



Palmer J Cotturo

July 7, 1936 - December 1, 2023

Dr. Palmer J. Cotturo, 87, of Mount Bethel, passed away at his residence on Friday, December 1st, 2023.

Born in Fountain Hill, PA, Dr. Cotturo was the son of the late Palmer Cotturo, Sr. and Filomena (Schiavone) Cotturo. He graduated from Bangor High School in 1954, having played varsity football for three years. He also was a member of the high school band for three years. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Pre-Professional studies from Moravian College in 1958, he matriculated at Temple University Dental School, where he received a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1962. At Temple Dental, Dr. Cotturo was a member of the John A. Kolmer Medical Society and Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity and served as distributor for "The Dental Mirror," a monthly publication of the Dental School.

Immediately thereafter, Dr. Cotturo reported for duty at Fort Sam Houston in Texas, before being stationed at Fort Leonard Wood (MO) General Hospital, where he proudly served as a dental officer with the U.S. Army Dental Corps, until being honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1964. Upon leaving the U.S. Army, he opened his own successful practice in general dentistry in Bangor, Pennsylvania, where he treated patients for approximately 50 years.

In 1967, Dr. Cotturo instituted a dental program for children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities at Easton Hospital, Easton, PA, to fill a need he perceived, treating those who could not be treated at a clinic or office, in a

hospital setting. Dr. Cotturo greatly enjoyed hospital-oriented dentistry and willingly gave his time to the hospital outpatient clinic where he treated patients from underserved communities. As a result of these efforts, he was invited to be on the Professional Consulting Board of what is known today as the Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania, an organization serving children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities, where he served for many years.

Dr. Cotturo was an avid golfer. His other interests included professional and collegiate sports, his pet dogs and antique cars.

He is survived by a son, P. Christopher Cotturo, his wife, Hope, of Bangor, and their daughter, Mary; a daughter, Nicole M. Brungard, her husband, Randy, of Howard, PA, their son, Paul, his wife, Kelsey, and their children, Blake and Miles; and a beloved extended family, including cousins, nieces and nephews. Brothers, Daniel, Anthony and Palmer A.; and sisters, Jennie Maiorano and Grace Sisolak, who all predeceased.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church at the corner of Third and Garibaldi Avenues in Roseto. No calling hours. Services are under the care of the Fiore Funeral Home 30 Market Street Bangor, PA 18013. Online condolences may be offered at www.fiorefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Elevator Fund, or the AWSOM Animal Shelter PO Box 13, Stroudsburg, PA. 18013

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
1 Garibaldi Ave
Roseto, PA 18013
(610) 588-2183

Tribute Wall

LN

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dr. Cotturo's passing. I worked for Doc when he was in Bangor. He was great to work for, always had a smile. He will be greatly missed by the many patients who loved him as a person and a great Dentist.

Linda Nagy-Reto - December 06, 2023 at 04:54 PM

JY

“ To the Cotturo family.
I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Palmer, one of my best friends for over 60 years. During those years we shared many memorable moments and significant events which will never be forgotten.
His “persona” was such that reflected a genuine caring and generosity devoid of any pretense.
To the Cotturo family may peace and comfort be with you as you share pleasant family memories.
A devoted friend, Joseph Yannuzzi

Joseph Yannuzzi - December 05, 2023 at 07:08 PM

RA

“ My deepest condolences to the family .Rachel

Rachel - December 05, 2023 at 01:41 PM

ME

“ I will remember Dr. Cotturo as my dentist and a close friend of the family. He & Mrs. Cotturo spent many good times with my parents. Also, he allowed us to use his antique Rolls Royce for our wedding car. He was a kind soul. May he rest in eternal peace.

Mark V. Ehrlich

Mark V. Ehrlich - December 05, 2023 at 08:44 AM

MS

“ *Christopher and Nicole*

Sarah and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of our good friend Palmer. Doc was a great guy and a terrific friend.

I will never forget the golf trips to Florida and all the fun the six of us had for over thirty years. We will never forget him, he was one of a kind.

God Bless him!

Regards,

Marino and Sarah Saveri

marino saveri - December 04, 2023 at 05:50 PM

JC

“ *Our sincere condolences to Chris, Nicole, and the entire family.*
John and Diane Cascioli

John M Cascioli - December 04, 2023 at 03:49 PM

GS

Dr. Cotturo was a generous & kind man. He will be remembered by many of us who had the privilege to know him for many years. Great guy...RIP Doc

Gloria Antonioli Somogyi

Gloria Antonioli Somogyi - December 05, 2023 at 02:47 AM

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Joseph Yannuzzi - December 05, 2023 at 06:28 PM