

## Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.

February 20, 1945 - June 13, 2021

A. John Saranko, M.D., 76, of Plant City Florida, born on February 20, 1945 in Tampa, entered into eternal rest on June 13, 2021. He was known as “Johnny” when he graduated from Pinecrest School in 1962. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps with the rank of Sergeant, and as he always said: “Once a Marine, Always a Marine.” In 1967, he married the love of his life Pat of South Carolina, and later graduated from Clemson University in 1971. In 1977, he earned his M.D. from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He completed a residency in Family Practice at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach, serving as Chief Resident during his final year. After many years away, Dr. John wanted to build his practice and raise his family in his hometown. He returned to Plant City in 1980 and established a solo medical practice. In 1998, he and Dr. Gregg Gutowski established the Family Practice Center of Plant City, where he cared for patients until his retirement in 2018. Not only was he a compassionate physician, he served in many volunteer positions in Plant City and state-wide. From volunteering as team doc for local high schools to serving in many leadership positions at South Florida Baptist Hospital, his dedication to improving healthcare in his community was always at the forefront. He was an active member with the Florida Academy of Family Physicians, where he served as President and was honored as the Florida Family Physician of the Year.

He was a long time member of Welcome Baptist Church and knew Christ as his Lord and Savior. Being raised on the farm, he remained true to his roots. Some of his passions were his orange grove, raising cattle, and gardening. He was passionate about cycling, on and off-road. He loved riding the back-country roads with his biking buddies as well as participating in organized rides throughout the Southeast. As a flatlander, his proudest accomplishment was completing the grueling Assault on Mt. Mitchell event at the age of 74. Above all else, he loved his family and always made his wife and children a priority, generously pouring his time and love into their care. In his later years he dedicated a great deal of love and attention to his grandchildren, who knew him as Papa. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pat; children, Chris (Tammi) of Roswell, Georgia, and Kim Whitaker (Andy) of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Lindsay, Samuel, Suzi, AJ, and Graham; siblings, James Saranko, Kathleen Adkins, and Joe Saranko (Sue). John was preceded in death by his parents, Andy and Juanita Saranko. A funeral service will be held Friday, June 25 at 4:00 P.M. at Welcome Baptist Church, 11308 Welcome Church Street, Lithia, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. He will lay in rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund at [www.jdrf.org/donate](http://www.jdrf.org/donate) and/or the American Diabetes Association at [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org). Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Welcome Baptist Church  
11308 Welcome Church Street  
Lithia, FL

## Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 23, 2021 at 12:32 PM

BK

*Beautiful*

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**Beverly kohr** - June 28, 2021 at 07:44 PM

DB

*There will never be another you. Missed you... before you even retired. Best Dr ever, a beautiful person through and through. God bless the family and may they know he was truly loved by many.*

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**Dave and Brenda Benefield** - October 08, 2021 at 12:58 PM

EG

“ Great Dr and man it's been 3 years hard to believe, what was cause of death

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**Earl green** - August 21, 2024 at 11:43 AM

SL

“ Can't believe it has been 2 years since you left this earth and now with the Lord. I wanted to post a message before now but our whole family was so saddened to hear of your passing and just couldn't do it then.

I am thankful we had spoken on the phone just a few weeks before .....I remember talking with you about Ricks Widow Maker heart attack and how Rick had no real "heart" symptoms before it happened and we almost lost him... I told him how much we all missed him and knew if Rick had had his physical and EKG as you always did it for over 35 years.... you would have sent him to a cardiologist with all the continual indigestion, etc. to rule out heart. He told Rick.... "If you have any discomfort or anything you tell Lynn and go to the cardiologist". ! You sounded so good on the phone being retired and we were happy when you were able to retire..... Won't ever forget how you made home visits for my Dad during the 3 years of us taking care of him from a terrible Brain Tumor..... You were special and caring and I really don;t know many Dr;s that do what you did for so many!

. Know your with the Lord now and the things of earth are not a worry there. Love your family and praying for them because they loved you so. You are missed by so many and we will see you one day in heaven. Thanks for the care and sweet friendship (and you definitely spoiled us with great care as our Dr)and also the years we worked together at SFBH. You were the best!

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Susan-Lynn Lewis - June 24, 2023 at 03:58 PM

KB

“ It's been a year today since you left us. I missed my birthday call from you this year and your text. I will never forget the memories I have as your employee and a friend. You will forever be in my heart.



