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On Monday, May 17, 2021, Michael Holliday of Lutherville, Maryland, loving husband of Maureen Holliday and cherished father of Michael Patrick Holliday, Carolyn Mary Holliday, John Michael Holliday, and Patrick Michael Holliday, passed away. He will be missed deeply.

Michael was born in Youngstown, OH on December 03, 1943, to Hedwig Ada Holliday (nee Turowski) and Michael Holliday (Mikey). After graduating Ursline Highschool, he entered Marquette University, where he completed both his Bachelor of Science, and Medical Doctorate degrees. In 1970 he enlisted in the US Army and served as a flight surgeon and Captain in the Vietnam war. Michael completed his residency in Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD in 1974 and continued to work there for over 40 years as surgical faculty. His work in neurotology was groundbreaking and garnered him a global reputation as one of the foremost experts in acoustic neuromas.

Michael met his future wife, Maureen, in 1973 at City Hospital in Baltimore where she was visiting from Dublin, Ireland while completing a portion of her own medial internship. They celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in

August 2020.

Michael was a devout Catholic all of his life; from his alter boy duties as a young boy to serving as an usher at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen for over 20 years.

An avid outdoorsman, he loved spending time outdoors, fishing, hunting, and boating on the Chesapeake with his family. Despite his many accomplishments, he will be remembered best by those who were blessed enough to have known him, for his persistent smile, infectious laugh and constant wit.

Michael is survived by his wife and four children and his sisters, Franceska Sokol and Marian Chomicz, his brothers-in-law, William Sokol, Thomas Chomicz, and Leo Veling, his sisters-in-law, Patricia Veling and Mary Veling, his son-in-law, Jerry Moyer, his daughter-in-law, Lindsay Holliday, and five grandchildren, Ella I. Holliday, Keira M. Holliday, Dylan E. Moyer, Hunter G. Holliday and Brooks E. Holliday. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in honor of Michael John Holliday to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital., 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 USA (EIN: 62-0646012); or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. (aka Alzheimer's Association), 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (EIN 13-3039601).

On May 17, 2021 Michael John Holliday, MD beloved husband of Maria J. "Maureen" Holliday (nee Veling); dear father of Michael P. Holliday, Carolyn M. Holliday (Jerry Moyer), John M. Holliday and Patrick M. Holliday (Lindsay, nee

Appel); dear grandfather of Ella, Kiera, Hunter and Brooks Holliday and Dylan Moyer; devoted brother of Franceska Sokol (William) and Marian Chomicz (Thomas); devoted brother-in-law of Patricia Veling and Leo Veling (Mary). He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Service and interment are private. Please omit flowers.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

JC

“*Dr. Holiday saved my life. He was my ENT surgeon as a child. I remember him as one of the top surgeons. He ensured my parents knew what was happening with me and why my tumor was needing to be removed. After surgery we hit complications. I began losing my hearing, and Dr. Holiday was a fighter. He worked his hardest to try and restore my hearing. He told my parents, “this child went into surgery with hearing, by damn will he gain his hearing.” I wish I had the chance to show him how far I’ve come in life, and I wish had the chance just thank him. He gave me a second chance in life, and I want his family to know this as well. He’s truly a blessing in disguise, and I owed him everything. In memory of Dr. Holiday, I just want to say thank you for not giving up on me. You sir are and always will be remembered.*

Thank you Dr. Holiday.

john C - July 04, 2025 at 11:06 PM

MH

I am his son, and to hear these things said about him would make him so proud. He would have 7:45 surgery M-F and then go in on sat and sun to see his patients. Please know your kind words mean the world as he got alzheimers and had to quit operating and never got to enjoy a day of his retirement. Thank you for reaching out with kind words. We miss him dearly.

Michael Holliday - February 13 at 02:00 AM

ME

“ Mike and I were ENT residents at the Johns Hopkins hospital together for 4 years. I hadn't seen him for 47 years after I left Baltimore for Houston for a faculty position. I remember him for his patience, intelligence, and equanimity. I admired his determination to further his skills in skull base surgery leaving his academic appointment at Hopkins temporarily for Zurich. working under the mentorship of renowned surgeon Yugo Fisch..He loved his cabriolet white Mercedes and I often kidded him about when the hospital would make him stop smoking. I value him as one of the most memorable and influential individuals in my career as I like he went in different directions from traditional ENT-mine to Plastic and Reconstructive surgery. I am proud to say I knew him. Michael Eisemann M.D.

Michael Eisemann - May 22, 2024 at 05:15 PM

PE

“ Mike was the first ENT resident I worked with as an audiologist at a Health Department ENT clinic around 1974-1975. He was a delightful gentleman who worked wonderfully with the patients. He never appeared to be in a rush and would always kindly answer and help all the clinic patients. He treated everyone equally. I wrote a letter to his boss, Dr. Nager letting him know how much we always appreciated the care and kindness he gave to all our patients. That was the only time in the 25 years that we had an ENT clinic that I ever wrote to the ENT chief about any of the residents. RIP, Mike!
Paul Efros

Paul Efros - January 16, 2024 at 12:32 PM

DK

“ Mike and I were residents together, but also friends for all the years that I was at Hopkins. He was indeed unique. An incredibly patient, caring, absolutely superb surgeon who remembered all his patients without need to refer to notes. He taught me lateral skull base surgery, and was my faculty mentor when we did the first translab approach to the skull base at Hopkins. However, equally importantly, he had a great sense of humor, and we spent hours together in our shared office suite - teaching, encouraging and sharing jokes. He was indeed a giant in his field. He will be remembered very fondly.

David W Kennedy, M.D.

David Kennedy - July 28, 2021 at 08:56 AM

TP

“ I was a “new” nurse on an ENT/Head and Neck floor, Brady 4, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the '70's. Dr. Michael Holliday truly impressed me by making sure he visited his patients EVERY day while hospitalized whether it be early in the morning or very late at night. No other surgeon did that!! I eventually moved on to the Neurosurgery OR and had the pleasure of operating with him. Always a pleasure to share the same room. During lunches with him we would always talk about gardening, baseball, and anything non work related. Oh, and I will never forget his jokes. A well respected, intelligent, caring human being will truly be missed!

Terry Hoffman Cody Lewis Phelps - June 02, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Dr Holliday and send condolences to his family. I met him as a patient about 29 years ago when he and Dr Long operated on me for an acoustic neuroma. I had researched the people that were doing that type of surgery and decided to stay close to home as we had the best team nationwide. I will be forever indebted to them for my ability to recover and continue practicing medicine and operating for many years thereafter. Dr Holliday became my “ go to” doctor when one of my patients needed a referral. He always had time to take my calls. I can honestly say “Thank G-D “ for Dr Holliday and for having had him take care of me. He certainly will be missed.

Gerald B Feldman,MD

Gerald Feldman - June 02, 2021 at 07:43 AM

MM

“ Dr. Holliday put me at ease when I first walked into his office after being diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma in 2003. I had a list of questions which he answered in rapid succession. He had to leave the room for a minute and he said "keep thinking of questions". My final question was "if this was your wife, what would you recommend (I knew there were 3 options)". Dr. Holliday said "if this was my wife I would recommend surgery because I don't see this impinging on the longevity of your life". I knew that it was a serious surgery but I never had any doubt that all would be ok and it was. I am forever thankful to him. May he rest in peace.

Monica Lally Myers - June 01, 2021 at 09:53 PM

MK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dr Holliday’s passing. He was a giant in our field and I was honored to count myself among his students. I continued to learn from him after my residency. He had a vast breadth of knowledge in Otolaryngology and in general. Some of my favorite memories of him are playing softball with him and having “life” conversations while waiting for cases to start or walking through the hospital. I will miss him.



Matthew Kashima - May 28, 2021 at 09:40 AM

AD

“ Alice David sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Michael "Mike" John Holliday



Alice David - May 28, 2021 at 08:14 AM

PT

“ As a younger cousin I would spend part of my Summer at Aunt Ada and Uncle Mickey’s house - Mike was like a “big brother “ that would take me with on cruises in his Ford Falcon - always a fun part of Summer. Later during Med School I still called him for advice and he always made me laugh plus gave me good advice.

Paul F Turowski,DO - May 27, 2021 at 12:43 PM

MC

“ Mike was my companion and confidant when we were growing up in Youngstown, Ohio. I couldn’t have asked for a kinder or more sincere brother. He will always be in my heart. Marian

Marian Grace Chomicz - May 19, 2021 at 04:36 PM