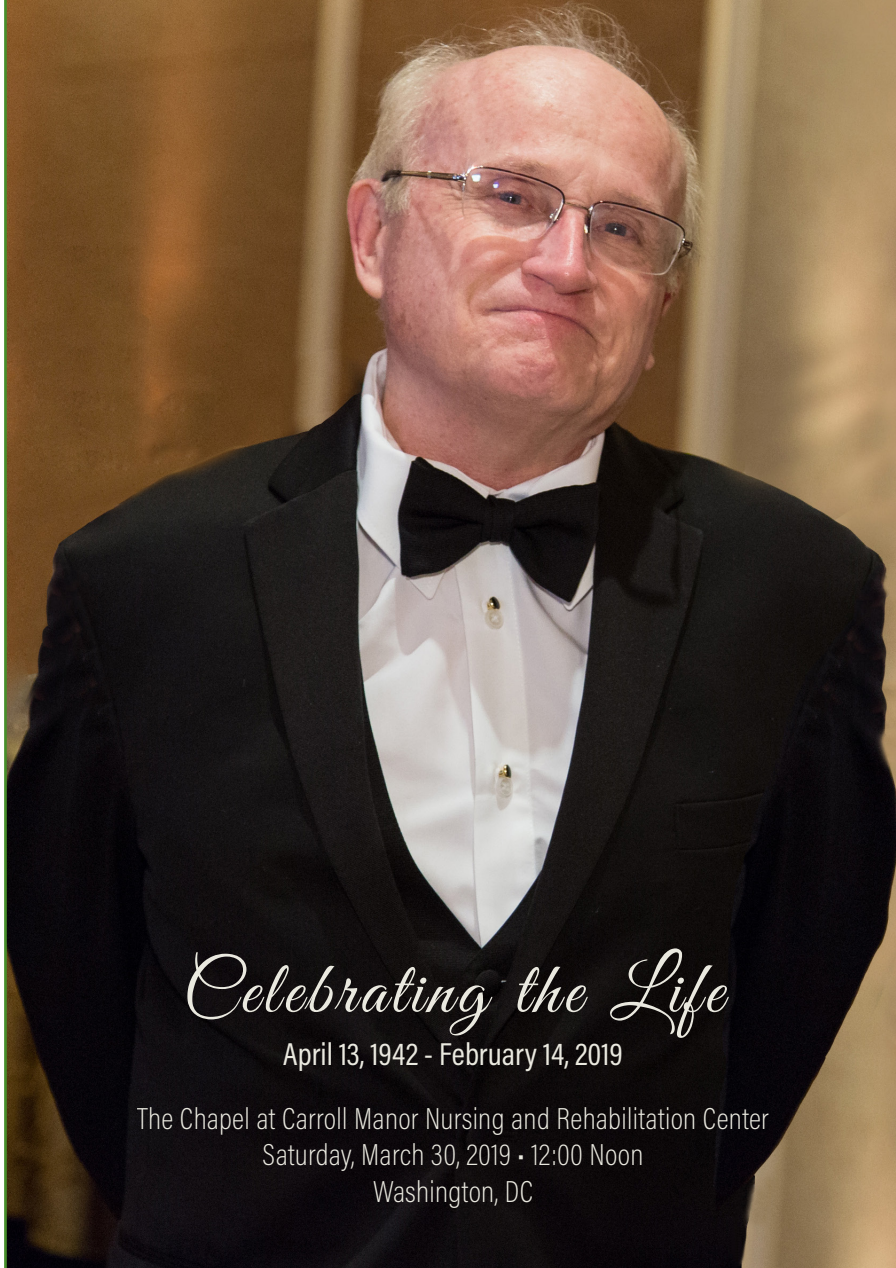


ROBERT HAMM  
ROBERT L. HAMM, MD



*Celebrating the Life*

April 13, 1942 - February 14, 2019

The Chapel at Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 12:00 Noon  
Washington, DC

## THE LIFE OF ROBERT L. HAMM, MD

**ROBERT L. HAMM** was born in Rockford, Illinois on April 13, 1942. He loved tennis and played in various tournaments in the US and Canada as well as the Christmas Orange Bowl tennis tournament in Miami, FL. He was the top tennis player and undefeated during his high school senior year, which led to him receiving the *Steve Bennis* award for the top scholar/athlete in the state of Illinois. Along with his athleticism, Bob was a musician and played the trombone in his high school band. He developed a lifelong love of classical music during that time.

Robert loved tennis, photography, reading, music, and traveling with family. Whenever there was a trip happening, whether it was to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Egypt, Turkey, or Greece, Bob was there. He was a family man who always took a personal interest in his younger relatives, talking to each of them particularly about what they wanted to do with their lives, or even at times, just throwing a football around with them.

Bob received a B.A. from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and received his M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri in 1968. He completed an internship at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis and his radiology residency at Philadelphia General Hospital in 1972. After residency, he entered the U.S. Army Reserves and completed a two-year rotation at the Soldier's and Airmen's Home in Washington, DC. Upon discharge from the military, Dr. Hamm did a fellowship in cardiovascular radiology and special procedures at the University of Miami, completing his training in 1975.

In 1976, Robert joined Metropolitan Radiology and the Medical Staff at Providence Hospital. He soon became a major force in the Imaging Department. He was the pioneer in Invasive Radiology, Mammography, CT, and MRI in the Nation's Capital. Over the years, he introduced new modalities and procedures, keeping the Hospital on the cutting edge in imaging, and emphasized quality patient care and education. He became the "go to" radiologist, especially for the physicians, residents, and families of patients he attended. Dr. Hamm received the *Silver Cane* award for being the "TOP DOCTOR" at Providence Hospital. He was one of the founding members of the Advance Primary Stroke Center that was accredited by Joint Commission and received the *Gold-Plus Medal* award for quality performance by the AHA.

Bob served in many roles including Medical Director and Chairman of the Radiology Department. He made himself available 24/7, even when he was not on-call. He would fill in when a colleague had some family function which needed attention, especially "trick or treating" with the kids. He rarely said "no." Working at Providence Hospital was essential to his being. He loved what he did without complaint.

Dr. Robert L. Hamm was one of the most dedicated members of the Providence Medical Staff.

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*"Deep gratitude and great respect for Dr. Robert Hamm for his 44 years of dedication to the Mission of Providence, especially in his care for the under-served and vulnerable."* —Sr. Suzanne Baumgartner, DC

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### *Special thanks to...*

Dr. Robert Hamm's Family, Providence Administration, Medical Dental Staff, Providence Associates, Carroll Manor, Medical Affairs, Metropolitan Radiology Associates Chartered, Dr. Hamm's Service Committee (Nikoya Malry, Gina Peel, Father Kenneth Chukwu, Dr. Vani Padmanabha, Dr. Francisco Hoyos, and Lysa Phillips Samuel - LPS Marketing Designs, LLC) for supporting, organizing, and participating in this service of LOVE for Dr. Robert L. Hamm.

**To the Hamm Family**

The Providence Family offers our sincere sympathy to the Hamm family. Dr. Robert L. Hamm had been one of the longest-serving, dedicated member of the family/Medical and Dental Staff. His work and service will be remembered and cherished by patients, family members, staff, physicians, and community leaders in the District of Columbia. Providence will be forever grateful for his service.

Thank you for sharing him with us!

## Order of Service

### OPENING

Father Kenneth Chukwu

### OPENING SONG

**"Amazing Grace"**

*Patricia Velloso, RRT*

*Luis Carlos Junior (Pianist)*

*Francisco Hoyos, MD*

### READINGS

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 41:10.*

Reader: Sister Suzanne Baumgartner, DC

### ~A Promise of God's Abiding Presence~

Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### All Recite (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters, He restores my soul,

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's Sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You have anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, forever and ever. Amen

“Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep”

Author: Mary Frye (1932)

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning’s hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled stars that shine at flight.  
I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there, I did not die!