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Karen Brewer - June 13, 2022 at 03:01 PM

RM

“ John was a Marine Corps brother. He and I were working on a program for recognizing Vietnam Veterans within the Florida Academy of Family Physicians until sidelined by the pandemic. We shared a love of cycling and gardening. I will carry the veteran recognition project forward in his memory. Semper Fidelis, John. Condolences to his surviving family.

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**Russ Hostetler, MD** - April 10, 2022 at 09:11 AM

RO

“ My prayers go out to Pat and his children for the loss of this most wonderful man, father, doctor, Christian. He was my friend, my client and always enjoyed our annual visits to review his insurance contracts. What a marvelous grasp he had of so many things and always learned from him. May he rest in peace and look forward to seeing him again in heaven.

*Rolly Rollyson*

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**Rolly** - June 29, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MA

“ He was. my hubands Dr. for a long time. this is a real loss for. me.. He was. so. caring. and wonderful to my husband. Gerald O. Davis. he. passed. away March 6 2009. My. prayers go oout. to you. Mary. Davis

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**Mary** - June 27, 2021 at 02:23 PM

TF

“ You will be so missed by many, for you were so loved.



Trish farmer - June 25, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DJ

Dr.Sarankwas my doctor for a few years. He was a very kind, quiet soul. I still remember him to my wife who he was her doctor also and worked for years at South Florida Baptist. So sorry for your loss, very kind soul 🙏

Donald jewell - September 15, 2022 at 03:11 PM

JS

“ Dr.John was the model doctor. He was thoughtful, considerate, and his bed-aside manners were second to none. His patients had to wait their turn...but it was worth the wait to see him. His knowledge and professionalism were never questioned. He owned a “little black bag”, and often carried it on a home visit. Caring for, his patients and loving his family were the focus of his life. Jesus welcomed him into heaven, and said..”well done my good and faithful servant”.

jimmy and Jane Saranko - June 24, 2021 at 10:16 PM

RP

“ Rhonda Pinkston lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Rhonda Pinkston - June 24, 2021 at 07:22 PM

LO

“*Dr. Saranko was an amazing doctor and human being. I am so thankful he was my doctor for decades and will always remember his boots and jeans, chats about his biking and his greatest loves...his wife, children and grandchildren. He was so proud of his family and I always enjoyed seeing photos of you all. I am forever appreciative that when I came into his office for what I thought was the flu, he was able to quickly diagnose me and send me to the ER. My appendix had ruptured 2 weeks earlier and I was in grave condition. Even though he had a long day in the office with patients, he still came to the hospital and waited while I was having tests and diagnostics run. He was caring and thorough and came to see me daily while I was in the hospital. Later, he told me how fortunate I was to have survived and he helped make that possible with his quick reaction.*

*Besides being a great doctor, he was also a great friend to my father, Dr. Hakeem. When my father was dying, I contacted Dr. Saranko and he was so kind and compassionate. I am so glad I was able to get this photo of us and my daughters, Elizabeth and Savannah, at my father's memorial on June 27, 2018. Always a ray of sunshine, with a hug and a smile. He accidentally text me a photo of Kim with her friends at a football game back in September 2019. I'm glad he did, because I had another chance to tell him how appreciative I was of him. He said he was enjoying retirement, but missed his patients and his old crew. His last piece of advise for me was to "Enjoy every minute with them! They grow up so fast!" in regards to being a mother. I'm glad I kept the text, as it is a treasure.*

*Sending prayers for strength and comfort for Mrs. Saranko, Chris, Kim and the rest of your family. Dr. Saranko's legacy will live on through you and those who have been touched by his life.*

*Lori Hakeem Oxley*





Lori Hakeem Oxley - June 24, 2021 at 03:53 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Moore Garrison - June 24, 2021 at 11:36 AM

LA

“ Dear, dear Aunt Pat....and family, I am sending healing thoughts and prayers for you at this devastating time of loss. I hope you will take comfort in the good memories of John and a life well lived. Please call or email if i can help in any way. Much love, Linda

Linda Anthony - June 24, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..



