



## Semih M. Ulben M.D.

January 29, 1929 - April 13, 2022

Semih M. Ulben, MD, age 93, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2022 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. Born in Istanbul during the great blizzard of 1929, Semih came from humble beginnings. He excelled at school, ultimately graduating from medical school at Istanbul University at the top of his class. He worked on the first heart transplant experiments at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, where he completed his second residency. In 1974 he came to St. Augustine as the first anesthesiologist to practice in this area and was St. Johns County's only anesthesiologist for many years. He loved working at Flagler Hospital, loved serving the community and loved his colleagues. Having gained his U.S. citizenship in 1980, he was a proud American who was so happy to live amongst the free and the brave. He loved classical music, his Porsches and chocolate ice cream. He was exceptionally generous and kind.

He is survived by his daughter, Deniz Nur Ulben Hughes of Flushing, N.Y., two nieces and two nephews who reside in Turkey, and many close friends who loved him to the end. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

Private services will be held in Turkey. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to: Lightner Museum, 75 King Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, Attn: Musical Instrument Preservation Fund.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Semih you are gone but not forgotten. We shared many moments together, the ups and downs and good times. You told me that you would never forget Whitestone. You even called me “my little brother” and you my “big brother” we were family! You were generous, kind and a gentleman, but most of all we shared a bond like no other. We will miss you Semih!*”

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**Edward Marchese** - April 21, 2022 at 10:18 AM

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“*It was my pleasure to have worked with Dr. Ulben from the days of Flagler Hospital on Marine Street. He was a kind man. I will remember him fondly. My condolences to his family and close friends. At work then, we were a family.*”

*Sandy Skoglund*

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**Sandy Skoglund** - April 20, 2022 at 09:37 PM

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“*Natalie Lebert purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Semih M. Ulben M.D..*”



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**Natalie Lebert** - April 18, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Semih M. Ulben M.D..*



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April 17, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Semih was a congenial gent, qualities that are in short supply these days. I am glad to have known him.*

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**Roger Marchese** - April 16, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Rest in peace , my friend. You will be missed. My condolences to the family... PEM*

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**Paul Morra** - April 16, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Semih M. Ulben M.D..*



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April 15, 2022 at 09:52 PM