

WILLIAM EDWARD REEDER

William Edward Reeder, 93, died peacefully at home in Bow on April 10, 2019. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 68 years, Ruth Crossan Reeder in 2018. Until the very end, Bill was the wise and loving patriarch of the Reeder family, quiet and humble, but firm in his convictions and moral compass. He is survived by his three children, and their spouses: David Reeder and his wife Donna, of New Boston, Susan Reeder Moss and her husband Don Moss, of Bradford, Stephen Reeder and his wife Laurie, of Wilmot. He has seven grandchildren; Beth, Christine, Tim, Will, Sam, Allie and Grant, and nieces and nephews: Sandy, Mark, Peter, Dale and Laura.

Bill was born and raised in Medford, MA, where he also met and married Ruth. During World War II he was selected to graduate early from high school to enroll in the US Navy V-12 Program at Tufts University Engineering School. He graduated in October 1945, served in active duty in the Pacific on the U.S.S. Renville in 1945-1946, and then as a Commissioned Lieutenant J.G. in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1948-1958. Bill was a manufacturing engineer and over the years worked for Westinghouse, Raytheon, and EG&G. He also attended night school at Northeastern to earn his Masters Degree Engineering Management in 1965.

Ruth and Bill moved to Bow in 2006, and were happy that each of their children also migrated to New Hampshire over time. Bill cared for Ruth as her health declined, and developed quite a talent for cooking and baking, much to the benefit of the whole family.

Bill, never a big fan of floral arrangements, would be honored to have contributions made to The Concord VNA by visiting their website, <https://www.crvna.org/giving/donate>. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <https://www.BennettFuneral.com> for the Reeder family.

CHARLES P. WITASZEK

Charles "Chuck" P. Witaszek, 68, of Hopkinton passed away on April 26, 2019, after numerous years of suffering from kidney and heart failure.

Chuck grew up in West Warren, MA with his parents and four brothers. After high school, Chuck joined the US Navy, specifically riding diesel submarines.

Chuck married Sharon Jackson on June 17, 1972. After leaving the Navy, the family moved to Contoocook.

Chuck is predeceased by his father, Joseph Witaszek Sr. He is survived by his mother, Lucille; his wife, Sharon; daughters: Jennifer (Darryl) Resio, Kelli (Sanjin) Grzetic, Stacy (Stephen) Santoro; grandchildren: Daniel and Alexander Resio, Sophia and Gisella Grzetic, Isabella and Joseph Santoro. Chuck is also survived by his brothers: Joseph (Susan) Witaszek Jr., William (Madeline) Witaszek, Richard (Sherry) Witaszek, James (Alice) Witaszek; and many extended family members: nieces, nephews and cousins.

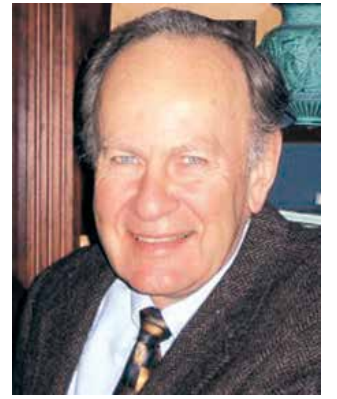
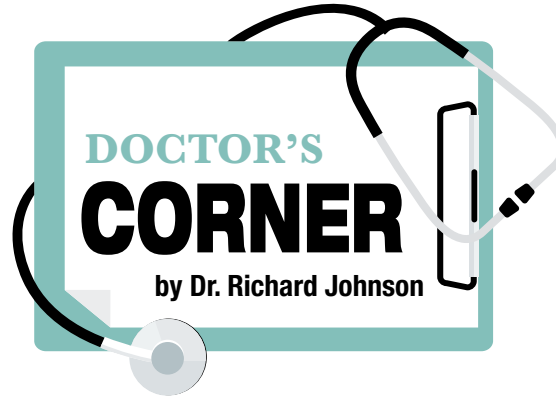
TIMOTHY J. SOBOZENSKI

Timothy J. Sobozenski of Bow passed away on April 27, 2019. He was born April 22, 1966 in Concord. He attended St. Johns School, Bishop Brady High School and graduated from Concord High School.

He was a very creative person and enjoyed decorating his parent's home. Timothy loved sports and followed all of the Boston sports teams. His interest in cars was never ending. Unfortunately, he was plagued with many health issues for many years, including kidney failure and ultimate heart failure. He fought valiantly trying to endure the various treatments and diagnoses. He will be sorely missed and is now at peace in the hands of the Lord.

Timothy's family includes his parents, Theodore Sr. and, Cynthia Sobozenski; two brothers, Theodore and his wife Min Sobozenski, Jr. and Stephen and his wife Elaine Sobozenski, along with two uncles and several cousins, nephews and nieces.

Honoring his wishes there will be no wake. A Catholic service at Bennett Funeral Home will be held for the family and special friends at the convenience of the family. Following cremation his ashes will be interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Hudson, NH at the plot of his maternal grandparents.



THE MEASLES THREAT

I am sure you are aware that in the U.S. this year there has been a sharp rise in cases of measles. According to the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>) there have already been over 700 cases this year. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994. Measles has appeared in 22 states, including NH. Let's look at some of the history and characteristics of measles.

The word "measles" has its origin as the plural of the early 14C English "masel" meaning "little spot." A very similar word is in Dutch and German meaning "blemish." As a result of immunizing people, by the year 2000, measles was essentially eliminated in the U.S., and therefore many of us have not thought much about it.

Measles (Rubeola) is an infection caused by a virus that grows in the cells that line the throat and lungs. It is a very contagious disease that spreads through the air whenever someone who is infected coughs or sneezes. In 7 to 14 days after being infected, symptoms of fever, cough, and runny nose appear.

Tiny spots, called Koplik's spots, may appear in the mouth. A tell-tale rash is the hallmark of the disease. Later in the disease process the virus can infect the urinary tract, eyes, blood vessels and the central nervous system. Complications such as ear infection, pneumonia, and encephalitis can occur. Infected persons can spread the disease from 4 days before the rash appears until 4 days after the rash appears.

It is thought that measles had its origin in cattle in the Middle East and evolved into a human disease as early as the 3rd C. In 340 Ko Hung described the difference between smallpox and measles. A priest did the same thing in Egypt in the 7th C. In 910 the Persian physician Rhazes published a classic description of measles. When the Europeans came to the Americas they brought measles and many other diseases with them. These diseases resulted in the death of 90% of the native population living in the Americas.

If you were born before 1957, it is presumed you were exposed to measles and are therefore immune. If you were born between 1957 and 1989 you may have had only one dose of a vaccine that was not too effective, and you should get a dose of the newer MMR vaccine. If you were born after 1989 you should have had two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella).

Measles is now showing up in groups of unvaccinated people. This is because unsuspecting contact has been made with someone with measles (during over seas travel or an infected U.S. citizen). There is no specific treatment for measles. Fever should be reduced with acetaminophen, drink plenty of fluids, rest and follow the advice of your own health care professional. If you are not sure about your immunization status, check with your health care professional. The measles vaccine is effective and safe, and if given to everyone, we can once again eradicate this disease.

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