



Dr. David C. Stanton

August 14, 1962 - November 13, 2020

Dr. David C. Stanton, born in Pottsville, PA, son of Bill and Doris Stanton, passed away on November 13, 2020 at age 58. He resided in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania with his beloved wife and daughter. He predeceases his wife Linda, daughter Kelsey, mother Doris, and extended family. Dave was everything to Doris, Kelsey, and Linda. He was affectionately known as Daddy, Dave, Davis, and occasionally Dabe. He was the fixer of things. The family motto was “Keep Calm and Let Davis Handle It”! He persevered and got the job done. Always. Dave was typically first to complete any crossword puzzle. He loved putting in the yard and mastering home repairs, showed patience with his fig tree, was our preferred grill master, and used his boy scout skills to make the biggest, warmest fires in his wood stove and backyard firepit. He was proud of his homemade chickpea curry stew and his quinoa salad, and loved experimenting with specialty cocktails to honor friends and celebrate special occasions. He loved music, from trombone playing to whistling and singing, and had the cat trained to come running when he whistled the Woody Woodpecker song. He was a huge Phillies, Eagles, and Steelers fan. He was gentle. Patient. Loving. Intelligent. Self-reliant. In addition to being loved by his family, Dave was an exceptionally talented and conscientious colleague, and a loyal friend. His smile and positive attitude were contagious, and he had a wicked wit and sense of humor.

He had an extremely accomplished career. He earned a B.S. from The University of Pittsburgh and Doctor of Dental Medicine and Medical Doctor

degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He then completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Training at The University of Pennsylvania, followed by Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery fellowships at Northwestern and Midwestern Universities.

Upon completion of his studies, he joined a full-time, hospital-based, level 1 trauma practice at the University of Pennsylvania, where he practiced for the past 24 years. Over his career, he held dozens of faculty appointments and received numerous awards and honors. As an educator, he delivered countless lectures and authored extensive research and publications. He was an intelligent, levelheaded, dedicated oral and maxillofacial surgeon who was an outstanding faculty member, AAOMS committee volunteer, CODA Commissioner, and ABOMS Board examiner. Above all, he was known as an exceptional surgeon, supportive mentor, and compassionate caregiver.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift in Dave's name to either St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 415 E Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA, 19003 OR Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 W Arch Street, Pottsville, PA, 17901.

His Funeral Service will be livestreamed on Sat. Nov. 21st., 12 Noon at:

<http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsardmore>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0ovHDehUO51-hSamFv-NQ>

Both are found on the frontpage of: www.stpaulsardmore.com

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Dave - i cant believe its been almost a year since you left. i will be teaching my first live AO course since 2019 - the last time i saw you. You have been my friend and colleague for 25 years. I miss your warmth, smile, sense of humor, and kindness to me. Thank you for being in my life, being my friend.

Shahid Aziz

Shahid Aziz - October 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM

NH

“ Dr. David Stanton performed oral surgeries on my husband. He was professional, yet warm and caring. I, instantly admired his expertise and was comfortable and confident to have him care for my husband. We had a follow up appointment scheduled for November 2020 and were abruptly notified on the day prior that all appointments were being rescheduled as Dr. Stanton would not be available and there was no information when he would return. We thought it was odd but since we were in a pandemic, we thought nothing more of it. Today, I enquired if he was back so get we could schedule an appointment and was informed of his passing. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, loved ones, and colleagues. This is certainly a profound loss to us all. Praying God's peace and comfort for his family and loved ones. May his soul continue to Rest In Peace.

Norma and Selvin Harris

Norma and Selvin Harris - July 06, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JE

“ Today I tried to reschedule a follow-up appointment we canceled a year ago and I was so sorry to hear the news. Dr. Stanton was so wonderful when he operated on our 13-year-old two years ago. We felt we were in such good hands and after the surgery, he gave us the best news we could have hoped for. We will always remember him. Continued prayers for all his family and friends, who I am sure miss him dearly.

Jennifer - June 10, 2021 at 12:54 PM

RH

“ RJ HILL lit a candle in memory of Dr. David C. Stanton



RJ HILL - April 20, 2021 at 08:17 AM

RH

My condolences to the beloved family and friends. May you be comforted for your loss.

I met Dr. Stanton a few years ago, when I needed surgery. He was kind, jovial and compassionate. Dr. Stanton knew of my apprehension. With calm skill and expert precision he conducted the surgery so well that the site of the surgery is undetectable, even to me.