June 23, 2021 at 08:31 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Jalbert lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



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**Darlene Jalbert** - June 23, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go to my sweet sister Pat and her dear family, Chris(Tammi) and Kim(Andy), Lindsay Kate, Cal, Suzi, Andrew John (A.J.) and Graham Henry, on the untimely death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather John. I will always remember my brother-in-law John as a proud Marine, as a solid orange Clemson Tiger and as a wonderful and compassionate Doctor. But most of all, I will remember him as wonderful and loving husband to my sister Pat and a strong and loving father father to Chris and Kim. John's life legacy is really so great that it can't be summed up in a few words, but John loved life, his farming, biking, fishing, hunting, his compassion for medicine, and his family, were all part of this complex and brilliant man. John will be fondly remembered by the thousands whose lives he touched and were effected by his presents in their lives. In the end John will be remembered for the life he lived and the family he helped to create and raise with my wonderful sister Pat.*

*Brother-in-law and friend for fifty five years.*

*Monte A. Hart*

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**Monte A. Hart** - June 23, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*

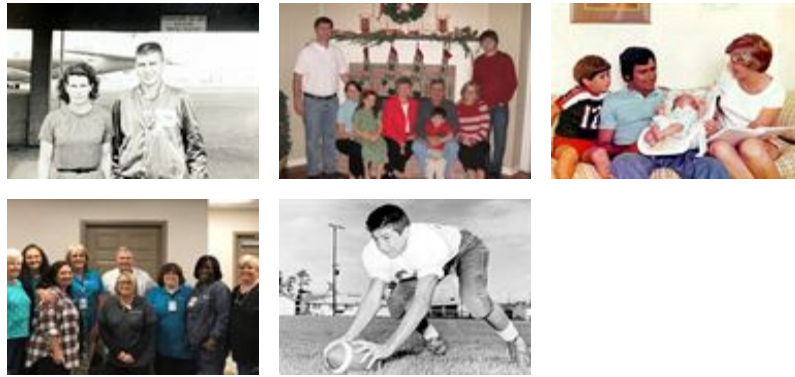


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June 23, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - June 23, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*



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June 23, 2021 at 08:59 AM

RB

“ Dr Saranko was our doctor and friend for over 35 years. He took care of us, our children, and later our grandchildren. It was a blessing to have a doctor who listened and truly cared. His compassion was always evident and his humor was a bonus! Our daughter(who was 10 and scared) saw him with an infected toenail. He asked “does that hurt?” She tearfully said yes!! He said “I haven’t touched you yet!” He took care of the gash on our grand daughter’s forehead when she rode her cousin’s motorized skateboard (his mom needed more consoling than she did). I especially remember when a friend’s husband died suddenly and he came to her home and knelt and prayed with her. He laughed and cried and hugged us through the years and he will be missed! We are praying for comfort and peace for Pat and the family.

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**Randy & Barbara Bailey** - June 23, 2021 at 08:44 AM

CA

“ Dr. Saranko was a one of a kind doctor; caring compassionate, and a friend. He saw 3 generations of my family. During our visits he loved to talk about his family especially his kids and grandkids. Since he retired I am still looking for a doctor that can come close to his personalized care. Sending prayers of comfort to his wife, children, and grandkids.

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**Calisha** - June 23, 2021 at 07:23 AM

JA

*I didn't really know Dr Saranko. But every time I met one of his patients, I asked about him. After years of hearing what a great doctor he was, I started asking patients to tell me something bad about him. Over the years all he got was praise. Obviously, I was playing devils advocate, his patients love and respect for him was tremendous. Had a daughter in medical school planning on family practice. Told her to go observe Dr Saranko, what ever he was doing was Magic. Fortunately, upon graduating and starting a family practice in Plant City, they got to meet. Kelli Woody MD was very impressed, my recommendation was to emulate Dr Saranko and his practice. I can only hope she follows in his footsteps, it would make me tremendously PROUD. So thank you Dr Saranko for being a role model in so many ways to my daughter and everyone else! You have passed on a legacy of caring and hope.*

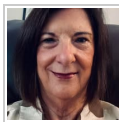
John David Woody MD anesthesiologist - June 27, 2021 at 02:36 PM

CH

“ May I have this dance. I will treasure this photo always when my doc asked me to dance at my sons wedding. ❤️



cher hogue - June 22, 2021 at 08:58 PM



Karen Brewer - June 23, 2021 at 12:42 PM


CF

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Chantal Frederick - June 22, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ My heart  is sadden for the loss of such a wonderful man. He delivered my daughter and was my mom's favorite person in the world. He will forever be missed.sheila wiggins

Sheila Wiggins - June 22, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - June 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM

AB

“ Amanda Browning lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Amanda Browning - June 22, 2021 at 11:08 AM

RC

“ John was my first true physician. Without doubt one of the truly sincere people in Plant City. During visits conversation would range from college days, football, bike riding etc. The staff would have to come into the exam room multiple times and try to drag him out. He made you feel welcome and always showed interest what a person had to say. They don't turn out many guys like that any longer. You will be missed.

Richard Calhoun - June 22, 2021 at 09:23 AM

TF

“ *The Hakeem Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*



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**The Hakeem Family** - June 21, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*



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June 21, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*



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June 20, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..*



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June 20, 2021 at 11:52 AM

GH

“ When Dr. Saranko opened his practice in 1980, I was a nurse on staff at SFBH. All of us members of the nursing staff loved working with such a caring and compassionate doctor. One can read all of these tributes and know the true character of the man; plus he was excellent at his "trade". It was my pleasure to have crossed paths with such a wonderful person.

*Gloria J. Halber*

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**Gloria J. Halber** - June 20, 2021 at 08:15 AM

RU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Rusty** - June 19, 2021 at 09:21 PM

TR

“ Terry Russ lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



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**Terry Russ** - June 19, 2021 at 09:20 PM

LS

“ Laurie And Ken Swallows lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Laurie and Ken Swallows - June 19, 2021 at 11:22 AM

LS

*Dr. Saranko was the best doctor ever. He was our doctor for many years. I drove from Lakeland just to be able to see him. I was so upset when he retired and now sad to hear of his passing. I am sure glad that we were able to cross paths. What a blessing. Condolences to his family. He was for sure genuine and very caring.*

Laurie, Ken Swallows - June 19, 2021 at 11:31 AM

NM

“ *I first met Dr. Saranko in 1980 when he first came to town and we worked together in geriatrics for many years AT the old Forest Park Nursing home , at Community Convalescent Center and at what was NHC on Wilder Rd. He was kind and respectful to all his patients and they loved him. He was realistic about their care. yet firm if he felt something was for their good. He was always professional and I never saw him be disrespectful to anyone whether housekeeper or nurse. I also knew him thru Family Practice Center when my primary care physician was not available. I trusted his opinion and his diagnosis. To say he will be greatly missed by so many is a vast understatement Special prayers to you the family as you go thru this most difficult time. Nora L. McClendon former DON NHC Wilder road*

Nora McClendon - June 19, 2021 at 11:04 AM

MP

*Dr Saranko was my doctor for many years he was a loving caring gentle man he always took so much time and patience when you were in his care I'm so very sorry for his loss I also am sure that Heaven is rejoicing for his presence there*

mary ann potter - June 19, 2021 at 01:46 PM

MP

*There is no way possible to say how sorry I am for the loss of this patient loving caring man He is so loved by all who knew him I'm no exception he was my dr until he retired I know that It's a terrible loss for us all But as a Christian I know that He is in Heaven with our Lord and Savior I know that we will see him again I'm so sorry for his family's loss May God Give you comfort I'll be keeping you all in my prayers*

mary ann potter - June 19, 2021 at 01:51 PM

TC

*Dr. Saranko saved my five year old son's life in 1982, and delivered another of my sons in 1983. He was my physician from 1982 until his retirement, so I got to know him well enough to say with certainty that he is the one of the few truly great human beings I have met in this life.*

Tom Crowe - June 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM

RB

*Dr. Saranko, we always talked "trash," you being a "Marine" and me being a "Flyboy," and the trash we jabbed at each other. You served your country, you served the people of your community, but more than anything, you carried out the "Great Commission" God gave to all of us, and that was, to love all. God didn't have to commission you to love us, it came naturally to you, and you did love everyone so much. I will miss that. I will miss the times you just talked with me. I will miss the "cowboy boots and the denim jeans" you wore instead of the dress clothes' usually worn by doctors. There will always be a "Missing Man" flyover in my heart for you. I know as Marines, ya'll "Never leave a brother behind," creed,....well you didn't leave us behind Dr. Saranko, you are the "Point Man," you are leading the way, and to you a forever,.....OORAHHHH!!!!*

Roger Bennett - June 20, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ I remember him at the hospital.He was a good Doctor and always so friendly.Chandra Glass

Chandra Glass - June 19, 2021 at 10:38 AM

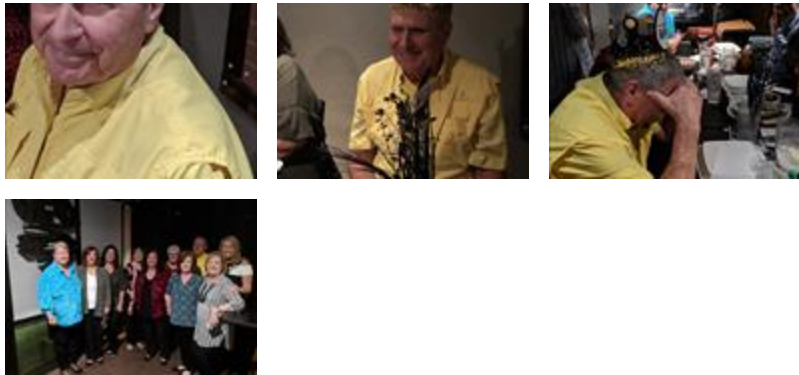


“ He was a good man and he will be missed. Nadine White

Nadine White - June 19, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ Retirement Dinner for our wonderful boss. His original staff with a few missing. We will always cherish our wonderful memories together.



Karen Brewer - June 18, 2021 at 08:00 PM



Karen Moore Garrison - June 19, 2021 at 12:28 AM



Karen Moore Garrison - June 19, 2021 at 12:29 AM

CH

*A special night! I loved him so much!! ❤️*

cher hogue - June 22, 2021 at 08:38 PM

CH

*Loved him so! ❤️*

cher hogue - June 22, 2021 at 08:39 PM

SA

“ *Love and prayers to the Saranko family.*

Susan Alverio - June 18, 2021 at 07:44 PM

CA

“ *Colleen Annalora lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



Colleen Annalora - June 18, 2021 at 06:55 PM

CA

*Dr. John was a wonderful family man and a devote Christian, so kind and compassionate. He was the best Dr. I ever had and I always reminded him of that so I could see the big smile he always had on his face. Loved his cowboy boots and biking stories. He will be missed by everyone in Plant City, Welcome Baptist and anyone he came in contact with. My heartfelt condolences to his sweet family. God Bless you all during this tragic time of sorrow.*

Colleen Annalora - June 18, 2021 at 07:06 PM

RM

“ *Great doctor and human being.RIP  
Condolences R.D.Eichberg MD*

Rodolfo Eichberg MD - June 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM

SK

“ Sally Carson Kimmel lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Sally Carson Kimmel - June 18, 2021 at 10:04 AM

KW

“ Uncle John made an impact on the lives of so many especially mine. You have created a legacy that all can be proud of. My deepest sympathies to the Saranko family.  
Sincerely,  
Kathleen Denise Adkins Walker

Kathleen Denise Adkins Walker - June 17, 2021 at 11:48 PM

RC

“ Ron, Cecilia ,Joseph (Scherer) and Courtney purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D..



Ron, Cecilia ,Joseph (Scherer) and Courtney - June 17, 2021 at 10:19 PM

KE

“ Karen Egdorf lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Karen Egdorf - June 17, 2021 at 09:26 PM

KE

*I was blessed to call you my friend, boss and doctor, to share so many challenges along with great joys over the years. We lost one of the best, my world is dimmer without you but so grateful for the time you were in it.*

Karen Egdorf - June 17, 2021 at 09:41 PM

GC

*“ My condolences to the family. He was a wonderful doctor to me. I am grateful to Jane Saranko for introducing me and I have never had another doctor with such a great personality and such skill.*

Gloria Chamberlin - June 17, 2021 at 07:53 PM

LM

*“ The McDaniel family lights this candle in honor of a great Man and Dr.*



Lori McDaniel - June 17, 2021 at 06:45 PM

KP

*“ Kerri Peyton lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



kerri Peyton - June 17, 2021 at 05:57 PM

MF

“ *Our family lights this candle in loving memory of Dr. A. John Saranko.*



Mrs. Cynthia Ballard and Family - June 17, 2021 at 05:49 PM

MF

“ *Dr Saranko was a compassionate doctor whom we all loved. Always a smile for every person he met. Our condolences to his family and friends. We loved him dearly. He shall be missed deeply. Mrs. Cynthia Ballard & Family*

Mrs. Cynthia Ballard and Family - June 17, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *I am sooo sorry for your loss!  
You can a lot about a man when you look to the Family that he helped create and raise. What a wonderful legacy he leaves. The Entire Saranko/Whitaker Family is in my Prayers.*

*God Bless You all and Rest In Peace Dr. John...*

Andy Harding - June 17, 2021 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ *Prayers to the Saranko family. Such a wonderful compassionate Doctor and human being. Gone to soon and will be missed greatly. Rest In Peace Doc.*

*Audrey Miller*

Audrey Miller - June 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM

MD

“ Dr. John will forever be remembered by the Deese family. His dedication to his profession helped many patients through the years. He was kind and compassionate. His family is in our prayers.

Melody Deese - June 17, 2021 at 11:24 AM

JP

“ Prayers for Dr. Saranko's family. He was a really wonderful person.

Jane Poppell - June 17, 2021 at 11:15 AM

WB

“ Prayers for Dr. John Saranko's family. Seriously the best doctor ever! A compassionate and kind doctor who was a friend. God bless you.

Wendy Brown - June 17, 2021 at 11:02 AM

PP

“ This is Paul Perry . I have known John for many years working in ER of SFBH.  
Great person great caring physician  
Pray that the Lord will give peace that surpasses all knowledge to family  
Paul Perry

Paul Perry - June 17, 2021 at 09:28 AM

RD

“ Sending our love and Prayers to the Saranko family.

The Stanaland Family

Rachael Stanaland Dinsmore - June 17, 2021 at 07:08 AM

DW

“ I had worked with Dr. Saranko since 1989 when I joined SFBH. He was always respectful and kind. When my middle son was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at 11 yr old, he would cover for our Dr.- Dr. Gutowski and when Zach would hear those boots walking in the room he would get excited because his buddy Dr. Saranko was there to see him. I have so many precious memories of the years and the people whose lives he touched. Mine is one. Rest in sweet paradise my friend.

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**Donna Washburn** - June 17, 2021 at 05:54 AM

NS

*Dr Saranko has been my doctor for over 30 years until he retired. He was a kind and gentle man who was loved and respected by so many of our community. My deepest condolences to all his family and friends. RIP Dr. Saranko you are dearly missed!*

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**Ninette Stevens** - June 17, 2021 at 06:15 AM

BK

*Dr. Sarandon was also my doctor for many years until I moved to Lakeland. Very respectful and kind. Rest in Peace!!! You will be missed*

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**Brenda Kimsey** - June 17, 2021 at 06:46 AM

CM

*What a beautiful man. I worked with him at sfbh*

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**CYNTHIA mccann** - June 17, 2021 at 07:37 AM

PB

*Sending love and prayers to to the family he was indeed a beautiful man. I worked with him in South Florida Baptist hospital for 30 years I'll never forget those cowboy boots always a gentleman my condolences to the family he will be greatly missed*

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**Pat D Booth** - June 17, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *He was my doctor from 1981 till to 2017 and also to my kids plus husband. I have a lot of fond memories of him and how much he cared. He loved joking around with people and supported you if you were going thru ruff times. I am sad he is gone but believe he gain his wings in heaven. RIP in peace Dr. Saranko and thanks for being a wonderful doctor with compassion here on earth.*

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**Helen Riel** - June 17, 2021 at 05:46 AM

PV

*I have known Dr. Saranko since he was growing up at Welcome church. When he became a doctor, I became his patient and so did my husband & was so sad when he retired. He was always kind, patient compassionate and would listen if you needed it. He was my friend, my doctor and my brother in Christ. If you saw him somewhere else & needed to ask a medical question, he would always listen and try to help you. He will be sorely missed, Our loss is heavens gain. RIP. Praying for his precious family.*

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**Pat Varnum** - June 17, 2021 at 10:14 AM

PS

*I am sad beyond words can express. John was our family doctor, including my parents. But he was also a friend. As many others have expressed he was one of the kindness & most compassionate people I've ever known. When he died the world lost one of the good men and heaven gained one. Prayers are for Pat and the entire family .... May our Lord provide each of you with Peace, Comfort & healing for your broken hearts. I hope someday sweet, happy memories will ease your grief.*

*God bless you each,  
Paula, Joe, JP & Jeff Sedita*

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**Paula Sedita** - June 17, 2021 at 10:05 PM

GD

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. He was our doctor from 1982 till he retired. He delivered our son Johnathan. He was his pediatrician until he became an adult. He became our family doctor. At that time he was in the building behind the hospital. He took time to answer your questions and he never rushed through his appointments. He was a good ol' country doctor. I cried when he retired. He didn't beat around the bush and he told you like it was. He will be missed so much by so many people. A great Christian man. He was the best!  
RIP Dr Saranko



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**George & Linda Dionne** - June 17, 2021 at 12:12 AM

DS

“ To Dr. Saranko's family, friends and countless loved ones, I send loving thoughts and prayers. For 30 years, I was blessed to be his patient and his favorite Histologist at South Florida Baptist Hospital. Okay, I was the only Histologist at SFBH and he needed my assistance on occasion. Lab coat, blue jeans, and cowboy boots....my fave. We shared many laughs in between my tears, complaints, fears, and health issues. I will forever remember him rolling his eyes or shaking his head with a smirk as I told some stories. I will ,also, never forget the look on his face when I handed him a letter because I couldn't speak about why I was seeing him. His empathy and kindness followed with an "I am so sorry" and a hug helped me know everything would be all right in time. Here's to Dr. Saranko with all my gratitude and love forever. Dori Streeter ❤️

