



Charles A. Bush, MD

February 28, 1941 - February 8, 2023

Charles A. Bush, MD passed away peacefully at his home in Powell, Ohio on February 8, 2023 at the age of 81. His contributions to the medical community, life of service, and his passion for Buckeye football are remembered by many. Graduate of Kent State University BA (1962); Western Reserve University College of Medicine MD (1965). Faculty Member OSU College of Medicine 1965 – 2014. He was Resident and Chief Resident Internal Medicine Ohio State University Hospitals; Cardiologist OSU Wexner Medical Center and Ross Heart Hospital 1970 – 2014; Medical Director OSU Ross Heart Hospital 2004 – 2013 and Emeritus Professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine since 2014. He was member of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Powell, Ohio. He is survived by: son, Charles Andrew (April) grandsons, Eli and Ethan; son, Christopher Aaron (Marne) grandsons, Akasha and Banyan, granddaughters, Vivi and Charli; brother, Richard. He was preceded in death by parents, George Leonard and Alma (Millonig) Bush. Calling hours will be held from 4 – 6 pm Wednesday, February 22 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 11 am Thursday, February 23 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, OH 43065. Private graveside service will be held for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to: St Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Powell, Ohio or OSU Wexner Medical Center Ross Heart Hospital Medical Director Fund. Condolences may be left at: www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

Today we share the news that one of our own, Charles Bush, MD, Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Ohio State College of Medicine, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Dr. Bush had an illustrious 54-year career as a physician, leader and friend at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Dr. Bush spent his professional career deeply committed to the improvement of our medical center, the patients he served and the people who worked here. He helped educate generations of interventional cardiologists who've gone on to have significant influence around the country and the world. Along with Larry Anstine and Rich Davis, Dr. Bush was responsible for the vision of the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital.

In addition to being an exceptional clinician, Dr. Bush was passionate about championing his colleagues and mentoring fellow faculty. "It's the people who deliver the care who will make this an outstanding facility," he said when the Ross Heart Hospital opened in 2004. Dr. Bush continuously provided sincere and deep mentorship to anyone who needed a helping hand, even after he retired from the Ross Heart Hospital in 2020.

Dr. Bush began his career as a cardiologist at Ohio State in 1965. Over the decades, he served on every major committee at the medical center and was a founding member of the Department of Medicine Foundation. In addition to serving as medical director of the Ross Heart Hospital for the first eight years of its operation, he served as chief of staff from 1991 to 1993 and director of the cardiac catheterization labs for 26 years. He also served as director of the cardiac catheterization labs at East Hospital, Mary Rutan Hospital,

Southeastern Medical Center and Memorial Health.

Dr. Bush received his Bachelor of Arts degree (magna cum laude) in 1962 from Kent State University and medical degree from Western Reserve University in 1965. He served as captain in the United States Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base from 1967 to 1969. Dr. Bush completed his postgraduate training, including residencies and fellowship, at The Ohio State University.

He authored more than 100 publications, abstracts and books/chapters and served on numerous boards for major medical journals. Among his many awards was being named Professor of the Year by the Ohio State College of Medicine and earning the Charles F. Wooley, MD, Transmission of Excellence Teaching Award.

Above all, Dr. Bush will be remembered as a selfless person, dedicated to his faith, his family, his patients and all the people he mentored during his career. His legacy of kindness lives on in us and in those whom we influence as a result of his generosity and grace.

Please join us in sending thoughts of peace and comfort to his sons, Andy and Chris, and their families.

Ayesha Hasan, MD

Interim Division Director, Cardiovascular Medicine

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Ernest Mazzaferri Jr., MD

Medical Director, Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital

Charles A. Bush Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine

Interim Co-Director, The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center

Andrew Thomas, MD

Interim Co-Leader and Wolfe Foundation Chief Clinical Officer

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“*Dr Bush was an exceptional caregiver for me. After I met him the first time when I was referred to him for my a-fib nearly 50 years ago, I returned to my primary care physician and told him that Dr. Bush was very nice, but I commented that he was so young. I also shared that when I played handball at the gym on campus, I saw Dr. Bush also playing handball there. My physician responded that while he may be young, he was already turning many gray-haired heads! As it turned out over the decades as Dr. Bush helped me with many personal health/cardiac decisions, I came to know that my primary care physician was so right! Dr. Bush became a wonderful personal cardiologist and indeed a trusted friend. I now know that with all my heart complications and decisions made along the way, that I am living yet today at 88 because of the decisions he helped me make. After I completed my 50-year career at Ohio State in 2011, Dr. Bush continued to see me as a patient until he finally stopped seeing patients just a few years ago. What a long and beautiful and caring relationship. I was incredibly fortunate! Roger Meyer*

Roger Arnold Meyer - July 31, 2023 at 09:23 AM

TM

“*Charlie was a great guy and i always enjoyed being around him.*
Tom Mosure

tom mosure - March 14, 2023 at 01:30 PM

GM

“*Charlie, you were the best friend and mentor; unselfish with your time, knowledge and kindness. I owe you so much.*
Rest well my friend.
Gary Snyder

Gary Snyder M.D. - February 22, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles A. Bush, MD.*



February 21, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles A. Bush, MD.*



February 21, 2023 at 11:40 AM

CM

“ You can tell a lot about a man by reflecting on the words left here by his admirers, patients, colleagues, students and his friends. I am one of those people. Chas was a friend to many of us at the Club, from the beginning of our diverse careers. Chas was a humble giant—a healer, mentor, advocate, and most importantly, a true friend. His selfless generosity and kindness were immeasurable. Chas represented the very best facets in health care. Practical, virtuous, caring, humble (when not beating you at cards) and most of all, a true leader. The Oath hung in his office. He was the living embodiment of it. His somewhat reserved personality kept his students clamoring to win his admiration, and most importantly, to be like him. Chas guided me into medicine, residency, and helped me start my own practice. He cared for my family. Even after 15 years of practice, I called on him to discuss the challenges of the day. He was always happy to see you, with that warm smile. That awesome grin. A meteor-sized hole has been left in many lives. I, personally, will never forget Charlie Bush. My thoughts and prayers go to Chris and Andy and the grandkids that were so very fortunate to call him “family.” He adored all of you.

Chip Richardson, MD - February 20, 2023 at 10:20 PM

PI

“ Dr. Bush was a fine doctor. He was a good listener, explained everything clearly, and easily gained his patients' trust. Pat and Jay Iams

Patricia Iams - February 20, 2023 at 09:57 PM

LM

“ Love, Ernie & Laura Mazzaferri purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles A. Bush, MD.



Love, Ernie & Laura Mazzaferri - February 19, 2023 at 03:18 PM

SW

“ I am fortunate that Dr. Bush was my interventional cardiologist for some 20 years. I have no doubt that his caring and professional attention contributed to my improved life expectancy. He was a special friend. And, I am thankful that I had the opportunity to visit with him a few times following his retirement and express my gratitude to him.

Stacy Weislogel, OSU Professor Emeritus

Stacy Weislogel - February 19, 2023 at 01:27 PM

NC

“ I met Dr. Bush in 1997 when my daughter suffered a traumatic brain injury from a car accident and was rushed to OSU. Dr. Bush was an acquaintance of my daughter's boyfriend and although she wasn't a cardiac patient, he was there with us for the duration of her three-month stay at OSUMC and beyond. He was our guardian angel. We appreciated his guidance, care and concern. For career day a year later my middle school son shadowed Dr. Bush and it was quite the memorable experience for a 13 year old. He was the perfect "teacher." Our deepest sympathies to the Bush family. Please know your father/grandfather went above and beyond leaving lasting impressions on our family. He was a very kind and compassionate human being.

Nancy Todd Collier - February 19, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles A. Bush, MD.*



February 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles A. Bush, MD.*



February 17, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Charlie, Thanks for all your help over the years. You meant a lot to CV Medicine at Ohio State Univ. and needless to say, to your boys and family. Carl V. Leier*

Carl V Leier - February 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *So deeply saddened today at receipt of this news. It was more than 25 years ago when I first caddied for him at Wedgewood and continued to do so throughout college. In recent years, my own children have had the pleasure to know him and looked forward to weekend trips to Bush Farm as he hosted and shared his beautiful property with us. Charlie is the definition of what it looks like to live a kind and generous life. My prayers go to his family and all who had the wonderful pleasure of knowing him - he will be greatly missed.*

SteveHenderly - February 13, 2023 at 04:25 PM

EC

I just found out of the passing of my doctor and friend Charles Bush. Not only that he was a great doctor, he was so caring about his patients including my dear wife & he worked so hard to try to save her. I will miss Charlie
Erwin Cohen

Erwin Cohen - February 14, 2023 at 07:08 PM

DS

“*Dr. Bush was my cardiologist for years, and he extended that offer to me even after his partial retirement. Can't say enough about how appreciative I am for his service to me. I also know he was extremely influential in education and encouraging so many other docs. He definitely left this world a better place than when he entered.*

Dave Schoettmer - February 13, 2023 at 03:40 PM

MH

“*Charlie, you were always a man of few words, but a man of great wisdom. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking care of my family. Thank you also for being such a wonderful friend to Lucas, and to Mitch. I know how much they both enjoyed going to your Lakehouse and the wonderful time that they all had there. You will definitely be missed by the Henry's and everyone that knew you. My condolences to your family and everyone at the Ross that knew and loved you.*

Margie Henry - February 13, 2023 at 03:12 PM

HT

“ *It was my pleasure & privilege to know you & work with you Dr. Bush. I was very intimidated by you until I glimpsed that quick but quiet sense of humor. You have been sorely missed at the Ross since you retired. I will forever remember you & always with great fondness.*

Holly Tufts - February 11, 2023 at 04:36 PM