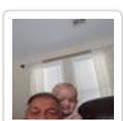
“ Dear Brusino family, As his neighbor growing up and his teacher in his teens, I am blessed to know Greg. All the children in our neighborhood were close and spent much time together. Greg was very much another brother in our household. As I had entered graduate school in Utah, Greg and I took a road trip west. I dropped off Greg in Denver to visit Lee. I remember stopping in Indiana to see the campus at Notre Dame and experience for the first time "Touchdown Jesus." Early in our marriage, Denise, my wife, had two miscarriages. The last day of school before Christmas vacation, Greg and I drove the snowy roads south of Buffalo to pick up a Siberian Husky puppy to comfort Denise and me. He held that pup as we slid our way home. When I taught English 11 to him, we decided to focus on independent studies. His work on the writing of Camus was terrific. I cannot well express my sadness. Yet, I am always hopeful for the reuniting of all because of the atonement and sacrifice of a loving Savior, Jesus Christ. Please, give my love to his mom, Mrs. June Brusino. Bruce Strassburg bestrassburg@gmail.com

Bruce Strassburg - August 22, 2015 at 02:57 PM



“ I am proud to have worked with is kind and gentle soul for five years at the blue ridge surgery center He will be genuinely missed by all

Chris Herthum - August 22, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ My heart is saddened by the passing of this man. I pray for comfort for his family and dearest friends. Dr. Brusino, as I have always addressed him, always conducted himself mannerly and respectfully whether speaking to patients or his coworkers. He would always make time to speak to me regardless of how busy his day was. I have worked along side him at WakeMed for many years, primarily as an nurse in cardiac surgery. He always seemed to have an inner calmness and peace no matter what

the difficulties of the day presented. On two occasions while I was teaching incoming nurses about heart surgery, Dr. Brusino approached my trainees and told them what a privilege it was to have me teaching them. I never had the pleasure to know him outside of work, but my heart is assured he continued to speak kindly and respectfully to others. May his memory never fade.

Tony Bray - August 22, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ I worked with Dr. Brusino for many years at Blue Ridge surgery center. I could go on and on about his kindness towards myself and many others. Everyday he not only smiled and said "good morning", but he took time out to talk. He truly cared about people and was an excellent Anesthesiologist. I will never forget how his calm demeanor and kind speech helped soothe many patients before their surgery. He will be sorely missed everyday, but my memories of him will never fade. I look forward to when the promise made at Rev. 21:4 will be a reality.

Amy - August 22, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 22, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ I had the honor to work with Dr. Brusino at Blue Ridge ASC. He was a wonderful physican and a truly amazing person, always making time to talk with you and share a laugh.
May his memory be eternal.

Requiescat in pace

Lisa Clark - August 22, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 22, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Dr. Brusino for many years at WakeMed. He was a kind, humble and compassionate man as well as an awesome Anesthesiologist. He will be so missed! Rest in peace Dr. Brusino.

Sue Reid - August 22, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ I worked with Greg at the Cary hospital. To show you how small the world can be, his father was my guidance counselor at Niagara Wheatfield! When we first met at work, we talked often of things back here in the Niagara Falls area. He was a wonderful man, a pleasure to work with! I had the utmost respect him not only as a person but as the professional he was.
My deepest sympathy to the family. May it help to know how very much Greg was respected by all that knew him.
Sincerely, Karen Wager

Karen Wager - August 22, 2015 at 07:30 AM



“ My dad was the best dad ever. The positive impact that he had on my life is truly immeasurable. He taught me how to be a good person, leading by example. He gave me all the tools I needed to be successful in life. Nothing brought me more happiness than making my dad proud. I will always strive to live my life in a way that honors the memory of my dad. The connection that we have is still alive. I love you dad and may your soul rest in peace. Se muy bien que en la otra vida volveremos a juntarnos, para reir y gozar de lo mucho que triunfamos.

Haley Brusino - August 21, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ Haley,

Your father's love for you is very fresh in my mind. I will never forget the time he came to visit us at Meredith. I enjoyed so much meeting him. He was so proud of you. He really wanted to see you enjoying your career, enjoying life and doing your very best. You are fortunate to have had such a wonderful father. i am sure you will get a lot of strength from

all the love he gave you and the many memories you have from him. You are also very fortunate that you are a very smart person with a great heart. You are very much in my heart. Andrew and I will be praying for you and your family. May God give you and your family lots of revelations of His love and strength during this difficult time. Much love. Un abrazo fuerte. Vilma Concha-Chiaravigio

Vilma Concha-Chiaravigio - August 21, 2015 at 09:50 PM



“ Hola Haley Dios te bendiga,no tengo palabras para decirte cuanto lo siento pero quiero que sepas que Dios es bueno y te dara la fortaleza,para seguir adelante,a ty y a toda tu familia, tu sabes que nosotros te queremos,recibe saludos de moy,hablame cuando tu quieras,cuidate mucho.

Carmen Amador - August 25, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ Dear Haley,
I am truly sorry to hear about your loss. I still remember when he came and you introduced him to us in the department. I have no words to tell you more than my condolences, but my thoughts and rezos are for you and your family. Un abrazo para ti y tu familia en estos momentos dificiles.

Debora Maldonado-DeOliveira - September 02, 2015 at 07:57 PM



“ Jen Reeves & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



Jennifer Reeves - August 21, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of F. Gregory Brusino.



August 21, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ Greg was one of the most compassionate and humble people I have ever met. I was proud to have him as a mentor, a colleague, and friend. He was incredibly smart and accomplished...and yet he always made you feel as if you were the most important person in the world to him. He listened carefully, he was always learning. When my child was born he gave me some advice: "we are selfish most of our lives with

education and fulfilling our dreams...but when you finally become a husband, and a father, you can never be selfish again...you have to be selfless". And that's the kind of man Greg was. Someone who valued his family...whether at home, or work...we were all family for Greg and he loved us, and we will all miss him. May God give him peace, accept his good deeds, and forgive any sins.

Atif Raja - August 21, 2015 at 05:00 PM



“ My prays go out to Dr. Brusino's family. I have know Greg for 25 years and work with him when he was with Anesthesia Specialists in Virginia. This came a such a shock to me and I am truly sorry for you lost.



Judy Wilson - August 21, 2015 at 01:03 PM