



## Francis Michael Sheridan, M.D.

November 30, 1920 - February 15, 2014

Francis Michael Sheridan M.D., a.k.a. "FM" to family and friends, died peacefully in his sleep February 15, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri after a brief stay in hospice care. FM was an intelligent man, who served his country, earned a degree in medicine, mastered the piano and worked with gifted children. He spent most of his life working as a pediatrician and became nicknamed the baby doc. He often regaled friends and family with fabulous stories involving tonsils, ear wax, sibling rivalry and the darndest things kids do and say. His spirit of adventure led him to obtain a pilots license whereupon he enjoyed traveling the country in his small Cessna and Bonanza planes. FM loved books, fishing, hockey, crossword puzzles, photography and gourmet cooking. He spent many hours in his darkroom documenting his family and he enjoyed skiing at the Ostego Ski Club in Northern Michigan and in Aspen, Colorado. FM embraced and enjoyed the camaraderie and challenges found in the game of golf and he loved all of the gadgets associated with the advent of new technology, especially computers. He leaves his four children and their spouses, Michael Sheridan and Liz Baca of Victor, Idaho, John Sheridan and his wife Froan of Punta Gorda, Florida, Nancy Hemenway and her husband Charlie of Morrison, Colorado and Phil Sheridan and his wife Kim of Traverse City, Michigan. In addition he leaves five grandchildren, Chris Hemenway, Jenny Dunsmore, Meghan Sheridan, Andy Sheridan and Alex Sheridan. Also three great grandchildren, Tanner Hemenway, Cooper Hemenway and Emma Dunsmore. Also nieces and

nephews Evan Pyle, Emily Pyle, and Elinor Pyle; and friend and companion, JoAnn Halberg of Kansas City, Missouri. Born at home on November 30, 1920, to Bernard Sheridan and Anna Powers Sheridan in Miami County, Paola, Kansas, FM began his education at St. Patricks Holy Trinity Schools where he attended elementary and middle school. Classes were taught by the Sisters of the Ursuline Academy, one of the leading educational institutions in Eastern Kansas at the time. At the age of 14 he attended the New Mexico Military Academy in Roswell, NM where every boy learned how to march, shoot and ride a horse. Following his stint in the military academy, FM went on to complete four years of pre-med studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. He joined the Navy after college and went on to study at the Perelman Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania and completed his medical residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. During his residency at Henry Ford, he met and married Mildred Jane Lackie, a nurse from the Detroit area who also worked at the hospital. He fulfilled his Navy obligation in 1945 by practicing medicine in a number of bases across the United States until he finished his military career in 1949. FM began his private pediatric practice in 1950 when he partnered with Doug Wake of the Wake Clinic in Royal Oak, Michigan. He served as a prominent pediatrician and staff member at William Beaumont Hospital in the Royal Oak Community for over fifty years. FM was an active member of the Royal Oak Rotary Club for many years and the Red Run Golf Club for over 50 years. Long known for his positive outlook on life and his infectious sense of humor, he also handed down his passion for the game of golf to his children. In the latter part of his career, FM studied in the field of learning disabilities of gifted children and was able to diagnose and help extremely bright children overcome social obstacles. He continued this work until his retirement in 1995. FM had many friends all over the country and took time to visit and stay in touch with everyone throughout the years. For the last few years of his life, FM lived in Kansas City, Missouri where he enjoyed reading, relaxing, sharing jokes and spending time with his friends there. On his 93rd birthday in late November,

FM enjoyed a personal flight on a small plane touring high amid the clouds in the Kansas City area. The visitation will be Friday 3-7 p.m. and service Saturday 1 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to Beaumont Children's Hospital are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Doc sheridan was a great guy, and mike a good friend. Always hoped he or dr wake were in, especially if i had to get a shot! Doc took me and my dad to red run several times for golf when we couldn't afford to join. Never could beat my buddy mike, but always enjoyed the company.*

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**Jack shader** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My dad died on October 18, 2012. They both lived long lives. I babysat for some of the kids when I was a teenager. The way Dr. Sheridan drove, the trips to and from the job in a sport car was exiting for me.*

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**Brian D. Wake** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *Nancy Hemenway, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

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**Ronda** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We are so saddened by the loss of our very dear friend. I have had the pleasure of working with FM for many years and was fortunate to also call him a very good friend. His wisdom & humor was limitless. He always had a kind word, a funny story and had a true gift for embracing friends and living life. We shared a passion for flying and shared many wonderful times both on the ground, and in the air. We will always cherish the wonderful memories of our true friend who will be tremendously missed. You all have our prayers and deepest sympathies. With love, Joe and Sue Memminger*

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**Joe and Sue Memminger** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MQ

“ We were sad to hear Dr. Sheridan had passed away. He was such a dear friend, neighbor and pediatrician. We feel blessed to have known him and send our deepest sympathies to his family. Mary Quarles and family

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**Mary Quarles** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I'll always remember, running over to Sheridan's, knocking, having Doc answer the door, and saying "Dr. Sheridan, my Mom thinks I have swimmer's ear. Could you look at it?" And of course, he would graciously ask me in, get this medical bag, take a look, and send me on my way with samples. My sympathies go out to the entire family.

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**Janet Grimm** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Phil and Kim~ Mark and I are so sorry for the loss of your Father, originally known to me as Dr. Sheridan, and now known to me as the Father of our neighbors in Traverse City. Dr. Sheridan was one of my pediatricians at Wake Clinic, and also cared for my own children 26 and 30 years later. He was not only a friendly, skilled, and knowledgeable pediatrician but, clearly, so much more. His life, experiences, and accomplishments portrays someone who lived a full and enriching life. I apologize for being unable to attend the services.

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**Pam Ross / Mark Pickering** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Mike Sheridan and family: Sorry for your loss. Your father, Dr. Sheridan and the Wake Clinic was instrumental in diagnosing and treating my allergies during my adolescence. May your father rest in peace.

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**John Gerard** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mike, as we called him in Kansas City. He blessed our family with his companionship with my mother-in-law Jo Hallberg. They dearly loved each other and it was a joy to see a couple, both widowed, in the late years of life develop such a friendship and companionship. He was such a comfort to my mother-in-law Jo when her son John, my husband, died of cancer. We thanked the Lord that she had him in her life while we dealt with John's illness. I couldn't begin to count the number of jokes Mike told us within the first hour we met him and there were countless more over the years. Mike took all of us in, John, Susan, Norm, Lyndsey and myself as family as well as the dogs Rudy and more recently Elly who lived on his lap the past few months. I was able to pray with Mike five days before he passed and I know he felt close to the Lord. Blessings and comfort to Nancy, Mike, John and Phil and the rest of the family. It has been a pleasure to know all of you. May the God of all comfort bless you and give you peace.

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**Teri Hallberg** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

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**Mrs Higgins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM