



Elmer Robert Salovich

July 9, 1926 - November 19, 2019

Salovich, M.D., Elmer R. "Sully" Of Edina, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on November 19. He is survived by his adored children, Pam Smith and Robb Salovich; cherished grandchildren, Pete, Patrice and Tim Smith; Kevin Smith; sister, Mary Butler; and dear nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by brothers, Wallace, Edward and James Salovich. Sully was proud of being born, raised and educated in the public school system. He was a dedicated Orthopedic Surgeon, beloved by his patients. Sully loved the Lord and that compassionate spirit of Christ will live on in those he touched. Memorial service will be Monday, December 2 at 11 am at Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Colonial Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina, MN 55436. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ Robb and Pam,

I first encountered your father when my right hand got stuck in the blades of a snowblower when I was 15 during the last snowfall in March of that year, 1967. It was a very wet snow that resulted in the snow getting very compacted and coming out of the chute in a tube shape like toothpaste. I continuously reached in a few times to help clear out the snow, but I eventually reached in too far and the blade turned and trapped my hand. I dragged the snowblower up the driveway and broke a window of my house to alert my mother. Snow shovelers from across the street came over and helped free my hand. The EFD drove me to the FSH ER where eventually I met your father and was soon in surgery. Your father was able to save my fingers and after a month, I saw him in the office for a check-up and upon removal of the splint and bandages, noted my fingers were black. I was speechless with my mouth agape and he saw my reaction and he smiled and said, "I think this looks good-you know you still have red paint chips embedded in the bones that I tried to remove, but some remained." He then proceeded to peel away the dead black skin to reveal a bright pink new skin underneath. He looked at my mother and said, "you can't beat great blood supply for healing". She asked about PT because two tendons had been severed and repaired. He said, "Naw, just let him use it-he'll be fine". I couldn't thank him enough and it was one of a few medical encounters with a great healer that solidified my decision to become a doctor myself. Following residency in IM/EM, I worked at FSH ED for the next 26 years and had many more encounters with Elmer. He was one of the most respected surgeons on staff and was always one of my favorites. He personified class, professionalism and most of all, caring. I am so very sorry for your loss, but in your sorrow please know that my story is one of a countless number of others that he helped and is remembered by many to this day after 50 years for his healing powers. You should be very proud of him. Sui generis.

John Schaefer

John Schaefer - November 25, 2019 at 12:08 PM



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