RJ HILL - April 20, 2021 at 08:25 AM

HA

“ I found out yesterday about Dr Stanton's passing and am at a loss for words! I am 25 and a little over a year ago I underwent surgery to remove a tumor from my jaw! Dr Stanton was truly one of the most genuine, compassionate and dedicated doctors and people I have ever met! He listened to me, joked with me and cared for me while I was going through recovery! If it wasn't for him I probably wouldn't of got as good of a experience as I did! I was suppose to loose 5 teeth through this procedure but because of dr Stanton's amazing work I only had to lose 1! I am forever thankful for him and I will miss him so much! RIP to not only an amazing dr but an amazing person

hannah - March 09, 2021 at 07:42 PM

VG

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Dr. Stanton's passing last night. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Although I only saw him a dozen times in the 3 years as his patient he put me at ease at my very first visit. Although I went to Philly being scared to death of what would happen to my jaw, I went home smiling. I was grateful my doctors in Allentown sent me to him for his expertise on ONJ due to osteoporosis drugs. He always made me laugh and I occasionally quote him saying, "Conservative treatment is selective stupidity". My husband and I got a good laugh at that one and still do. I learned a few things about his hobbies and his family while he was talking to the resident with him as they worked on my mouth. The stories made me smile knowing he was a caring father and husband. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Sincerely,
Vivien Gollatz

Vivien Gollatz - February 27, 2021 at 08:04 AM

JM

“ I learned of Dr. Stanton’s passing only today. I drove from Allentown for Dr. Stanton to perform my jaw surgery a few years ago due to a condition I had, as he was identified by my Penn oncologist as “The One”, and he was 100% correct. Dr. Stanton was was a delightful, humorous, caring surgeon with outstanding skill. I often thought..well, if he would relocate to another part of the country, and I would need additional surgery, I would simply follow him.

I’m certain wherever his spirit is now, he continues to perform surgical miracles.

My sincere condolences to his family and close friends, I offer my thoughts, prayers, and gratitude for knowing and being cared for by him.

Jody Millard

Jody Millard - February 24, 2021 at 07:46 PM

CD

“ *David's passing came as a shock to me today. I had reached out to him using his Penn office number earlier this week to arrange for another family member's care. Typically, David would return my call before I could put my phone down. I knew something was off...*



I met David in the 1980s when he was a resident at Penn. Over the years, we kept in touch and caught up about life and raising children. I could hear the spark in his eyes as he would share about Kelsey...

While still just shocked, I am full of fond memories of a kind, intelligent, patient servant leader. For all who knew David, especially his family, I pray that your fondest memories carry you and yours through this time of grief...

Carol Devlin - February 19, 2021 at 01:48 PM

RC

“ *I was so sad to hear this news and my deepest condolences to his family. Dr Stanton was a physician with a professional and genuine human caring character who cared about all the patients he saw and treated.*



Such a loss for the Penn system, the medical profession and his family.

Sincerely, Randi

Randi L Collinson - December 30, 2020 at 09:25 AM

AP

“ I had the privilege of training under Dr. Stanton from 2007-2013. He was a guiding light during my residency and solid character that pushed one to become a better clinician each and every day of my training. He was a thoughtful man who spoke the truth with carefully chosen words and who inspired his residents to become better surgeons and ultimately better people by his superior example. David paved a path of greatness by behaving with such an uncommon consistency of character that was filled with good humor and wit that many of us couldn't help but feel enamored by who he was and what he stood for. Thank you Dr. Stanton for everything you have given me over the years! Your example stays with me each and every day I practice.

Anthony Prousi

Anthony Prousi - December 14, 2020 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to Dr. Stanton family!
I was a patient of Dr. Stanton. Dr. Stanton saved my soul, my face and my life! I saw him over 500 times over 7 years as a result of a snow tubing accident. He built a jaw, lips, gums, bone and teeth- and in the end a smile! We adored him and thought he was the best doctor. I am forever grateful to Dr. Stanton. He had a good sense of humor when dealing with me on major medical issues- but he always gave me hope!
I was at Univ of Pa Dental School having a procedure today and I learned about Dr. Stanton's death. I cried!
Dr. Stanton is a perfect example of a great man. He will be missed.
Jim Brant

James K Brant - December 03, 2020 at 06:32 PM

HE

“ My deepest condolences to Doris, Linda, Kelsey and extended family. I was a patient of Dr Stanton's and he changed my life with surgery. The kindness and professionalism of him and his staff and colleagues at Penn made a difficult surgery and recovery a smooth process and I will never forget his confident and calm demeanor. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Helen - November 26, 2020 at 09:43 PM

JH

“ I feel so fortunate and thankful to have had such a caring and talented mentor. Dr. Stanton was an exceptional surgeon, teacher and person. To this day in my practice I think “what would DCS do here...” when faced with a challenging situation. My deepest sympathy and condolences to Linda, Kelsey and the Stanton family. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace.



Joseph Howard - November 26, 2020 at 02:24 PM

ML

“ Dear Linda and Kelsey,
Dave was a brilliant , funny and caring friend We are so sad for your loss. Through our many years of friendship, he will surely be missed. Our sincere condolences to the Stanton's.
Celly and Bruce Levine
Michael and Sandy Solomon, Anthony Solomon
Justin Solomon
Sonnie Solomon

martina levine - November 24, 2020 at 07:58 PM

DH

“ *Dear Stanton Family,
I only learned this terrible news today. David was a colleague and a friend. He was brilliant and hilarious. Principled and irreverent. An absolute class act at all times. His move to PCAM made it difficult to connect for collaboration and we lost touch which was disappointing. I never expected it to be permanent.*

Please accept my deepest condolences. He always spoke of you and included you in all our chats and it was a pleasure to see how evidently he loved you. It is not the most common experience at such a large competitive place to encounter someone who is so comfortable being normal and easy going. He will so truly be missed.

*Sincerely,
Dr. Annamarie Horan*

Dr. Annamarie Horan - November 24, 2020 at 05:15 PM

MG

“ *Dr. David Stanton was a classmate at U of P SDM Class of 1988. He always had a great sense of humor and was an exceptional student and friend. Hearing of his loss is quite devastating. May his soul Rest In Peace.*



Marc Gimbel - November 24, 2020 at 08:56 AM

DG

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. David Stanton. I knew him well having taught many AO courses with him, and often met him with his family when they visited the Greater NY dental meetings. He was an exceptional surgeon, teacher, and professional. I know he was a dedicated husband and I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to his family.

Dr Alex Greenberg - November 22, 2020 at 11:23 PM

AH

“ Dr.Stanton was an amazing person and mentor I was very fortunate to be his student, may his soul rest in peace.

Ameer Hadi - November 22, 2020 at 04:26 PM

MG

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Dr. Stanton while I was in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for a 7 year period of time as Chief Operating Officer. David was always a gentleman and always wanted the best for his patients, residents and staff. He was the consummate professional. May you Rest in Peace David.....Mike Gagliardi.

Mike Gagliardi - November 22, 2020 at 05:38 AM

DS

“ I was not only a colleague of David's but also one of his patients. We would often see each other and talk in the physician's cafeteria. He was very warm hearted, kind to his patients, and a wonderful role model to future physicians. My condolences to the Stanton family during this very difficult time.

Deepak Sudheendra

Deepak Sudheendra - November 21, 2020 at 11:54 PM

DV

“ I knew David as a valued colleague. I always knew that my patients were in good hands when I sent them to him for evaluation and surgery. I could count on him for thoughtfulness and skill. He was kind to his patients and friendly to his colleagues, and we were lucky to have him with us. I will miss him, and my thoughts are with you at this time of grief.

Dan Vogl

Dan Vogl - November 21, 2020 at 06:48 PM

BH

“ Dr. David Stanton the consummate professional. On the last day of his residency I told Dave that he was the best surgeon I had ever trained: "great hands" and terrific judgement. To this day that opinion has never changed. The foundation of his career as it evolved was always the training of his residents, for which he took enormous pride, and they loved him. Thus Dave's legacy to them and our specialty will endure for many generations. When we suffer shock and wonder why, one thing that is certain is that anyone who knew Dave had their lives enhanced in many and a great variety of ways. Barry Hendler

Barry Hendler - November 21, 2020 at 01:25 PM



Perfect Dr Hendler

David Ettinger - November 21, 2020 at 03:00 PM

KG

“ I've had the privilege of being one of Dr. Stanton's residents since 2013. He was my mentor, and I feel blessed to have had him teach me for the past seven years. He was a brilliant surgeon. He was gentle, kind, and intelligent. He always had a plan Z even though he almost never had to move past his plan A. I trusted everything he said because I knew it was always right. He upheld the highest ethical standard. He shaped me into person that I am today, and I strive to be like him every day, as I'm sure all of his residents, past and present, do. He left us too soon. He will always be our "bodyguard." My deepest condolences to the Stanton family. He will be sorely missed.
- Kristine Gleason

Kristine Gleason - November 21, 2020 at 01:21 PM

DR

“ I have known and worked with Dave for almost 20yrs he may have been one of the most intelligent and gifted people/surgeons I will have ever had the privilege of knowing. He was generous of his time and knowledge and kindness. I think I've heard almost every story of his youth and in particular those centering on his beloved dad. Almost every male hair transplant patient was entertained by stories of having his hair cut by his father and how his mom bought the scissors he used on patients. When I was in the hospital David routinely checked in on me stating now Sylvia (nickname for me) take care of yourself. I will miss him everyday he was my friend and I cared deeply for him. Kelsey he adores you shine bright!

Deb Rose - November 21, 2020 at 01:11 PM

FA

“ I will remember Dave as a dedicated educator, a constant mentor to his residents and a model for his colleagues. He will be missed.

Faizan Alawi - November 21, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CA

“ We have wonderful memories over many years from watching together as our girls grew up. David will always be an important part of our lives. We will keep him in our hearts.

Much love,
Carolyn, Izzy and Scott.

Carolyn - November 21, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DC

“ God had given David the gift of knowing how precious and brief life is. He exuded that knowledge in what he did, in his generosity and dedication.

His physical presence left us, but his spiritual presence leaves on in those who he trained, cured or helped in one way or another.

We cry for his departure, but we should also rejoice for his achievements, his legacy and his example.

He left us with the responsibility of doing our best and being more generous with one another.

diego contreras

diego contreras - November 21, 2020 at 12:38 PM

DM

“ Daniel J. Meara lit a candle in memory of Dr. David C. Stanton



Daniel J. Meara - November 21, 2020 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ *Dr. Stanton was a friend and colleague and will be greatly missed. Further, it is loss to the specialty and the Delaware Valley community. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. RIP.*
-Dan Meara

Daniel J. Meara - November 21, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JW

One of the joys of being at the front desk was having a good morning greeting from Dr Stanton. He knew I was from Pittsburgh and that my maiden name was Davis. Good morning Davis was a fun greeting. We shared a love of the Steelers. I REALLY wAnt them to win #7 Super Bowl for Dr Stanton! May God bless his beautiful family

Judy Williams - November 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM

GT

“ *I have known Dave since our resident days at Penn, and over the years, he became a truly valued friend and colleague. We shared patients, family stories, laughs, and of course, Phillies games. I will miss him dearly.*
To the Stanton family, please accept my most heartfelt condolences. Rest In Peace, Dave.

Greg Tino

Gregory Tino - November 21, 2020 at 11:13 AM

JJ

“ Joyce Jordan

I have worked with Dr. Stanton in the O.R. for over 20yrs as his scrub nurse. He was a Awesome Surgeon. He took good care of his patients. I knew when I was assigned to work with him in the O.R. "It was going to be a good day". His sense of humor was like no other person I have every met. I will miss him dearly. I give my sincere condolences to the family.

Joyce Jordan - November 21, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ We are very sad to hear about Dave’s passing. Our condolences go out to Linda and Kelsey. We remember Dave, Linda and Kelsey from several years ago when we went on multi family outings to the Poconos for skiing. We remember him as a great family guy who was always calm and collected. So sorry for your loss Linda and Kelsey!

Jutta Vogt - November 21, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MG

“ I was able to watch as David grew from a talented student and resident to an outstanding surgeon and teacher.He will be missed by his colleagues as well as the many patients and and students who benefited from his skill and knowledge.
May his family find some peace remembering all the people he helped.
Martin Greenberg

Martin Greenberg - November 21, 2020 at 08:54 AM

HG

“ I am grateful to have had the special privilege of being trained by one of the greatest OMS. Dr. Stanton always taught me the right way, and there was never any question about it. I will remember those crucial steps in the OR when he remained rational and unwavering. As an attending, I ask that question that goes through all his former residents' heads when faced with a challenging situation “what would DCS do?” He was an icon at Penn and AAOMS, and he will be sorely missed.

My deepest condolences to the Stanton family.

Rest in peace, Dr. Stanton.

Helen Giannakopoulos

Helen Giannakopoulos - November 21, 2020 at 08:41 AM

LB

“ I had the great honor of being one of Dr. Stanton's residents from 2012-2018. He taught me so much clinically as well as academically; he helped me to become the surgeon I am today. I use the clinical and patient care skills he taught me everyday in my work and I know that his legacy will live on in each of his students as we continue to care for our patients.

-Laura Barunas

Laura Barunas - November 21, 2020 at 08:28 AM

AG

“ I was blessed to have known and worked with Dr. Stanton for many years in the operating room as a member of his team. He was an excellent doctor/surgeon but more importantly, he was a kind and caring human being with a calm demeanor. Because of him, we felt comfortable and relaxed and yes we even had fun doing this critical work!
I will never forget the great moments we shared over the years doing this critical work.
It was such a joy to have known and worked with him.
He will be surely be missed by all!
My sincere condolences to the family.

Ann Golden - November 20, 2020 at 09:07 PM

PQ

“ I have had the privilege of knowing David for over thirty-five years as a student, intern, resident, faculty member, and most importantly, as a friend. He was a spectacular surgeon because his consistency was legendary and it made him an exceptional educator. He was " red and blue " to the core and Penn OMFS will always be the beneficiary of doing it the " Stanton Way " We will all miss him.
Peter Quinn

Peter Quinn - November 20, 2020 at 02:57 PM

CD

Dr. Quinn, this must-have hit you hard. I am so sorry for your loss. David loved and respected you on so many levels. I hope that you find peace in your fond memories.

Carol Devlin - February 19, 2021 at 01:50 PM

ES

“ I am so sad to hear this. Dave made a great impact on his colleagues and his patients. We will sorely miss his presence in our lives.

edward stadtmauer - November 20, 2020 at 10:08 AM

BK

“ David was a lovely, kind, generous and caring man. We will miss his friendship, his warmth, his humor and his sparkling smile. The world is an emptier place without him but he will never be forgotten. Our hearts go out to Linda and Kelsey at this very difficult time. With love and friendship always,
Bryony and Ed xx

Bryony Kay - November 20, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BM

“ Our love and hearts go out to Linda and Kelsey. Blanca, Carlos, Carlito and Javier send our deepest condolences to our dear friends who have been part of our lives since we moved to Philadelphia. We have become family all these years and will continue to be part of each other lives. We will miss Dave terribly and the world will miss a loving gentel and caring man. May God give you His strength during this difficult time. We love you always, the Martir family.

Blanca Martir - November 19, 2020 at 09:30 PM

GK

“ Dear Linda and Kelsey,

We extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family in bereavement. We are never really ready to say goodbye to those we love. May the memories you hold close bring you comfort today and live on in your hearts always.

We thought the world of David and enjoyed talking with him after church about shared interests and activities. Simply know that there are many people thinking of you during these difficult times. If you need something, don't hesitate to ask. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

The Koerner Family

George Koerner - November 19, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ *Dave Stanton*

He will be missed by many and especially the Coffey family. We spent many great family weekends together Great tips to Disneyworld and ski vacations. Dave loved the Phillies and we went to many games together. Dave was a good friend , very generous and always welcoming. Our thoughts go out to Linda and Kelsey, we are always thinking of how we can help you in this time of sorrow.

michael coffey - November 18, 2020 at 11:18 PM

GL

“ The past 5 years I have worked with Dr Stanton and within those 5 years he became my favorite one to work with. I was comfortable to go to him with anything and he was always willing to help. He was easy to work with and our tempers were similar lol. Dr Stanton was never offended by my sarcasm, he would always just give it right back. I will miss Dr Stanton so much and our office will not be the same without him.

Gina Litzner - November 18, 2020 at 07:32 PM

AC

“ My patients and I can testify to Dave's commitment and kindness. Dave always looked to do the right thing, and create good environments learning and caring.

I too will miss our colleague, his smile and dry wit.

Ara Chalian

Ara Chalian - November 18, 2020 at 06:52 PM

CL

“ It's was a huge loss when Dave Stanton passed. We enjoyed him amongst the company of friends and children. Dave was always kind, generous, and wonderfully funny. My daughter remembers him fondly around his pool, or being her dr when it was time to take her wisdom teeth out. Dave was a brilliant, kind , good natured person who will be missed. May he Rest In Peace and blessings.

Catherine Levin - November 18, 2020 at 06:18 PM

RS

“ Dr. Stanton was the definition of "The Surgeon's Surgeon." I will dearly miss our discussions, your professional/personal advice, and our collaborations in the operating room. Rest in Peace Dr. Stanton.



Rabie Shanti - November 18, 2020 at 05:50 PM

DK

“ This untimely departure creates a hole for all of us. He was a great colleague and lunch partner over many years. I will really miss his sense of humor and his calm competent skills in the operating room. We miss you Dave.

David Kennedy - November 18, 2020 at 04:19 PM

NM

“ Dave was an amazing colleague. Always available and willing to help. He will be dearly missed. Deepest condolences on this immense loss to his family.



Natasha Mirza - November 18, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ *Humanity lost a caring, accomplished, talented, gracious and funny man. We will always remember Dave’s humor, kindness, smile, huge hugs, our daughter’s pool side pizza parties and cherish our ever-evolving friendship. Our hearts are broken not only for ourselves but for the beautiful family left behind. Our deepest condolences go out to Linda, Kelsey and Doris. Dave may be gone from this life but will be forever remembered by the people he touched. See you on the other side my friend!*



Cindy, Alex and Lauren Cobitz

Cynthia Dawson - November 18, 2020 at 10:32 AM