



## Domenick "Nick" Enzo Cover, MD

December 22, 2018

Domenick "Nick" Enzo Cover, MD, beloved Sarasota physician for over 35 years, passed away on December 22, 2018 surrounded by close friends and family. Born to Enzo and Rosalia Cover in Miami, Florida, Nick grew up spending his time as a child of the sun and sea on Key Biscayne Bay.

After earning his medical degree from Tulane University, Nick remained in New Orleans, Louisiana for his residency in Internal Medicine at Oschner Medical Center, before moving to Minnesota for a fellowship in Nephrology at Mayo Clinic. Following his fellowship, Nick returned to the sea in sunny Sarasota to begin his life-long passion for patient care and medicine.

Nick's approach to medicine was a reflection of his character. He was widely respected as a scholar, talented diagnostician, and patient advocate, but adored for the love, warmth and dignity he brought to his practice of medicine. He was a humble, supportive, approachable, and encouraging physician who strived to bring out the best of everyone he encountered. Most importantly, he believed in everyone's right to dignity in all aspects of life.

Nick is survived by his loving wife Teresa and three sons, Geoffrey (Marissa), Christopher, and Michael, parents, Enzo and Rosalia, and brother Michael (Angela), and niece and nephew Julianna and Dylan. Nick was a loving husband, caring father, and a friend to everyone.

The family will be holding a celebration of life ceremony on December 30th, please contact them for additional details.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sarasota Memorial Foundation Nursing Education Fund, 1515 S. Osprey Avenue, Suite B-4, Sarasota, FL 34239.

# Tribute Wall

 Rene Williams

“ *Dr. Cover took care of my Dad, James Wolters, for well over 20 years. He and my mother, Carole, always had the highest praises for him as a doctor and as a person. We are all so saddened that the world has now lost such an angel. Please accept our family's deepest condolences.*

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**Rene Williams** - January 13, 2019 at 12:05 PM

 MG

“ *Mary Garrett lit a candle in memory of Domenick "Nick" Enzo Cover, MD*



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**mary garrett** - January 10, 2019 at 04:43 PM

 MG

“ *We are so saddened to here of Dr Covers passing!  
We just heard about it today from Kathy..  
Dr Cover was always so nice and friendly to us when my husband was a patient of his for almost 3 yrs!  
We got to know him , and he made the visits so pleasant! We always had a laugh about something!  
Our sincere condolences to the family!  
I know he will be missed by many including us, but not forgotten!  
Sarasota has lost one of its Best!!!  
John & Mary Garrett*

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**mary garrett** - January 10, 2019 at 04:42 PM

CG

“ I have worked in health care as a nurse and social worker for over 40 years, and with Dr. Cover since he came to Sarasota. He truly was a superb physician, and an even better person. There isn't another physician who showed more dignity and respect for every person he encountered. I am so sorry for such an incredible loss.  
Cher Grossman

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**Cher Grossman** - January 08, 2019 at 09:22 AM

KR

“ Dr Cover had only been my Doctor for 6 months but from the first time I met him I felt there was something very special about him. I felt that I could totally trust his judgement and that his only motivation was my best interests. He also had a great sense of humour which I very much appreciated. What a terrible loss of such talent, care and kindness for our community.  
My deepest sympathy to all who loved him and cared about him.

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**Kath Rooney** - January 02, 2019 at 08:51 PM

ML

“ To Dr.Covers family it was a pleasure and honor to Care for Dr.Cover what a legacy he had with patient and medical staff as well as hospital staff i pray for comfort for the Cover family during the difficult time. Matthew Lydecker. Patient Care Technician CY7

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**Matthew lydecker** - January 01, 2019 at 07:37 PM

TS

Thank you Matt!

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**Teresa Sahli** - January 04, 2019 at 08:13 AM



*I was devastated to hear of the untimely passing of one of the finest physicians I have had the pleasure to work with. Domenick was a brilliant diagnostician who had no problem sharing his knowledge with others. He was very approachable and dependable and interested in his patients and in helping others. I was happy to hear that he won the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, since he deserved that, but I hoped he was not going to retire since he was one of the best clinicians we have had. I had no idea of his illness since he continued to work and take care of others until the end. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.*

**Sheri Weinstein** - January 18, 2019 at 08:57 AM

CT

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Nick in the hospital for many years. He was so caring, kind, and so compassionate. He always truly listened to his patients and made them feel important and special. Because of his bedside manner, knowledge and skill, he was respected and loved by many. He was one of the best physicians I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Cheri Trinchetto** - January 01, 2019 at 05:24 PM

