



Dr. Daniel Pring Cortez

March 19, 1928 - December 6, 2018

Daniel Pring Cortez, MD, 90, of Tallahassee, formerly of Fort Myers, Florida, passed into the loving embrace of Jesus on Thursday, December 6, 2018.

He was born in Sexmóan, now known as Sasmuan, Pampanga Province, Philippines on March 19, 1928. His parents were Maria Pring Cortez and Angel Cortez, an itinerant Methodist minister. They lived in a remote fishing village of bamboo homes on stilts. After his mother became ill and then died without the benefit of medical care, he became determined to become a doctor. With the support of his family and the rest of his village, and despite the odds being stacked against him as a poor fisherman, he went to college and then medical school.

After completion of medical school in the Philippines, he immigrated to the United States and completed his residency in General Surgery in Minneapolis, MN. During his residency, he met, fell in love with and then married Carrie Kahl, who was then working as a nurse. He later rose to become Chief of Surgery at Fairview-St. Mary's Hospital, served as an adjunct clinical professor with the University of Minnesota Medical School and was elected to the American Academy of Surgeons. He also became an endoscopist.

Throughout his career, he never forgot his underprivileged roots. He set up his practice in an impoverished area, sent assistance back home to The Philippines, and gave free medical care at a missionary training center a couple of days a week. With his wife, Carrie, he went on a number of medical mission trips overseas where they would provide free medical care to those who would not otherwise get it.

After 40 years as a General Surgeon, he retired. Fishing, playing tennis and golf, watching football and any other kind of sports, enjoying good food and spending time with friends and family were some of his hobbies.

Cherishing his memories and mourning his passing are his wife of 60 years, Carrie Kahl Cortez; children, Cindee Thirumalai (husband, Dave), David Cortez and Cathy Timuta

(husband, Oleg); grandchildren, Alexandra Thirumalai, Kayla Cortez, Daniel Cortez, Sam Thirumalai, and Sophia Cortez. He is also survived by great-grandchild, Ellie Cortez; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other members of his extended family.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 until 5:00 PM, Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at Abbey Funeral Home, with a funeral service beginning at 5:00 PM. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 04:30PM - 05:00PM

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4037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL, US, 32303

DEC **Service** 05:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 26, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ Do so remember you mom & dad from Northwood Ridge. So Godly always. Deepest sympathies to your family
Lois & Rick Humbert--5600 Northwood.

Lois Humbert - December 21, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ This man was one of the godliest men I knew. A dear uncle, a compassionate doctor, a loving brother in-law to my mother (his wife's sister), a healer of our bodies. He will be missed. But in Christ we will not miss him for very long. "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thes 4:16).

Can't you hear our Savior saying to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant"? I know that I can.

To my dear brother in Christ, my godly uncle, may we meet again in heaven and at the glorious resurrection. May all your household join you for this grand occasion in the Lord.

Your adoring nephew,

Greg Thornberg

Greg Thornberg - December 19, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Daniel Pring Cortez.



December 11, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ Sharon Owens and Healthy Start purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Dr. Daniel Pring Cortez.



Sharon Owens and Healthy Start - December 11, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 11, 2018 at 08:09 AM



“ Jack Levine and Charlotte Heuler extend our heartfelt wishes for comfort to all of the members of Dr. Cortez's family. Dr. Cortez's good works as a noted surgeon, teacher and loving husband, father and grandfather are inspirations for us all. As Christmas approaches, all the blessings of peace and spiritual fulfillment are sources of eternal gratitude for the life of this wonderful man of medicine.

Jack Levine - December 10, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ Chipola Healthy Start purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. Daniel Pring Cortez.



Chipola Healthy Start - December 10, 2018 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Daniel Pring Cortez.



December 10, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - December 10, 2018 at 10:48 AM