



## Joseph A. Buda MD

June 3, 2021

BUDA—Joseph Anthony, MD of Englewood, NJ died on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at the age of 91. Dr. Buda was a Professor Emeritus of Clinical Surgery and Special Lecturer at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where he was revered for his integrity both as clinician and mentor.

He was born on August 10, 1929 in Fort Lee, NJ to Vincenzo and Sadie Buda. He grew up in Fort Lee with his brother Vincent (d. 2011) and his sister Beatrice Ann. He graduated from Fort Lee High School in 1947.

He attended Columbia University where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the Alumni Prize in 1951. He continued to Cornell University Medical School and completed his surgical internship at the Presbyterian Hospital at the Columbia University Medical Center in 1956.

He spent the following three years as a Captain in the United States Air Force as a Flight Surgeon, stationed at Dreux Air Base in France. Upon his return, he completed his residency in surgery at The Presbyterian Hospital at the Columbia University Medical Center. He began his surgical career at The Francis Delafield Hospital and The Presbyterian Hospital. A highlight of his early years was performing the first renal transplant carried out at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in 1969. He served on the Board of Trustees at the Presbyterian Medical Center from 1977-79 and 1986-89. His

career as a general and vascular surgeon spanned more than four decades.

Dr. Buda began his teaching career as an Instructor of Surgery at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1965. He was appointed Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery in 1994 and was one of the founding members of EPIC [Emeritus Professors in Columbia] in 2000.

Through his life, he earned several honors, including the Lambert Traveling Fellowship from the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University in 1964; "Citizen of the Year" from UNICO National in 1978; appointment to the Board of Trustees of The Dwight-Englewood School, 1980-84; membership of Sigma Xi [Scientific Honorary Society, Kappa Chapter of Columbia University] in 1991; and The Society of Practitioner's "Practitioner of the Year" in 1999.

Outside of the hospital, Joseph Buda enjoyed a full life with his family and friends. When he was not enjoying a good book or working in the garden, he travelled the world with his wife, Carolyn. His standing weekend tennis and paddle games at The Englewood Field Club were often followed by a trip to Manhattan to enjoy museum exhibits and the opera.

A longtime resident of Englewood, NJ, Dr. Buda is predeceased by his beloved wife of 52 years, Carolyn. He is survived by his children, Joseph A. Buda, Jr. of River Vale [Alina], Adrienne Anderson of Englewood [Christopher] and his grandchildren, Joseph A. Buda III, Katherine Anderson and Amelia Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Columbia College's Financial Aid, Allocation #07161, c/o Columbia University – Gift Systems, P.O. Box 1523, New York, NY 10008. <https://college.givenow.columbia.edu/?ac=CITR#>



# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Cecilia's Church  
55 W Demarest Ave  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Tribute Wall

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“ WE LIVED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BUDA FAMILY ON SLOCUM WAY HE WAS HONEST WITH MY MOM WHEN MY DAD WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER EVERY ONE WAS GIVING MY MOM THE RUNAROUND AND HE TOLD HER THE TRUTH HE SAID FRANK HAS ABOUT A MONTH TO LIVE MY DAD DIED 28 DAYS LATER I LOVED THEIR FAMILY SADIE DRS MOM WAS VERY INTERESTING I THINK HIS WIFE ARLENE? WAS A NURSE AND MY COUSIN RAE WAS A NURSE AT COLUMBIA PRESBYTERIAN WITH THEM ALSO VERY SAD TO HEAR HE HAS DIED DENISE DEFELICE 609 369 9917

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**DENISE DEFELICE** - September 25, 2023 at 02:47 PM

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“ I had the privilege of being one of the surgical residents who had the opportunity to train and work with Joe during the early days of the kidney transplant program. They were challenging times with really sick patients, and he was there at their bedside through the worst. Skilled surgeon, dedicated teacher, and great role model. I often remembered him and those times when I started the heart transplant program at the University of Nebraska. How fortunate we were to have more effective and less morbid immune suppression. I remembered how much of that progress was due to pioneers like Joseph Buda

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**Anthony Moulton** - June 16, 2021 at 08:47 PM

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“ Joseph , Adrienne and family, despite the loss of the physical presence of your Dad. We know that God has assigned him to watch over you throughout your life. My thoughts and prayers are with you during these sad times. May Dr. Buda RIP.

*Elena Lazo de la Vega*

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**Elena Lazo de la Vega** - June 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph A. Buda MD.



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June 09, 2021 at 12:41 PM

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“ Roman & Martha Nowygrod purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph A. Buda MD.



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**Roman & Martha Nowygrod** - June 07, 2021 at 09:02 PM

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“ Rose and Michele Capasso purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph A. Buda MD.



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**Rose and Michele Capasso** - June 06, 2021 at 01:43 PM