



## Felix Portelli

March 14, 1932 - February 14, 2006

The Portelli family is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Felix Portelli respected ENT physician, beloved husband, father and grandfather who passed away on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at the age of 73. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on March 14, 1932 to the late John and Catherine Portelli. He attained a B.A. from New York University in 1952 and an M.D. degree from the State University of New York College of Medicine in June 1956. He was certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and was a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology HNS. From 1957 to 1978, Dr. Portelli served as an ENT in the U.S. Air Force, servicing as Assistant Chief and Chief, Otolaryngology Service at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital, San Antonio from 1964 to 1970. From 1970 to 1976 he was the Chief of Otolaryngology Service at the USAF Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany. Dr. Portelli completed his military medical career as Chief, Otolaryngology Service, Keesler USAF Medical Center, Mississippi in 1978. That same year, Dr. Portelli returned to San Antonio and began a private practice, specializing in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. He had offices in the Nix Medical Center as well as in Oak Hills Methodist Medical Building and retired from private practice in May, 1998. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Dolores Portelli; three children, Wendy Shelton White and her husband USAF Colonel P.K. White of Seattle, Washington, US Army Colonel Alex Portelli and wife Gail of San Antonio, and Lisa Portelli of Bradenton, Florida; two grandchildren, Walker White and Ian Moderacki; and brother Andrew Portelli and his wife Marcia of

Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

## SERVICES

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 on Monday, February 20, 2006 at Northeast Baptist Church with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital, Houston, Texas 800525-5841.

# Tribute Wall

CW

*“ I was a patient of your father’s back in 1966 when he preformed radical mastoid surgery to save my life. He was so handsome and this 8 year old was in love with him. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Carol Price Ward** - October 04, 2023 at 10:18 AM

BM

*“ We offer our sincere condolences to your family.If there is anything we can do to help you through this difficult time please do not hesitate to call on us.*

*Sincerely,  
The Packing Crew From Blackmon Mooring*

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**Blackmon Mooring** - February 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

*“ Dolores - My eye caught the obituary and picture of your husband in the newspaper. I am sorry for your loss. I am thankful you had 39 years together.*

*I have thought of you often and regretted that we lost contact. Life moved on for each of us and*

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**Charlene Carpenter** - February 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

YT

*“ Delores, Wendy, Alex, & Lisa.  
I just heard about the loss of a wonderful man and a great Doctor, I got to know Dr. Portelli very well especially after working with him for over 12 years. He not only was my boss but also a great friend and I felt like he*

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**Yvette Sanchez Trevino** - February 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Mrs. Portelli - we are so sad to learn of Dr. Portelli's passing - you & your family are in our prayers.

*Nancy @ Merrill Lynch, Bob Werner retired, Dan Rebmann, Shawn Gosdin & Tom McNairy*

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**Nancy W Waldron** - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *A beautiful life & service for a fantastic person & family who we were privileged to know & love.*

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**Solomon, Jim & Doris** - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *It is said that we are all travelers in the wilderness of this world and the best that we can find in our travels is an honest friend. Well, Dr. Portelli was just that! He not only was a great, wise and smart physician-- he always made you feel that he*

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**Delia Bazan** - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Norman and I are so saddened to hear of Felix's passing. We will never forget him. He saved the life of our son Jon. After Jon's surgery, he came out to tell us how everything went. He told us that it was worse than he anticipated and then he cried.*

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**Mary M Binsted** - February 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ My condolences to Delores and the Portelli family. The loss of Felix will affect many of us. I first met Felix when he was head of ENT at Wiesbaden Hospital while I was assigned to Aviano Air Base in Italy. We all remember his consultant visits to our f

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**Philip J. Perucca** - February 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Those of us at Ophthalmology Associates in the NIX are deeply saddened by Dr Portelli's death. He was a fine man, a gifted Physician, and a super friend. We shall miss him. Our prayers go out to you all. Life is so short, but he lived his very well.

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**Robert P Green, Jr, MD** - February 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Scott and I are so very sorry for your loss. Dr. Portelli was a wonderful person; so much fun, so full of life and so humorous. We will miss him.

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**Suzy Scheinthal** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Felix was a beloved and respected colleague. I enjoyed his humor and respected his talent. Men like Felix built our specialty. He will always have a place in my heart. God's speed.

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**Dr G Paul Laursen** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Paul and I want you to know that our prayers are with you. We Love you Dee My Jesus hold you in in his arms.  
Paul and Linda Rudzinski

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**Linda Rudzinski** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ We are so sorry for you loss. May God be with you and your family

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**Sterling & Mary Ricks** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My family and I would like to express our deepest condolences to you and your family. We were all very fond of Dr. Portelli and are deeply saddened by your loss. Dr. Portelli was our doctor from childhood, and even our childrens' doctor until his retirem

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**Carol Clemmons** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Portelli family at the passing of Dr. Felix Portelli. He was truly a unique and caring person. He always had time no matter how busy his schedule to "work you in" on the day you called his office, and you always

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**Bob & Ernestine Ierien** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ It's a small world after all. Became acquainted with Dr. Portelli when I worked for a company that did heating and a/c work at his residence. Found that he had worked at Wilford Hall and this is where I had my childhood ear problems. Come to find out, he

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**Robert Tomaselli** - February 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM