



Rudolf Vedo MD

February 1, 1939 - December 31, 2020

Rockford, Illinois - Rudolf Vedo, MD, passed away on December 31, 2020, after a brief illness. Born in 1939 in Zagreb, Croatia (then Yugoslavia), Rudolf completed his medical training at the University of Zagreb in 1964 and internship in Duga Resa, Croatia. He initially planned to become a surgeon and moved to Bremen, Germany, where he began his surgical training. In 1967, he married the love of his life, Dubravka, and had two sons, Rudi Jr. and Tom. After initial plans for a surgical career were unfortunately derailed by a minor medical condition, he switched paths and ultimately found his calling in anesthesiology, which allowed him to continue to make use of his affinity for the operating theater. After completing his internship in Chicago, Illinois and residency training in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he joined Rockford Anesthesiologists Associated, where he spent 25 years serving the needs of patients at hospitals and surgical facilities throughout the greater Rockford area. In his career, he was known as a skilled, caring physician and genial colleague, who was always proud of his ability to put nervous patients at ease. After his retirement from RAA in 2000, Rudolf built a second home in Slovenia, where he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and especially his grandchildren, Pavao and Jana. During summers he would usually be found taking them on excursions to show them the beauty of the surrounding countryside, cultural activities across the border in Zagreb, as well as teaching them how to build and fix all manner of things, and helping them to become the caring, accomplished young people they are today.

Rudolf will be remembered by all who knew him a loving husband and father, doting grandfather, and good friend. He is survived by his loving wife Dubravka (Morovic) of Rockford, sons Rudolf Jr. (Tomislava) of Zagreb, Croatia, Tomislav Vedo of Rockford, grandchildren Pavao and Jana of Zagreb, Croatia, brother Ivan (Nada) of Croatia, and many nieces, nephews and cousins and in-laws. Grace Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Swedish American Foundation at 1401 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104. Memorial Visitation; Friday, January 8, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Private family funeral service; webcast of funeral will be available at 3 p.m. on January 8, 2021 here: <http://www.gracefh.com/obituaries/permalink/9788169/LTWebcast>
Share a message of condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
IL 61103

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rudolf Vedo MD



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 08, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Rudolf Vedo MD



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - January 05, 2021 at 04:49 PM

BS

Dear Dubravka and family, I am so sorry to read of Dr. Vedo's passing. Love to you and your family. I worked for Dr. Vedo for 14 years and he always treated me with much respect. I loved visiting with you, Dubravka, when you would come to the office. Sent with sincere sympathy.

Beverly Samsel - January 07, 2021 at 11:33 AM

TV

Teta Dubravka, Rudi i Tomica, primite iskrenu sućut i žaljenje zbog gubitka strica Rudija od strane Tomislava, Ivane, Izabel i Tina Vedo

Tomislav Vedo - January 08, 2021 at 03:10 PM

JK

Cijeloj obitelji iskrena sućut povodom Rudijeve smrti, Jadranka

Jadranka Kodrnja-Morovic - January 10, 2021 at 07:11 AM

DS

“ *My sincere condolences to Dr Vedo family. He provided anesthesia to many of my patients and I was always impressed with his ability, kindness, and compassion. He was an excellent anesthesiologist and colleague. His smile and calm demeanor were appreciated by patients and staff. He will be missed and it appears his legacy lives on with his family and friends. Thank you Dr Vedo.*

Dan Swift

Dan Swift - January 10, 2021 at 11:45 AM

JK

“ *Draga Dubravka, Rudica i Tomica,*

Primite izraze iskrene sućuti povodom smrti vaseg dragog Rudija,

Jadranka

Jadranka Kodrnja-Morović - January 10, 2021 at 08:08 AM

FK

“ *We wish to extend our very deepest sympathy on Rudy's passing and pray for our Lord's comfort at this time of great sorrow. With Christ's Love, Ric and Gloria Kullberg*

Fredric and Gloria Kullberg - January 08, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DV

“ Dear Duda, Rudi Jr. and Tommy, Please accept our deep condolences on the death of your husband and father. What good neighbors and friends! We remember with a smile the times the fathers Rudy and Joe went Trick or Treating with the kids in the neighborhood. Losing a husband and father is never easy but the fond memories and love will remain. Please know that you will remain in our prayers and hearts.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Valaitis

Dr. and Mrs. Valaitis - January 08, 2021 at 02:54 PM

TV

“ Tomislav Vedo lit a candle in memory of Rudolf Vedo MD



Tomislav Vedo - January 08, 2021 at 02:14 PM

MI

“ To Pubi, extraordinary uncle, who dedicated his life to patients, friends and family.

Mihaela

“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no "brief candle" for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

~ George Bernard Shaw

Mihaela - January 08, 2021 at 10:48 AM

MB

“ Dear Duda, Rudica and Tomica,
Dear Tomislava, Jana and Pavao,

A lifetime together is never enough, especially with an extraordinary person as Pubi was.

We extend our deepest sympathies to you all.

We grieve with you and we will walk with you through these difficult times.

Beba & Zvonko

Mihaela Blazevic - January 08, 2021 at 05:34 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Rudolf Vedo MD.*



January 08, 2021 at 05:24 AM



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Dear Tomislava, Jana and Pavao,*

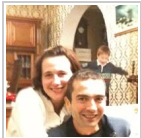
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Mihaela Blazevic - January 08, 2021 at 05:16 AM



“ *Draga Dubravka i Tomica, još jednom vam želimo izraziti najiskreniju sućut zbog gubitka našeg dragog i nikad zaboravljenog bratića Pubija 😭. Cico i Mladen*



Lilian Sabljak - January 07, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudolf Vedo MD.*



January 06, 2021 at 07:32 AM