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**Dori Streeter** - June 16, 2021 at 11:57 PM

RB

*Dr Saranko was our doctor and friend for over 35 years. He took care of us, our children, and later our grandchildren. It was a blessing to have a doctor who listened and truly cared. His compassion was always evident and his humor was a bonus! Our daughter(who was 10 and scared) saw him with an infected toenail. He asked "does that hurt?" She tearfully said yes!! He said "I haven't touched you yet!" He took care of the gash on our grand daughter's forehead when she rode her cousin's motorized skateboard (his mom needed more consoling than she did). I especially remember when a friend's husband died suddenly and he came to her home and knelt and prayed with her. He laughed and cried and hugged us through the years and he will be missed! We are praying for comfort and peace for Pat and the family*

Randy & Barbara Bailey - June 19, 2021 at 02:48 PM

CG

*“ I am among the many who loved & respected John as a great family doctor, a devoted husband, father, & grandfather, a kind & giving friend, a caring Christian soul, a wonderful business partner, & an untiring athlete. He loved his jeans & boots, his bikes, Clemson, and having a good time. Our village has lost one of the best. Our love & prayers for Pat, Chris, Kim & families.*

Cindy Gutowski - June 16, 2021 at 11:16 PM

PC

*“ Respected and loved by all that new him. Dr. John was simply the best. He was my cousin, friend and family doctor for many years. He delivered my second son and took great care of me and my family as well as many others in this community. We take comfort in knowing you are in heaven and we will see you again one day soon. Rest In Peace Cuz, Dr. John Saranko. Love, Patti Saranko Chancey and family.*



Patricia Saranko Chancey - June 16, 2021 at 10:58 PM

DM

“ *Dianna Mask lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



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**Dianna Mask** - June 16, 2021 at 10:48 PM

CG

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**Cindy Gutowski** - June 16, 2021 at 10:47 PM

BT

“ *Beth Tancredo lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



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**Beth Tancredo** - June 16, 2021 at 10:45 PM

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“ *Beth Tanctedo lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.*



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**Beth Tanctedo** - June 16, 2021 at 10:44 PM

AS

“ John delivered my youngest son. He was premature and they wanted to do a C section, but my son wouldn't wait. When he came into my room the next day and I saw his name tag, I told him I had gone to school with a Saranko. He asked what school...Pinecrest. It was his younger brother Joe. He remained my family Dr till I moved out of state in 1991. He was a great Dr and person. Always had time for questions and you never felt like you were just another number. This world list a great one.



Arlene Murphy Southall - June 16, 2021 at 10:09 PM

DB

My family and the Saranko family were neighbors when I was a little girl. One of their kids and I ate peanut butter out of the jar, on the front porch. So sorry to hear of his death. We went to Cedar Grove Church at that time and daddy was the preacher. Shirley Hope mentioned this doctor recently. I went to Pinecrest 1956-1958.

Dorothy Page Blalock - June 16, 2021 at 10:29 PM

JM

Dr. Saranko was an amazing human being. He offered so much support to me over the last few years. His caring and compassion touched me so much. First I watched as he gently held my step-mother's hand and kissed her on the forehead as a way to say goodbye in the hours before her death. He then helped me navigate the care of my father. He always went out of his way to speak to me when we visited Welcome Baptist and he was loved by so many of my family members. His legacy will live on in this community. My prayers are with his wife and family.

Jaye Mestre - June 24, 2021 at 09:54 PM

CM

“ CATHY MARTIN lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



CATHY MARTIN - June 16, 2021 at 10:08 PM



*Dr. Saranko was my doctor and my parents' as well. The care and devotion that he showed his patients was unparalleled and renowned. He took time, knew those he cared for, and went the extra mile in every way. While I did not know his wife, children, and grandchildren, I knew from the comments he made in all the years I knew him that they were the joy of his life! He loved his cycling, working outside, etc. and I'm so glad he got to enjoy a few years in retirement! He was a veteran, a role model, and more than a doctor, but a friend to so many!! May God bless him and the family he so dearly loved!!*

Cathy Martin - June 16, 2021 at 10:18 PM

JA

“ Jo Lynn Azoon lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Jo Lynn Azoon - June 16, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JA

“ My memories go so far back with Dr Saranko. He was my kids family doctor as well as mine. I worked with him for many years in Labor and Delivery and Newborn nursery at SFBH. He took great care of many of my family members. He was truly a gentle giant. He had a huge heart and was always there to offer a hug or emotional support. He will missed by so many. He made quite the fashion statement to see him coming down the hall in his scrubs and those famous cowboy boots. Rest In Peace Doc. You will be missed. Jo Lynn Azoon.

Jo Lynn Azoon - June 16, 2021 at 09:13 PM

KG

Jo Lynn those cowboy boots were the best!

Karen Moore Garrison - June 17, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RJ

“ Randy Joyce lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Randy Joyce - June 16, 2021 at 09:05 PM

BR

“ Difficult to put into words our love and respect for this man... our family doctor and our friend since he opened his first office. We will never forget him. Prayers for the family during this difficult time. Thank you Dr. Saranko for being one of the best! Your friends, Bobby and Sally Raburn

Bobby and Sally Raburn - June 16, 2021 at 08:56 PM

NG

“ Norman Gullion lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Norman Gullion - June 16, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ Scott Grace lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Scott Grace - June 16, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ Karen Brewer lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Karen Brewer - June 16, 2021 at 08:35 PM

SS

“ Sandra ShirleyWaldron lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Sandra ShirleyWaldron - June 16, 2021 at 08:27 PM

SS

*Pilot Strong!*

Sandra ShirleyWaldron - June 16, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DB

“ I have so much that I could say about my dear friend, but I would be here for days. I will simply say that my life was enriched the day I meet Dr Saranko. The education my boys received from him on being a Marine "Semper Fi". All my love to his family, know that he will always be treasured and remembered.



Deborah Bradbury - June 16, 2021 at 08:01 PM

KJ

“ Karen Moore Garrison Jones lit a candle in memory of Dr. A. John Saranko, M.D.



Karen Moore Garrison Jones - June 16, 2021 at 07:08 PM

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“ I worked for Dr Saranko 13 years until he retired. He was always compassionate and would stop and listen to you no matter what or how busy he was. I remember not long after I started he made a comment that he can't make the new girl cry. I will miss him. Semper Fi Marine...



Angie Russell (Thorpe) - June 16, 2021 at 06:55 PM

KG

“ Dr Saranko was my boss for almost 23 years. He taught me so much! He was one of my favorite people and one of my best friends and like a second Dad to me! I will miss him so much but I will never ever forget what a caring compassionate kind man he was and how he took care of my whole family! He truly was one of a kind. He helped me through some really hard times especially when my husband David passed away. He use to tell us girls at work that it was a privilege being his patients Doctor! But the privilege was ours working for and knowing him! And I hope it made him happy that I became a CLEMSON TIGER FAN 💜💗!

Karen Moore Garrison - June 16, 2021 at 06:52 PM

GA

“ Being my mother's brother, Dr. Saranko was always known to me as "Uncle John." Growing up, he did more for me than I ever could thank him for. Learning of his passing has left a hole in me that I can only hope to fill with memories of time on the farm, or in the grove. This world is a lesser place without him it.

George Adkins - June 16, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ My heart is broken. Dr. Saranko was my boss for 30 years. He was a perfectionist and expected the same from his employees. I quit on him at least 3 or 4 times because he would make me cry when I did not do my job correctly. The last time I quit he told me, " I will never hire you back." 😞. I retired 5 years ago with 30 years in with the most kind, compassionate, loving boss, Doctor and friend. I will always love you, Dr. Saranko

Karen Brewer - June 16, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DK

*My ❤️ was TRULY saddened after learning of Dr. Saranko"s passing. He was my Dr. for about 26 years(until 2016) . He was the most caring, compassionate and CHRISTIAN Dr. I've ever had. As others have said, He TRULY took the time to listen. Sadly, there will never be another A.J. Saranko...Rest In Peace*

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**Denese Kitchen** - June 16, 2021 at 07:30 PM

FM

*Dr Saranko was our family doctor and neighbor for over forty years. I credit him with saving my life two separate times. When my mother-in-law who was living with us in her final days Dr Saranko was there for her and us. When my father and mother came to live with us in their final years Dr Saranko was there for all of us. Dr Saranko came to our home to care for them. When Dr Saranko retired from his practice it was a great loss, great doctors are very hard to replace. Pat, being a doctors wife takes a very special person to put up with the late nights and early mornings, weekends a doctor spends at the hospital instead of home with the family. You have been that person. The Martinson family offers you our profound condolences for you and your family. Dr Saranko will be missed.*

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**Fred Martinson** - June 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM