



## Mark Joseph Marchese, MD

June 28, 1957 - July 27, 2020

Mark Joseph Marchese, MD, 63, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020.

He was born on June 28, 1957 in Batavia, NY to the late Joseph and Gina DiSano Marchese.

Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Medical Degree from the University of Rochester. He practiced as a Neurosurgeon at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, North Carolina from 1989 to 2002, during that time he served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery. In his spare time, Mark volunteered as a team physician for the football team at Lenoir Rhyne University.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lauren Destino Marchese; children; Matthew and Kristin Marchese; sister, Dr. Marisa Marchese; brother and sisters-in-law; Jim and Claudine Destino, Dennis and Kerry Destino and Diane Destino; numerous nieces and nephews.

A private mass will be held on Friday, July 31. The livestream can be accessed on the St. Therese Parish website: <https://www.sainttherese.net/mass-livestream>

Viewers should click the arrow in the center of the StreamSpot viewer to start watching the stream (It will say "Live" in the upper left corner beginning at 12:57pm and ending at 2:05 pm).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research://[www.michaeljfox.org/](http://www.michaeljfox.org/)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Marchese family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Sharon Memorial Park and Mausoleum**

5716 Monroe Road  
P.O. Box 220346  
Charlotte, NC 28222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Joseph Marchese, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mark Joseph Marchese, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mark Joseph Marchese, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Lauren,  
I'm so sorry that I'm just reaching out to you. Somehow I did not hear that Mark had passed away until today. I remember Mark as such a skilled surgeon but more importantly such a kind, compassionate individual. Thinking of you and your family.  
Ed Rush*

**Ed Rush** - September 06, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Condolences to all of Mark's family. Mark was a few years younger than me but our families were very good friends growing up and we thought the world of them, first class all the way. God bless you all.*

**Ralph Figlow** - August 04, 2020 at 10:40 AM

DM

“ Mark was my 1st cousin...we few up together in Batavia, NY before his family moved to Rochester. Although I saw him less after the move, I always knew that Mark would make big contributions to the world. He was smart, soft spoken and determined. My heartfelt condolences to his family...I'm sure he was loved.

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**Dave Marchese** - August 02, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Tear of Sympathy Pendant was purchased for the family of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD.



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August 01, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LP

“ Dear Lauren Matt and Kristin,  
I know we haven't spoken so long but I did want to reach out and just let you know that I do feel badly and saddened of Mark's death. It's so have many great memories as children and what a great picture to put in his obituary it brought back a lot of great ones. That face that smile that grin perfect. I was so glad to be able to watch the mass for Mark thank you for letting us join in. God bless you all

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**Linda Pugliese** - August 01, 2020 at 06:02 PM

PB

“ Dear Lauren, Matt, and Kristin,  
I just wanted to extend to you all our deep sympathies in the loss of Mark.

*I remember him as a little boy who always had a mischievous grin and always smiling wanting to make everyone happy. He was an awesome cousin who I admired as he valued family friends and his faith yet he knew he had a path he was meant to take in leaving Rochester.*

*We were all so proud of him and his fine accomplishments.*

*Please know prayers and thoughts are with you each day.*

*Love cousin Patty (Pugliese) Larry and family*

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**Patty Pugliese Battisti** - July 31, 2020 at 08:44 PM

CN

“ Dear Lauren, What a great loss. Mark was such an outstanding resident, always a step ahead of everyone else. He was so kind and generous as well as a talented surgeon. I'm sure he was loved and admired by his patients. I think of you and Mark often and wish you the strength to go forward.

*Curtis and Nancy Nelson*

*6795 Cookes Hope Rd*

*Easton, MD 21601*

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**Curtis Nelson** - July 31, 2020 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ So Sorry for you lost  
*James Salvato*

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**James Salvato** - July 31, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD.*



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July 31, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Thinking of you all in this difficult time. Uncle Mark was so strong through everything, his whole life. I still remember him enthusiastically filming video at our wedding which he was sure to remind me came before the videographer 😊. Which it did and was beautiful as well as his tribute to my dad and all the videos of the Destino's. Sending sympathy love and prayers - Lauren and the Gross family*

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**Lauren** - July 30, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *Lauren, Matthew, and Kristin - we have so many memories of our time together at St. Stephens Lutheran as the children were guided through their growing years. Lauren, you and Mark were so much a part of that growth, and we cherish those years and hope you do also. We grieve with you now, and celebrate with you Mark's leadership and courage.  
God's blessings to all of your family.  
Jane and Jon Guelzow*

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**Jane Guelzow** - July 30, 2020 at 10:25 PM

TC

“ Lauren- Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I can't even begin to comprehend the loss you and your children are experiencing right now. Know that you are surrounded by many loving friends and we are always here for you. May your memories warm your hearts and bring smiles to your faces. Much Love, Tammy and Patrick Van Cleef

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**Tammy and Patrick Van Cleef** - July 30, 2020 at 10:10 PM

SJ

“ I was Mark's roommate/suitemate during all four years of college. I'll always remember him as outgoing, happy, and generous to everyone. Condolences to the family.

*Stu Janis*

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**Stu Janis** - July 30, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MN

“ Dear Marissa and Family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*His beautiful smile says it all.*

*God bless you.*

*Mary Ann Nazzaro*

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**Mary Ann Nazzaro** - July 30, 2020 at 06:21 PM



DC

“ Dear Marchese Family, My deepest sympathies to you all.. I knew Mark "back in the day" (med school) and we had some great times together.. I smile frequently remembering those days... he loved music and dancing! Mark was a terrific man and no doubt he was so very proud of his family. Thinking of you all.. sending love and comfort.

*Dede Colwell (Meredith Sprentall)*

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**Dede Sprentall Colwell** - July 30, 2020 at 03:20 PM

SC

“ Dear Lauren, Mathew and Kristen,

*Please know that we are praying for you and your family. We have many fond memories of your family and Mark. He will live on in our hearts but most importantly through Mathew and Kristen, whom he loved so much.*

*With our condolences,  
Shelley and John Clark*

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**Shelley Clark** - July 30, 2020 at 01:48 PM

KP

“ Dear Marisa,

*I have such wonderful memories of Mark and you from high school. Mark and you were both good friends. Words are not enough to express my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.*

*May our Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus himself, comfort you during this time.*

*Keith Parton*

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**Keith Parton** - July 30, 2020 at 07:10 AM

GJ

“ *Marisa and family,*

*I have fond memories of the family parties, birthdays and first communions. Gena, Joe would bring you two to family events. Mark was a little younger, but I always liked to hang out with him. He always had a plan, and we did laugh a lot.*

*Haven't seen him in so many years but as soon as I saw that picture of his his smiling face it brought back great memories and made me smile.*

*I know he had more than his share of obstacles, it sounds to me he became a fine doctor, a loving husband, father, and a great mentor.*

*My sympathy to the family, may god's blessings keep his memories alive in your hearts.*

*Guy Pugliese Jr.*

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**Guy Pugliese Jr.** - July 29, 2020 at 06:03 PM

DV

“ *My condolences to you, Marisa. And your family. I remember Mark as a very kind and compassionate man. Very loving. He will be missed.*

*Sincerely,  
David Virgilio.*

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**David A. Virgilio** - July 29, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AW

“ Dear Lauren and family,  
We were so saddened to hear of Mark's passing. Find comfort knowing he as peace and resting with his father and mother and our Lord. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*I will share this news with my mother, Sue Virgilio. Gina and Joe were my Godparents, so, needless to say, growing up, our families spent alot of time together. Mark was a great man.*

*Love and peace to you, to Matthew and Kristen, and all your family.*

*Anita Virgilio Wemple*

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**Anita Virgilio Wemple** - July 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM

AK

“ I remember meeting Dr Marchese when my husband was a patient. He was so kind to us. My thoughts are with his family. The world needs more doctors like him!

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**Allison Keppel** - July 29, 2020 at 09:51 AM

SH

“ Sherry Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD



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**Sherry Hudson** - July 28, 2020 at 10:19 PM

JM

*I am so sorry to hear about Mark. My prayers go to you and your family! Judy Moretz*

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**Judy Moretz** - July 29, 2020 at 11:33 AM

BR

*Dear Lauren and Family, Heartbroken to hear of Mark's passing I can only imagine the pain and suffering. I have such beautiful memories of him when we were children, and so proud of the fact I had a Cousin who I admired. He was a beautiful Man. Please know our prayers are for you and your Children, and his Sister Marisa to get through this time of sorrow. May God Bless you, may Mark rest in Peace finally. Love to You Thomas and Barbara (DiSano) Re*

Barbare Re - July 30, 2020 at 09:42 AM

ST

*“ I had the honor and privilege to work with Dr. Marchese at Frye. I learned so much from him about neurosurgery. He had such a great attitude and desire of and for his his profession. "To make a difference you must make a difference". That is what always came to mind when I thought of him. I credit Dr. Marchese for my love of neurosurgery. I am honored to have learned from such a great teacher. My prayers for Peace and Comfort for the family.*

Sherry Hudson, Surgical Tech - July 28, 2020 at 10:17 PM

EN

*“ May the goodness of the Lord comfort you and your family! Thinking of you all—Elyse and Bryan Neuwirth*

Elyse Neuwirth - July 28, 2020 at 10:16 PM

LS

*“ The world lost a wonderful man. He loved using his God given abilities to help heal hurting people. Patients were always amazed at his ability to remember little details about their lives and even their family member's names. He was one in a million. I'll miss you my dear friend. Loving thoughts and prayers for his devoted wife Lauren and his pride and joy children, Matthew and Kristin.*

Lala Setzer - July 28, 2020 at 10:15 PM

VM

“ It's sad to hear of Dr Marchese's passing. He was a wonderful neurosurgeon that was honest and up front with his patients. He will be missed by many. Prayers for the family.

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Virginia Marquinez - July 28, 2020 at 09:36 PM

TF

“ The Pasma Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD.



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The Pasma Family - July 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

DD

“ I was very sad last night when I heard about Dr Marchese passing away. He was a very nice man and boss. I have fond memories of him. His patients loved him and he was a great doctor. My prayers are with Lauren, Matthew and Kristin at this time.

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Debbie Dill - July 28, 2020 at 08:53 PM

CI

“ Remembering Mark and his amazing family when they lived in Hickory. Dr. Marchese was the kindest best Doctor I have ever known. He listened with confidence and put his patients first. He also had such a great and wonderful sense of humor which would put you at ease. So sad he was unable to continue being what he was best at. Great family man who cared deeply about his family. May he be at peace now. Much love and sincere condolences to Lauren, Kristin, and Matthew .  
With love,  
Charles and Judy Ingold

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Charles and Judy Ingold - July 28, 2020 at 08:03 PM

DT

“ Deepest condolences Lauren, Kristen and Matthew from the Tashjian family. Blessings to you all ❤️

Dawn Tashjian - July 28, 2020 at 06:13 PM

DH

“ I just learned of the death of Dr. Marchese. I was one of his first patients and remembered the stacks of medical books in his office that he hadn't unpacked when I went in for my first consultation. I will never forget his knowledge and kindness and compassion toward me while I was in the hospital and, most especially, the joyful outcome that I had after his skilled hands performed my surgery.

I was also honored to have taught his son Matthew in preschool. I would imagine that he has grown into a young man who's has made his father very proud. It was a pleasure to have Matthew in my class. Please give him my love.

I send my sympathy and prayers to the family ...

Doris Henry

Doris Henry - July 28, 2020 at 05:55 PM

JB

“ Julia Beth Bolick lit a candle in memory of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD



Julia Beth Bolick - July 28, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JH

“ I had the pleasure of working for Dr. Marchese for 4 years until his retirement due to Parkinsons. He had the largest heart and concern for his patients that any physician could have. He always had great quotes and a great memory of every patient. One of his great quotes was "No good deed goes unpunished. But you have to keep doing them." And that he did. Always there to help others. He used to help move the buildings out to Hart Square to help Dr. Bob Hart. I am sure they are talking about that now in Heaven together. My prayers go out to Lauren and his children!

Jeffrey Henson - July 28, 2020 at 05:38 PM

LB

He was my surgeon and he had a great personality. After my surgery, he brought his children with him to do rounds. He was one of a kind!

Linda Brown - July 28, 2020 at 09:00 PM

TR

“ I provided anesthesia for his cases back in the late eighties. I found him to be a meticulous surgeon with a sense of humor and quite friendly as a person. Rest in peace my friend.

Tony Reynolds - July 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

RM

“ I am so sad to hear about Dr. Marchese. I worked with him in the Neuro ICU for several years. He was a superb neurosurgeon, a wonderful person and a great friend. My heart and prayers go out to his wife Lauren and his family.

Robin Maher - July 28, 2020 at 04:12 PM

DL

“ I worked with Dr. Marchese at Frye Regional during his time there. One of my best memories of him and an example of his kindness occurred in 1991 when I lost my husband unexpectedly. Dr. Marchese came to my home to mow my lawn. As is often the case, the mower didn't want to start. He was persistent and got it running. I have often chuckled to myself when I have thought of having a neurosurgeon mowing for me. It was probably the best it had ever looked! I always enjoyed working with him. He had a beautiful family and their love for each other was evident. My thoughts are with you all. ❤️

*Del (Niday) Liggett*

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**Del Liggett** - July 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DJ

“ I am very saddened to hear of Mark's passing yesterday. We were surgical interns together at MCV Hospital in Richmond, VA in 1983. A direct quote from him at the time--"We are 2 men, who wear white coats, and drive with our lights on, most of the time." We both started our neurosurgical practices together in Hickory, NC in 1989, and worked together until his retirement in 2002. Mark was greatly loved and appreciated by his patients, and he was admired for remembering minute details of their lives, thus demonstrating his caring for them as individual people with unique life stories. He demonstrated many of the best qualities of being a physician. Through very difficult times, he maintained his optimism, sense of humor, and humanity. My deepest condolences to his wife Lauren and his family; I know he will be sorely missed.

*David Jones, MD*

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**DAVID M JONES** - July 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM

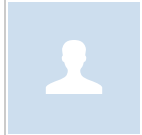


Joanie  
Trulen

*My sincere condolences to Mark's wife, children and sister. He was an amazing kid growing up, always an adult even at a young age, he was born for greatness. Sense of humor, polite, an all around great man his entire life. All my love and prayers, cousin Joan Scappa Trulen*

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**Joanie Trulen** - July 28, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Joseph Marchese, MD.*



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July 28, 2020 at 12:11 PM