



## Keith A. Hawthorne

February 4, 1954 - July 16, 2022

Keith A. Hawthorne, M.D. (1954-2022)

Dedicated Physician, devoted husband, loving father and friend

Keith A. Hawthorne, 68, sadly passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 16th at his home surrounded by his loved ones after a brief illness.

The field of medicine was a calling from an early age for Keith. When most boys preferred to play cowboys and indians, he opted for the toy doctor kit his mother had gifted him. That toy was the initial spark to a lifelong career as a physician dedicated to helping others. As a high school student growing up in Maplewood, NJ, he volunteered on the local ambulance squad and then became an EMT. In the 1980s, he began what would be a storied tenure at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ; first working as an EKG technician, and then, upon his graduation from medical school in 1984, completing his internship, residency and fellowship in interventional cardiology. In 1990, he joined New Jersey Cardiology Associates (formerly Diagnostic and Clinical Cardiology, P.A.) where he cared for tens of thousands of patients. His patients extended well beyond the hospital walls and the Essex County community, where he would often volunteer his time and money to underserved populations in El Salvador and Haiti on medical mission trips. He was also a committed educator of medicine, often lending his knowledge, experience and expertise to the next generation of physicians.

While his dedication to patient care was unparalleled, Keith had a zest for life – enjoying both the exotic and simple things. He was an avid scuba diver often traveling to tropical locations to check out the local flora and fauna, an amateur pilot taking to the skies from time to time, a devoted Giants fan, an enthusiastic gardener, lover of all animals – both the cuddly and crawly, but most importantly, he was a devoted husband and loving father. Kind-hearted and always giving, he will remain forever in the hearts of his family, friends and colleagues, as well as the countless patients he cared for and treated.

Keith is survived by his loving wife, Sherri (Connolly) Hawthorne and son, James of Florham Park, NJ; his brother, Kenneth Hawthorne of Toms River, NJ; his nephews, Brian Hawthorne of Round Rock, TX and Greg Hawthorne of Toms River, NJ; as well as many close family friends. He was predeceased by his mother, Grace (Corcoran) Hawthorne; his aunt, Anne (Bond); and uncle, John Anderson.

Services will be private and for the immediate family. A remembrance ceremony to honor Keith's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to the Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center. Donations in memory of Dr. Keith Hawthorne can be made via credit card by calling the Development Department at 973-322-4330 or by visiting <http://www.cbmcgiving.org>. Gifts made by checks should be made out to Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center and mailed to CBMC Development Department, 95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange, NJ 07052. Donors should note Dr. Hawthorne's name well as any acknowledgement details so that we may properly recognize gifts. As requested, all gifts received in Dr. Hawthorne's memory will be designated to Cardiac Services unless otherwise noted by an individual donor.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31

Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ He took care of me and put two stents in my heart. A kind, humorous man. I'll always remember his kindness. Gone too soon. Rest in Peace 🙏

Maggie Finnegan - December 16, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ Keith was one my best science nerd friends at Columbia High School where we graduated together. He was also an an integral member of The Mud Patrol, a small group of intrepid reptile hunters founded by one of the most dedicated biology teachers ever, Jeff Himmelstein. Though Keith drifted away after high school, he is someone I will never forget. Keith was truly a kindhearted and gentle soul. May he rest in peace.



Jackie (Miller) Hartley

Jackie Hartley - August 03, 2022 at 02:54 PM

BF

“ Dr. Hawthorne was my mom's doctor when she was sent to St. Barnabas to have stints put in. The last time he did surgery on my mom it was a rough one. He was called to her floor and he came as soon as he could and didnt leave the floor until she was resting and ok, I thank God for him and I thank God for giving him the talent needed to do great works in the medical field, also the patience to deal with the families. A good Dr. called home to be with the Lord. one of my favorite gospel songs.. MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME. Rest on Doc. Our Prayers go out to the Hawthorne Family.. The Beckwith Family

Beckwith Family - July 29, 2022 at 02:35 PM

RA

“ Always helpful and kind. Such a gentleman. My condolences to the family.

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**Rohail Asrar** - July 27, 2022 at 07:17 PM

SS

“ I will probably never meet another man like Keith. He was hands down one of the absolute best guys I've ever met in my life. He was so humble, caring, giving, and loving. Knowing him over the last 20 years was such a pleasure. He had many who loved him, but the love he showed for everyone around him was like no other. He always made sure everyone around him was taking care of before himself. He almost became like an uncle to me, with how close me and my family became with his family. I cant thank him enough for all that he did for us. You will be greatly missed Keith. Love you. Rest in peace.

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**Skyler Sarno** - July 27, 2022 at 05:28 PM

EH

“ Keith was so incredible kind to those around him. He was one of the first new faces I met as a new attending back in 2005. I remember his warm smile and his calm, patient welcoming demeanor. Over the past many years we shared conversations about aviation and family. He was always available to help with a complicated patient. He loved what he did and it showed. I will miss him and the healthcare community has lost a phenomal clinican and fantastic man.

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**Eric Handler** - July 27, 2022 at 09:52 AM

CS

“ All of our family was very fond of Keith. He touched everyone of our lives that were gathered here today. We will never forget his smile, generosity, or kindness. I know he will be missed by my entire family especially dad and my son Skyler.He was admired and loved by many. R I P my friend. Sherri and James, may the lord watch over you both during this time you and Keith are apart.

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**Chuck Sarno** - July 26, 2022 at 09:07 PM

JG

“ My condolences to the family of Dr Hawthorn. I worked with Dr Hawthorn for 25 years. I watched him work as an EKG/Telemetry Tech To a Medical student, Intern, Resident, Cardiac Fellow and finally following his dream becoming a Cardiologist. I knew when I first met him and watched him interact with patients and their family that he was going to be a great Dr. It was a privilege and honor to know him and work with him. Jane Casiero Grossman❤️

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**Jane Grossman** - July 26, 2022 at 08:44 PM

HS

“ He was not only my doctor, but a kind and understanding man. I will miss him terribly, with his kind words and advice on life! My heart goes out to his family. God bless!🙏🙏  
Helen Shue

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**helen shue** - July 26, 2022 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ Our paths crossed on Friday, December 4, 2020 in the early evening as my wife rushed me to St. Barnabas as I was having a heart attack. Everything was a blur when i arrived at the hospital but when I woke up in the cardiac ICU later that evening, I realized that Dr. Hawthorne had saved my life by inserting a stent and removing the blockage. Although I only had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Hawthorne for the past 18 months, I found his bedside manner comforting and he was so easy to talk to about things I could and couldn't do, various exercise programs and a host of other issues. My condolences go out to the Hawthorne family and all of his wonderful staff and colleagues. He will be sorely missed.....Steve Sakwa

steve sakwa - July 25, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MW

“ I never met a more caring doctor! My heart is broken I met Dr Hawthorne while in the hospital after being diagnosed with heart failure. He became my cardiologist and sometimes therapist (smile). I loved him! He never made me feel like a number or a chart. He visited me in the hospital sometimes twice in one day. In April I cried to him about undergoing brain surgery and shared my fears he hugged me and told me I would be ok he said I will see you when you come out of surgery. This man... I am heart broken after my surgery in April he saw me a few times last time he says Hey kid you're going to make it okay? And hugged me. I will miss him so much - My prayers for his family. Dr Hawthorne was an amazing Man he will be a hard act to follow. I will never forget him. xoxo Respectfully and with a heavy heart ... Mia and Ivana Williamson



mia williamson - July 25, 2022 at 11:01 AM

LD

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Hawthorne for many years. He was funny, kind, an animal lover, something we shared in common, and a wonderful person and doctor. I will miss him. Lynn Donadia

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Lynn Donadia - July 24, 2022 at 05:40 PM

NP

“ I had the great privilege of getting to know Dr. Hawthorne through our missions trips to Haiti. He was one of the finest physicians and human beings I have come to know. Kind heart, giving, and genuinely down to earth, you could always find him sporting the sweetest smile. Whenever I saw him in the cath lab at Saint Barnabas, our refreshing talks would help me tackle the rest of the day with ease. I learned many things from him, as a clinician, and as a human being. He will be remembered, always. My deepest condolences and prayers to the Hawthorne family. - Nirja P



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Nirja P - July 24, 2022 at 01:41 PM

PK

Dr. Hawthorne was my father's cardiologist. He was xone of the finest physicians with whom I came in contact. He always went out of his way for me.

My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

I thank you for your kindness to my dad.

Rest In Peace.

Paula Korey

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Paula Korey - July 24, 2022 at 02:29 PM

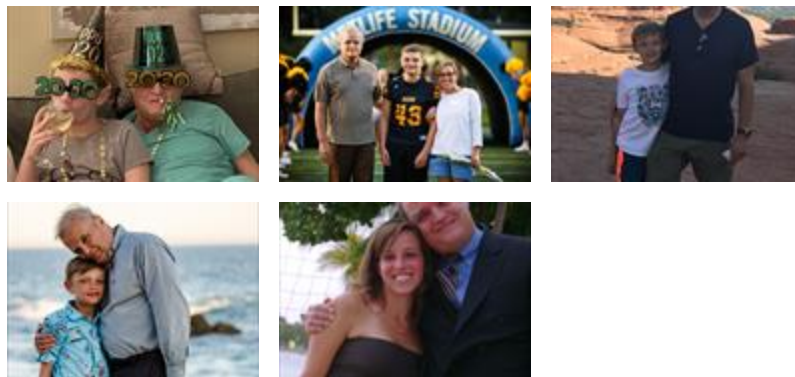
MC

“ There was a no more caring and competent person, nor sincere family and community man I currently know; often I would remark how his knowledge and skills would have been greatly appreciated in SO AZ, and it is so sad he has passed, he will remain in my heart for all he has done going forward,, Mo  
Maureen O'Reilly Creegan

Maureen O'Reilly Creegan - July 24, 2022 at 10:27 AM

MC

“ 14 files added to the album keith



Melissa Connolly - July 24, 2022 at 09:11 AM

MG

“ Keith was an amazing father, husband and friend. He will be greatly missed ❤️ The Galvin family will cherish our memories of Keith and the many fun times we had with him.



maria galvin - July 23, 2022 at 12:30 PM