



Dr. Stanley Gramch Crossland M.D.

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Dr. Stanley Gramch Crossland, M.D., 74, died peacefully on September 3, 2020 surrounded by his children, after a 14-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on October 3, 1945 in Washington, DC to Mary and Clem Crossland, while his father was in medical school. He grew up in Carrsville, VA where his father was a General Practitioner of Medicine for more than 50 years.

As a child, he excelled in building model airplanes, collecting baseball cards, comic books, and coins, and became an avid reader. Hobbies he would carry into adulthood, along with a love of gun collecting and trophy game hunting. Stanley graduated from Windsor High School in 1963, where he was the Class Valedictorian. While in high school, he was an active member of the 4H Club, raising and showing beef cattle; he was a member of the Debate Team, the Boys Basketball Team; was class president; and was selected as a representative to Boys State. His childhood instilled in him a life-long love of animals, particularly dogs, which he had as companions throughout his life.

He graduated from the University of Richmond in 1967 and from George Washington University School of Medicine (his father's alma mater) in 1971, where he also completed his Residency in General Surgery (serving as Chief Resident). He was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he began his service after his residency. He served as a general surgeon while being stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center and The Pentagon.

During the early years of his career, Dr. Crossland worked in the Emergency Room of the former D.C. General Hospital, operating on patients who were suffering from severe physical trauma. His experiences there helped him hone his skills at performing complicated, lifesaving surgical procedures that many other surgeons at the time were reluctant to perform.

In 1978, Dr. Crossland became one of the leading vascular physicians at the former



Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital in Arlington, VA. That same year he also opened his private practice. Initially he saw patients in a parking lot with his car serving as a mobile office, before moving into a formal office space in Arlington a few months later. Dr. Crossland practiced in Arlington for over 30 years and in Calvert County in the early 2000's. He relocated to Sterling, VA in 2010. His love of medicine and caring for patients motivated him to continue practicing until his health no longer allowed it.

As a surgeon, Dr. Crossland was exceptionally gifted and helped to pioneer and advance many progressive surgical techniques in vascular medicine. He was also one of the few medical practitioners and surgeons in the Northern Virginia area who openly provided equal and safe medical care to the LGBTQ+ community during the AIDS epidemic in the early and mid-1980's. He was also an early advocate in the DC Metro Area for research into the unique medical needs of the LGBTQ+ community at a time when doing so came with a stigma that could jeopardize a doctor's career advancement.

Besides his parents he is preceded in death by his son Stan G. Crossland Jr. He is survived by his sons and daughters; Bryan Crossland (Erin), Patrick Crossland, Mike Carson, Jessica and Laura Deaton; 4 grandchildren; Amber, Kyle, Oliver, and Elliot Crossland; 4 siblings; Dr. Cathy Crossland, Dr. Stephen Crossland (Sue), Sharon, and Mary Crossland; His nephew, Stephen Jr. (Amanda); and his beloved partner of 11 years, Roxanna Jett.

Visitation will be held Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11 am, followed by a service at 11:45 at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catocin Circle S.E., Leesburg, Va.

If you would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers, please donate to either the George Washington School of Medicine, tuition fund in memory of Stanley G. Crossland [HERE](#) , or to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation in memory of Stanley G. Crossland [HERE](#) .

If you would like to Make donation by check, the funeral home will be able to assist you. Please make the donations Payable to one of the following:



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GW tuition fund in memory of Stanley G. Crossland

NPCF in memory of Stanley G. Crossland



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Saturday, September 12, 2020

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET

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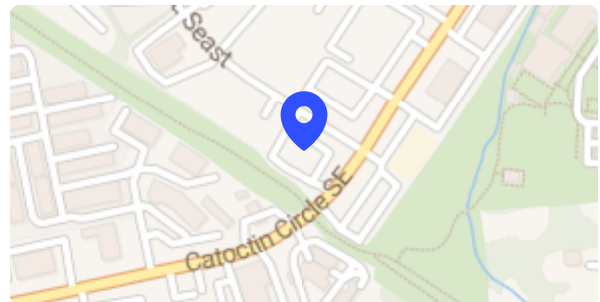


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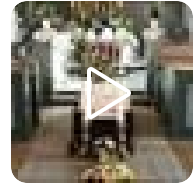
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Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 10 at 5:40 AM



Gary K Butler lit a candle in honor of Stanley.



November 13 at 12:50 AM

GB Gary K Butler November 13 at 1:03 AM

In memoriam to a great surgeon and human being who was committed compassionate and caring to his patient's needs. he was very professional and dedicated to his craft. As his patient my confidence grew exponentially in his ability to find a cure for my ailments even though I had no insurance coverage at the time. Thanks so much for your services and forever rest in heavenly peace.



Wally Jamerson shared an album called **Memories Album**.



October 29 at 11:11 AM

WJ Wally Jamerson October 29 at 11:17 AM

My friend for 30+ years, just learned of his passing today. A wonderful man, I will never forget his kindness, humor, love of medicine and incredible memory. My condolences to his family. Wally



MR

Millie Ramey posted:

I am heart broken. I called Dr. Crossland's office today to refer a patient. The line was disconnected. I looked on line to discover this very sad news. Dr. Crossland saved my husband's life on September 10, 2010. He cared for him for the next 18 months as if he were one of his family. He even came to our house one evening to take out stiches. He was a wonderful Doctor, He became a family friend. My husband did pass away March 2012 but it wasn't for lack of Dr. Crossland doing everything to keep him alive. We will miss him dearly. My condolences to his family. Millie Ramey (Gary Ramey was his patient)

September 23 at 9:25 AM

PD

Peter Depaolis posted:

As many of you already know, Dr. Crossland saved our daughter Katie's life . He correctly diagnosed and treated a massive blood clot that could have claimed her life. What few people know is how Dr. Crossland came to be Katie's doctor. More than 25 years ago., Dr. Crossland treated a client of mine for a blood clot and helped us win the case in court. I had no contact with him again for 25 years until Katie was injured. We were desperate for help and I called Dr. Crossland on a Saturday morning , left a message for him, and he immediately called me, remembered me, and instructed me to bring Katie in to see him that very day. He assumed the role of the primary doctor for her and continued to see us through the winter.. He drove to his office to meet us during a severe snow storm when the roads were buried in snow.The parking lot was empty except for his truck and mine. We laughed that our Chevrolet Suburbans were the same and were great for the snow!! He continued to treat Katie throughout her long recovery and always treated her with respect, patience and love. I asked him once if I could get him a gift and he suggested a bottle of vodka. I knew nothing about vodka but was advised that Hangar Vodka was really good. I got a bottle for Dr Crossland and he loved it, insisting that it was too good to share!!! Over the years I would stop by on occasion and leave him a bottle which always brought a big smile to his face. Seeing him always made me happy.I asked him once what was the secret to being a good doctor. He said the key was to listen carefully to the patients and not rush to a conclusion without considering what the patient expressed. We will always be grateful to Dr. Crossland, who will always be my hero. God Bless. Peter

September 15 at 2:17 PM

SU

Suzanne September 26 at 12:55 PM

I don't know if any of you knew , but Dr. Crossland save my mother's leg and foot on different occasions. He helped me numerous times. He was always there when you needed him and didn't give you a lot of grief if you did something stupid. He was the best diagnostician I've ever met. Going to miss him as a Dr. but also as a special human being. He treated his patients with care and he knew everything about them and their families. He was the best !



DD

Debbie Deaton posted:

There will never be another physician like Stanley. There will never be another person, father, husband, or friend like him. He worked hard, loved hard and played hard when he allowed himself moments away from medicine, although he was really never separated from his patients. He rarely left their care to another physician. While sitting on a beach watching the kids splash in the waves or scuba diving with his sons on the Cayman Islands, his beeper/phone or device was still ON, JUST in case the physician covering him has questions. Stanley was always "ON". As a nurse who worked beside him caring for his ICU patients he was the only doctor that never got upset with you for calling him in the middle of the night with a valid concern regarding his patients. He might, however make you think he could possibly tear your face off if you had NOT contacted him. He gave 110 % to his patients and expected 100% back from his care team. Not everyone liked Stanley. As a nurse, you had to earn his respect, but once you had proved yourself to be competent and intelligent you had an advocate for life in him. Not all his colleagues liked him but I assure you they respected him. He was never afraid to do what was best for his patients regardless of the rules. Yes, this man will be missed by many and left impressions on so many lives-even the ones he did not save in the operating room. Thank you Stanley for giving me 2 beautiful, strong, intelligent daughters. Deb

September 14 at 7:16 AM

MW

Moses Wossene posted:

Maya Angelou once said, "We can write a eulogy that honors the deceased and expresses your heartfelt emotions." And, I met Dr. Stanley G Crossland fifteen plus years ago. I quickly recognized in him he has unfiltered honesty, fierce loyalty to friendship and a patriotic love to our country, so in a very short time we intellectually clicked quickly. He made it easy so people could also recognize he wasn't just an excellent medical doctor (Surgeon) but also a man with many attributes with an ability discussing many subjects with comfort and confidence. He was a person who had a good supply of kindness that shared his time and resources with anyone whom the thought they needed it. As I had witnessed firsthand, during Solomon's last critical journey of his life, he was the only hope we had left. He tried every humanly possible way to save Solomon's life. He came in the morning and late at night to check on him and what he could do to help. For me, that was one of the most unforgettable experiences that he etched in my mind that I will never forget his kind gesture. Sure, Jessica and Lora, I know how much he loved you and you love him, it will be a very difficult journey for you and along the rest of your families; but one day you will feel "the fog" begin to lift and will see a sense of renewed desire to live again. As a matter of fact his memories will bring you more smiles than tears and you will discover ways to reinvest your time and energy productively to make him proud. But we will never forget your father, Dr. Stanley G Crossland. His legacy of kindness and love will live on in our heart and mind forever. Rest in Peace, Brother. Wouby & Moses

September 12 at 5:24 AM



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Titus Solomon posted:

Very sad to hear this. My condolences to Dr. Crossland's family. My mom, sister, and I are eternally grateful for the treatment and care Dr. Crossland provided to my dad during his battle with cancer. Other doctors did not give my dad much time (they said he would not make it past spring). But Dr. Crossland made it possible for us to celebrate my sister's graduation in May, celebrate my birthday and Father's day in June. Rest in Peace.

September 10 at 7:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Crossland family.



September 10 at 6:43 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Crossland family.



September 10 at 2:02 PM



Salome Yohannes posted:

My heartfelt sympathy to the family. Dr. Crossland was a great person and physician who goes above and beyond to help others. My family and I are forever grateful in how he took care of my husband till the end. He is our hero. Prayers with the family and loved ones to give comfort and strength. May Dr. Crossland Rest In Peace.

September 10 at 1:26 PM



Elwina Solomon posted:

The Crossland family used to be our next door neighbors. I have the absolute fondest memories of my childhood, with the Crossland family being a part of so many of them. I'm forever grateful to Dr. Crossland of how he treated my father before his passing. It's because of Dr. Crossland, my father was able to see me graduate high school. Dr. Crossland will always mean so much to me and my family. Sending loads of love to his family, friends and loved ones.

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Katie Depaolis posted:

Seven years ago, Dr. Crossland saved my life. He and Roxanna were among my greatest supporters during such a challenging time. My family and I are eternally grateful for Dr. Crossland. We will miss him. My sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones.

September 10 at 1:02 PM



Karen & Peter Depaolis posted:

Stan saved our daughter's life when she was seventeen, when other medical professionals failed to listen. He was a brilliant and caring doctor and friend, whom we shall dearly miss. Thank you, Stan, for being a part of our lives. Our condolences to your family, friends, and loved ones. Dr. Crossland will forever be in our hearts. Love, Karen & Peter DePaolis

September 10 at 11:48 AM



Karen And Peter Depaolis sent a Tender Tribute to the Crossland family.

September 10 at 11:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Crossland family.

September 10 at 8:26 AM



From All Of Us At Tharrington Smith. sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Crossland family.

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Oscar Fowler posted:

May God bless and comfort your family as you celebrate the life of Dr. Stanley Crossland. He and his family were an important part of the Holland/Carrsville community during those years that his father was our family Doctor and Friend. Oscar Fowler

September 10 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Crossland family.



September 10 at 3:29 AM



Sandra Ellis Edwards posted:

My deepest sympathies to the family. As a childhood friend of the Crossland family, I have such fond memories of times we spent together. May you all find peace in a life well lived. Sandra Ellis Edwards Carrsville, VA

September 9 at 11:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Crossland family.



September 9 at 11:44 AM



Effie And Joe Stair sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Crossland family.



September 9 at 9:08 AM



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Addison Hurst posted:

I loved Stan as a brother that I never had. He was a mentor to me early in my investigative training. I was always in awe of his memory and his interest in firearms. We went back to the Viet Nam era where we both served. His napalm burn wounds made me cry when I saw them for the first time as I was a pharmacist and medic there and fully understood what he had endured. He was my physician for probably thirty years and was the finest and most gifted physician I have ever known. There will never be another Stan Crossland. Rest easy and in peace my brother. Addison Hurst, Waterford Virginia

September 8 at 4:00 PM



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September 10 at 5:40 AM



DD **Deborah Dixon** February 20 at 9:21 AM

I went to 611 Carlin Springs Road for my dental visit and I would always try to see Dr. Crossland. I didn't see his name on the roster of doctors in the building. So I decided to look up his name. My heart sank... I loved Dr. Crossland as I called him, "The BEAR" he was a tall burly man and many people were afraid of him, but not me. to me, he was a Teddy Bear. Yes, he was a straight shooter and you always knew where you stood with him, but he was honest! I use to work at NVCH and used to credential the doctors and he would come and if there was someone special that he needed to be on staff, he would make sure we knew it. When I was about to leave and take a position in NC, Dr. Crossland said, when you are ready, I have a friend in Cary, NC that can help you find a home/land. That was the type of person he was.. Always helpful and kind. I am so sad that I didn't get a chance to say good-bye or to even visit him when he was ill, but he will always hold a special place in my heart as "The BEAR! Missed, but never forgotten. Continue to Rest in Peace Dr. C.

JT **Joe Tucker** July 26 at 8:49 PM

Just learned of his passing and watched this service and the eulogies. He was an amazing man in so many ways. RIP from a former patient from the 1980's. I applaud all he did for the LGBTQ community during the AIDS epidemic including my late brother Adam.

FA **Fern Aefsky** April 27 at 9:20 AM

Just learned of his passing. He saved my life multiple times in the 1980's and 1980's. Forever grateful for his knowledge, skills, care and heart.



Moses & Wouby September 11 at 4:48 PM

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Mike Westers September 11 at 3:17 AM

Can this be watched at a later time after the service also?



Wally Jamerson shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stanley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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