OBSERVANCE OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT L. HAMM, MD

~ ORATIONS~

Anastasia Gyftopoulos, MD  
President of Medical Dental Staff

Muhammad H. Shibli, MD  
Senior VP of Medical Affairs, CMO

Thomas Pinder, MD  
Cardiology - Medical Staff

Louis D. Napoli, MD  
Chief of Radiology  
  
Sister Carol Keehan, DC (Message)  
President/CEO  
Catholic Health Association of the United States

EULOGY  
Linda Kenyon (Sister)  
Jennifer Floyd (Niece)  
Paul Ridings (Brother-in-law)

SONG  
“Danny Boy”  
*Patricia Velloso, RRT*  
*Luis Carlos Junior (Pianist)*  
*Francisco Hoyos, MD*

RESPONSIVE READING  
*(Providence Medical Dental Staff and Providence Associates)*

In the rising of the sun, and in its going down  
**R/V: We remember him**

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter  
**R/V: We remember him**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer  
**R/V: We remember him**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn  
**R/V: We remember him**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
**R/V: We remember him**

When we are lost and sick at heart  
**R/V: We remember him**

When we have joy we yearn to share  
**R/V: We remember him**

So long as we live, he too shall live, for he is a part of us.  
**R/V: We remember him**

THE LORD’S PRAYER Father Kenneth Chukwu

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.

Amen.



## FINAL PRAYERS

Father Maurus Dolcic

O God, you are good and gracious and you always want to help us your children especially in times of trouble and grief. We pray for our beloved brother Robert whom you have called from this world to yourself. We ask that you may grant him rest and peace and that he may share in the happiness of the saints. We also pray for all who mourn because of his death especially his family and all his friends. May you give them comfort and strength and may you wrap your healing and comforting arms of love around them now. Help us to comfort one another with the assurance of the resurrection which you have promised to all who believe in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Remembering*  
**ROBERT L. HAMM, MD**  
Radiologist  
Providence Hospital  
Washington, DC

Jesus said: "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am and to see my glory, which you gave me because, you loved me before the creation of the world." (John 17:24)

## CLOSING SONG

All the Community

"God Be With You 'till We Meet Again"

By Jim Reeves

*(Text written by Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904)*

God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

### *Refrain*

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still divide you,  
God be with you till we meet again. *[Refrain]*

God be with you till we meet again,  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you,  
God be with you till we meet again. *[Refrain]*

# ROBERT L. HAMM, MD

...a family man and a kind, compassionate Radiology Physician who committed forty-four years of service in support of the Mission of Providence Hospital.







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April 13, 1942 - February 14, 2019

You have completed your mission of  
serving the poor and vulnerable in  
the community for more than  
forty-four years.

*"...Well done, thou good and faithful Servant."*

—Matthew 25:23







# MEMO

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## Mammography

### Providence Leads the Way For Cost-Effective Cancer Screening

The Department of Radiology is offering a breast cancer screening program for all eligible women in the metropolitan area, including residents of Maryland and Virginia. Recognizing the importance of mammography for the early detection of breast cancer, Providence is providing the mammography exam for the low cost of \$25.

The American Cancer Society had to discontinue their free mammography program last fall due to an overwhelming response that depleted the project funds ahead of schedule. The original \$500,000 grant provided free colorectal exams, pap smears, mammograms, and other tests at area screening sites of which Providence was one. The program was to have lasted three years, but after more than 12,000 people had taken advantage of the exams, the Cancer Society had to cancel its own program prematurely.

Providence was eager to see that such a program continue as part of an attempt to reverse the high percentage of cancer in the District. The hospital's Departments of Radiology and Ambulatory Services have collaborated to provide ongoing cancer screening and mammography exams—at reduced cost.

Robert Hamm, M.D. is the director of the Mammography Center, located on the first floor of the hospital. "It's obvious the program has been an enormous success," said Dr. Hamm. "We are glad to see it continue at Providence."

Some facts about women and cancer:

- one out of 11 women will get breast cancer in their life time;
- breast cancer strikes more than 112,000 American women annually;
- breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 to 44.

The Providence mammography exam is extremely important to women because breast screening and early detection can make a difference. (continued on next page)

*"There is hardly another area in cancer detection that has shown such promise . . ."*



Dr. Robert Hamm, director of the Mammography Center, shows the mammography machine used for screening.



# Providence Progress

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## Providence Mammography: Convenience and Compassion

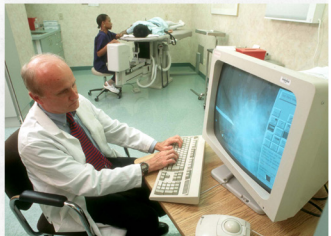
Because the Washington metropolitan area has seen an increased need for mammography services, Providence Hospital's Wellness Institute and Mammography Center has responded by making mammograms even easier to obtain.

"We've extended our hours during the week and we've added Saturday hours to make mammograms more accessible for women, especially those who work during the day," said **Sara Sandel**, Director of the Wellness Institute.

In addition to the extended hours, the Wellness Institute is now on-line with a new automated scheduling system that enables more efficient service and cuts scheduling time in half.

"The enterprise-wide scheduling system makes it much easier for patients and physician offices to schedule mammograms and other breast services," Sara said.

One of the Wellness Institute's goals is to ensure access to mammograms to women who need them; however, the Wellness Institute provides a full line of breast care services. In addition to screening and diagnostic mammograms, it offers stereotactic breast biopsy services and needle localizations.

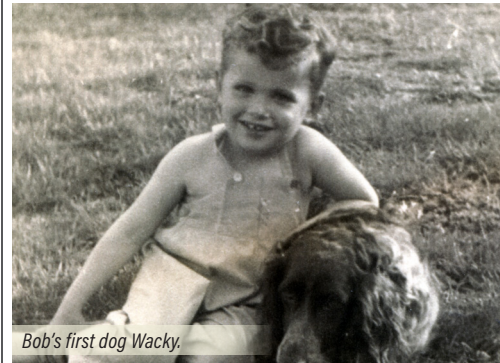


In addition to mammography services, the Wellness Institute offers stereotactic breast biopsy and needle localizations. Above, Robert Hamm, MD views the results of a stereotactic biopsy on the computer monitor.





*"I am resting in the comforting arms of my  
Heavenly Father!"*



*Bob's first dog Wacky.*



*All of us including Bob took dance lessons as kids  
(tap, ballet, ballroom).*



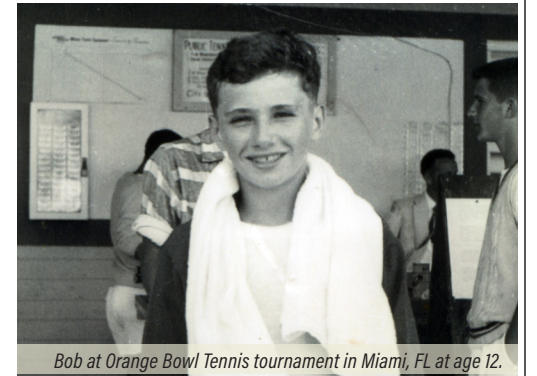
*Bob with Mom at age 3. Curly hair and stubborn already.*



*Bob was captain and center for grade school basketball team.*



*Bob at age 10 years. Wasn't he sweet looking?*



*Bob at Orange Bowl Tennis tournament in Miami, FL at age 12.*

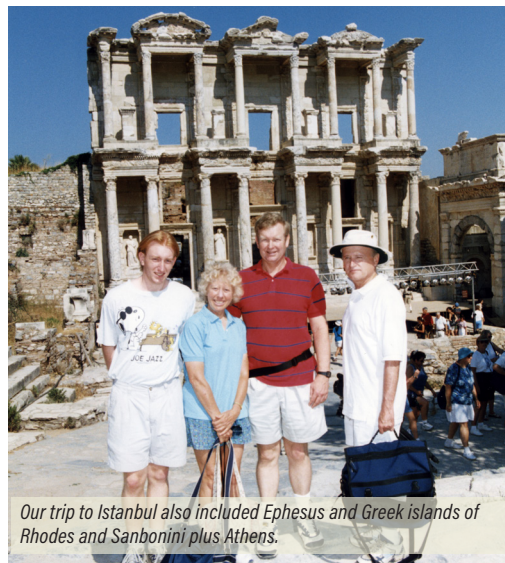




High school graduation photo (yes, he did have hair once upon a time).



Bob with our own hometown Abe Lincoln (This man was a national-look-alike winner). He came to our house every 4th of July.



Our trip to Istanbul also included Ephesus and Greek islands of Rhodes and Sanbonini plus Athens.



The silver cane presented to Bob for "TOP DOCTOR" of the year at Providence Hospital.



John, Linda, Diane, Mary, Bob; Parents; Bob and Grace Hamm - 4th of July in Mt. Pulaski, IL.



Bob bought chips for Dad to play in poker tournament on our first family cruise.



The first of many cruises our family did together. Bob is on couch next to our Dad.



Bob exiting the Mt. Pulaski house he grew up in to return to Washington, DC to work and we decided to give him a "royal" send off.



At the beach house. We built the dragon. Bob posed with shovel.



2003 NCAA Basketball Tournament in Florida. Bob loved basketball.





July 2018 - The final family cruise that included Bob on Caribbean Allure of the Seas for a week. He had a blast.



Gentleman farmer. Bob preparing to take a ride on a combine to harvest corn. Family farm meeting every October for all cousins.



Circa 1950's: Window painted by our mother. Bob used this and other photos of other windows for Christmas cards.

Dr. Robert L. Hamm was a great advocate for **Cancer Care**, especially for the under-served. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request donations in **Dr. Hamm's Honor** to Breast Care for Washington DC at [www.breast-caredc.org](http://www.breast-caredc.org), or by mail at:

Breast Care for Washington DC  
4 Atlantic Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20032

## IT IS EASY TO FORGET THAT...

(Excerpts from a Providence Memories article written by Dr. Robert Hamm on February 13, 2019)

"Radiology at Providence Hospital is almost as old as **medical x-ray** itself.

The first x-ray at Providence was performed in 1896 to locate a bullet in the leg of a patient with "old suppurating gunshot wound," only one year after Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered x-rays in 1895. There followed a pattern of pioneering and innovation at Providence.

Another first in DC at Providence Hospital that changed surgical practice was the first successful percutaneous tissue diagnosis of cancer of the pancreas. Before the introduction of this procedure, a tissue diagnosis was made only after opening the patient at surgery. In most cases the cancer could not be removed, and surgery was unnecessary except to make the diagnosis. That changed in the DC area at Providence when a 15 cm, 22-gauge needle was passed under CT guidance through the skin, through the stomach, and into the pancreas; and the small amounts of tissue aspirated were enough to make the diagnosis and save the patient unnecessary surgery. It is now standard practice. Again, it was a partnership that made this possible. The pathologist's ability to make the diagnosis with just cells and fragments of cells was in the early stages and not common in the area. The special interest and expertise in this area by Drs. Kenneth McCoy, Ben Morales, and Vani Padmanahba made this possible.

The Providence radiology teaching program has been particularly satisfying; and it was not just the conferences, but also medical students, interns, externs, and residents commonly rotating through radiology monthly.

The present radiology group was formed more than 40 years ago by Dr. Bernard Hillig along with Drs. Louis Napoli and Don Turner.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this level of collegiality, academics, and patient care."

Robert L. Hamm, MD



*Robert L. Hamm, MD*

