



# **Fernando A Herrera,**

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**F**ernando Antonio Herrera, MD, beloved father and friend, passed away on December 19, 2013. Dr. Herrera was born in San Luis, Potosi, Mexico to Fernando Herrera Montes De Oca and Susana Pedraza Vazquez on January 17th, 1943, the oldest of eight children. He moved to the United States at a young age to complete his medical training, and dedicated himself to the art of surgery and saving lives. Freddie changed the lives of all who knew him and always took interest in the disadvantaged, often providing life-changing opportunities to those many might overlook. Dr. Herrera was a member of an extensive list of societies and colleges, including the American Board of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Memphis Surgical Society, and Southern Thoracic Society. He is survived by his eight beloved children, Maria Brennan, Claudia Thompson (Brian), Fernando, Jr., MD, Andrew, Evan, Alexander, Tucker, and Brayden; four grandchildren, Ryan Brennan, Aiden Brennan, Dylan Thompson, and Reagan Thompson; as well as Brittany Tumey, the mother of his two youngest children. He is also survived by his dear and devoted friends, Rafaela Herrera, MD; Tom and Robin Watson; Marty Regan; and Tricia Campbell, who worked tirelessly as his right hand for many years. Freddie is further survived by his best friend and “brother from another mother” John Kurdelmeyer and his amazing wife Rhonda, as well as numerous colleagues upon whose lives he has left an indelible impact. He will be sorely missed. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the funeral service begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 22 at Memorial Park Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Dr. Fernando Herrera Scholarship at the University of Tennessee, by a gift to the UT Foundation, UT Health Science’s College of Medicine to the attention of Zach Pretzer, Development Director, 625 Dunlap St., #513, Memphis, TN 38163. Funeral arrangements have been



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## Tribute Wall

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DH

**Dr. Fernando Herrera, Jr.** posted:

Dr. Fernando Herrera, Jr. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Fernando A Herrera, MD.

January 16 at 6:15 AM

EL

**Elizabeth** posted:

Dr. Fernando Herrera, Jr. purchased the Holiday Homecoming Basket for the family of Fernando A Herrera, MD.

December 19 at 2:26 PM

FP

**Francisco J. Martinez M.D., Ph D** posted:

"May you rest in peace my dear friend Fernando — with my condolences to your whole family and friends". Francisco Javier.Francisco J. Martinez M.D., Ph D. Mount Pleasant, Michigan

December 26 at 3:54 AM

RM

**Ruthie J. Maples** posted:

My condolence to the family, friends, patients and family of those who's lives Dr. Herrera has touch.I was very sad to learn of Dr. Herrera death this evening. I my family and I met him in 9/1993, when by the grace of God he save our mothers life. I have been in the medical field most of my adult life and know of many who died from my mothers diagnosis.I remember him coming out to talk to our family after her surgery. We are a very large family and most of us surrounded him. As he explained the complicated procedure, he told us "it was God not me who saved your mothers life". You don't often heard physicians speak of God in their work. It left a lasting impression on me.Our mother has worshiped him every since and she has felt he alone has kept her alive over the past 20 years.My prayers are with the family and those who worked closely with him daily.Ruthie J. McGhee-Maples (Daughter of Minnie L. McGhee) Detroit, MI

December 23 at 4:24 PM



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AW

**Audrey Worles** posted:

Our deepest condolences to Dr. Herrera's family and friends. He is going to be truly missed by our family who was blessed to be introduced to him over twenty years ago. We met on one of the scariest night of our lives, when we thought we were losing our Mom. We had just been told that her aorta had ruptured and surgery was required. As a family who had seen their Mom bounce back from several strokes, this burden seemed too heavy to carry, but Dr. H. told us not to loose hope that Mom was a fighter. Needless to say she survived the surgery and has always believed that God and Dr. Herrera has been keeping her alive all these years.To Dr. Herrera's family: He will always be more than just a doctor to us, he was a part of our adopted family as well. Our prayers are with you and may God keep you.Minnie McGhee and family

December 23 at 12:29 PM

FD

**F.J. Martinez-Torres, M.D.** posted:

I raise a prayer for you. My sincere condolences to your family. Your godson, Francisco Javier F.J. Martinez-Torres, M.D. Frankfurt, Germany.

December 22 at 10:31 AM

SC

**Shelia Powell, Rn At Bmhemphis Cvicu** posted:

My Condolence to the Family..Dr. Herrera will be GREATLY MISSED in the CVICU at Baptist Memphis...I have known him for over 20 years.. He has always called me Shelia Marie until I was beginning to think my middle name was Marie....I tokd him one day my middle name is Lashell..He said..thats pretty but to me you will Always be Shelia Marie ..I will miss his smiling face coming through the unit and giving me a hugg when he see's me...and I would always ask..what cologne are you wearing today...Cause he always smelled good...May he rest in peace and may the family feel comfort in knowing that he is not in any pain...Because that is what gives me comfort.knowing that..My doc and my friend is resting

December 21 at 7:51 PM

MT

**Micki Toepp** posted:

I will miss you Dr. Herrera. It was an honor knowing and working with you for close to 3 decades. You will be greatly missed. RIP my friend. Micki Toepp, RN BSN Methodist University

December 21 at 10:56 AM



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JP

**Jorge Alberto Herrera Pedraza** posted:

Envío mis condolencias, de mi esposa e hijos a toda la familia de mi hermano Fernando Antonio, un gran hermano y orgullo de la familia Herrera Pedraza. Descanse en Paz Sinceramente, Jorge Alberto Herrera Pedraza Correos Electronicos: herreralegria@yahoo.com.mx y jorge.herrerap@inegi.org.mx

December 20 at 6:21 PM

BD

**Bubba Daughterity** posted:

One of the most kind and generous people I knew. I remember many early mornings sitting with him in the break room at Collierville Baptist eating breakfast before our pacemaker cases. He would share stories about his children, and about his own life and experiences. What I appreciate and cherish so much about those times, were the words of wisdom he shared with me, and the lessons I took from them. His patients and his children always to precedence over everything. I will miss Dr. Herrera greatly. To his family, I wish you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Rest IN Peace Dr. Herrera! We will miss you! Bubba Daughterity

December 20 at 4:22 PM

SB

**Sandra Bounds** posted:

Dr. Herrera is going to be greatly missed around Saint Francis Hospital. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. Sandra Bounds

December 20 at 3:27 AM

RW

**Ruth Wells** posted:

Dr. Herrera was a wonderful person and doctor. I worked with him when he was a first year surgery resident at St. Joseph Hospital, and later for many years at St. Francis Hospital. I was an ER nurse. My condolences to his family and may he rest in peace. Ruth Wells, RN

December 19 at 6:32 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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