



## Dr. Richard D. Gemma D.O.

July 9, 1941 - August 16, 2017

Dr. Richard Donald Gemma, D.O., age 76, passed away on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at home with his wife and children. He was born July 9, 1941 to the late Charles Leo Gemma and Dorothy (Fajack) Gemma of Youngstown, Ohio; also preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Charles (Carlette) Gemma, of Solon, Ohio. In addition to his wife of over 48 years, Esther (Farrell) Gemma, of Springfield, Ohio, he is survived by his three children, Jennifer (Andy Foote) Gemma, Richard (Mariah) Gemma and Meredith (Tom) Sommer; grandchildren, Katherine, Ella, Maxwell and Oliver; sisters, Donna (Donald) Nolfi and Jacquelyn (Greg) Crandall and brother, Dr. Thomas (Cindy) Gemma; and many nieces and nephews. Richard was dedicated to lifelong learning, putting himself through school at Marquette by working summers in the steel mills in Youngstown, Ohio, and graduating from medical school to become a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.). He was drafted and served as a Captain in the Vietnam War, was an assistant professor at The Ohio State University and was an anesthesiologist at both Mount Carmel and Grant Hospitals in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Richard D. Gemma was recently awarded as a 50-year physician by the Ohio State Medical Association. Visitation will be held at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio, on Sunday, August 20 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and at the church on Monday at 10 a.m. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, August 21, 2017. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to OhioHealth Hospice (<https://four>

ation.ohiohealth.com/programs/hospice-giving),. Veterans Affairs ([www.va.gov/ogc/giftsova.asp](http://www.va.gov/ogc/giftsova.asp)) and the National Parkinson's Foundation ([www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)). Condolences may be sent to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
1559 Roxbury Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43212

## Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
1559 Roxbury Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43212

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard D. Gemma D.O.*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for your family, I was saddened to hear of Rick's passing, he was an inspiration to many! Patti Hull*

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**Patricia Hull** - August 21, 2017 at 09:58 AM



“ *Dear Jen, Andy, and Katie,*

*I am so very sorry for your loss -our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Amy and Lia*

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**Amy Zdravecky** - August 20, 2017 at 06:42 PM

JW

“ Dear Esther and Family,

*I was saddened this morning to read about Dick's passing. We were both residents in the OSU Hospital Department of Anesthesiology, and he served as a great mentor to emulate when I first started. I viewed Dick as my professional big brother who was always careful, thorough, thoughtful, respectful, compassionate, and calm whenever the situation called for a cool head. He was also a genuine all-around good guy. I am certain that he not only influenced my anesthesiology practice, but also that of hundreds of residents that I subsequently taught during my 40 year anesthesiology career at OSU. It is comforting to realize that a part of Dick continues to live on in their professional lives and that he made a difference.*

*Joel Weaver DDS, PhD  
Emeritus Professor  
The Ohio State University*

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**Joel Weaver** - August 19, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard D. Gemma D.O..



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August 19, 2017 at 05:00 PM

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“ Peg & Burk Showe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. Richard D. Gemma D.O..



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**Peg & Burk Showe** - August 19, 2017 at 03:58 PM

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“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU, Capt.Gemma for your service in Vietnam..... And Semper Fi..... SIR.



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**Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC** - August 19, 2017 at 01:14 PM

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“ To the Gemma Family,

*Our deepest sympathies over your recent loss. We know words do little to ease your pain, but know you are in our thoughts and prayers*

*Dan Garritano  
Michelle Bono*

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**Dan Garritano** - August 19, 2017 at 04:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard D. Gemma D.O..*



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August 18, 2017 at 10:03 PM



“ *Sending love and sympathy to the entire Gemma family at this difficult time.*

*My latest memory of "dad" was a few years ago in Evanston. He was smiling, laughing and sharing his advice for me, a new healthcare professional. He wasn't able to walk as much as he wanted, but that didn't stop him. We giggled over how things haven't really changed in healthcare...and he was in awe of how much they also had changed. Such a fun, happy brilliant man to talk with every time I saw him...*

*I know he's smiling and happy again today.*

*May he rest in peace.*

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**Mary Hodur** - August 18, 2017 at 06:25 PM