MP

*“ MARCELLA PALIN lit a candle in memory of Domenick "Nick" Enzo Cover, MD*



**MARCELLA PALIN** - December 31, 2018 at 07:04 PM

CO

“ I am so very sorry for your loss of Dr. Cover. I met Dr. Cover with my husband in January 1990. He took care of him till the day he passed in 2010. I respected him as a doctor and friend to my husband. I only wished the funeral service was open to people that knew and loved him. I would of been there to show respect to a great man 💔



Cindy Carberry Orendorf - December 30, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ I had the privilege and honor of working with Dr. Cover in Critical Care for 20 years. Dr. Cover was a great man and excellent doctor. I will miss him greatly. He was very kind and gracious with all those he came into contact with, whether it be his patients, their families or staff. He was loved by all. My thoughts and prays are with you all. May his love for you and his memories bring you peace and comfort during this most difficult time. Cynthia C.

Cynthia Kaiser Carr - December 29, 2018 at 10:03 PM

TS

Thank you for your kind words. Terri

Teresa Sahli - December 30, 2018 at 07:51 PM

IN

“ My husband was a patient of Dr. Cover's and the kindness he showed to our entire family will never be forgotten. The community has lost an exemplary physician and he will never be forgotten. May you, his family, be comforted with wonderful memories of a truly good man.

Iris Nahemow - December 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM

TS

*Thank you for your kind words of remembrance. Terri*

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**Teresa Sahli** - December 30, 2018 at 07:52 PM

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“ *My condolences to Dr. Cover's family. He was a wonderful doctor and it was such a pleasure to work with him over the course of many years at Sarasota Memorial. I am a cardiovascular intensive care nurse and Dr. Cover was so approachable and gracious in answering my "kidney" questions. He always took time to teach and I learned a great deal which helped me to take better care of our patients. He will be sorely missed.*

*Patti Del Tufo*

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**Patti Del Tufo** - December 29, 2018 at 12:04 PM

TS

*Thank you so much Patti. He really did love to teach! Terri*

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**teresa sahli** - December 29, 2018 at 07:31 PM

AK

“ *Nick Cover was one of the brightest, most knowledgeable and most compassionate docs I've ever known. He has been caring for me since 2009.*

*We enjoyed our visits because, as a retired physician, he felt that we could talk medicine in terms that we both understood. We also enjoyed talking travel. In 2009, he told me that I'd be on dialysis in five years. That still has not happened and is no closer now than it was then. His excellent advice undoubtedly helped! I will always be grateful and never forget this exceptional man.*

*Arnold Kneitel, MD*

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**Arnold Kneitel** - December 29, 2018 at 10:36 AM

TS

*Thank you for sharing your story! Terri*

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**teresa sahli** - December 29, 2018 at 07:32 PM

RC

“ *I had the privilege of working with Dr. Cover since 2004 at Sarasota Memorial in the ICU. He was the kindest, most gentle soul that I've ever worked with. Extremely sensitive to the needs of his patients and families. Always a kind word, never rattled, no matter how sick the patients were in the ICU. I did get a raised eyebrow from him once for the many pocket dials my phone was sending him :) . He will be greatly missed by his peers and patients. May he rest in peace. Prayers from Rick Call RN and Maureen Robertson RN*

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**Rick Call** - December 29, 2018 at 09:16 AM

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*Thank you so much for sharing your story, Terri*

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**teresa sahli** - December 29, 2018 at 07:34 PM

ML

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Dr. Cover’s death.

*He provided the most outstanding, most caring, most remarkable care for my Mother for over 25 years during which time I got to know and appreciate what a very special doctor he was.*

*My Mother believed that Dr. Cover saved her life when no other doctors could, and she and I were totally devoted to him.*

*To honor Dr. Cover, my Mother made a gift to the Nephrology Department to provide funds for the nurses to attend special educational programs that would enhance their skills and the skills of their colleagues. This was one of the many ways that Dr. Cover took care of not only his own patients and staff but those of the Department, as well.*

*Dr. Cover was wise, generous, kind, caring, smart, always up-to-date, and totally committed to the health and well-being of his patients.*

*I join all who will miss him immensely.*

*Maryl Levine*

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**Maryl Levine** - December 28, 2018 at 08:45 PM

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*Maryl, thank you so much for your kind words. Both Nick and I enjoyed our dinners with you and our talks celebrating your mother’s life. Thank you, Terri*

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**Teresa Sahli** - December 28, 2018 at 10:10 PM

DG

“ *Dr. Cover was my wife's favorite Doctor. 35 years ago My Wife was Dr. Cover's first nurse in Sarasota. When we went to my wife's appointments felt like we went to see family. To family and friends Dr. Cover will be missed by many, sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many, never forgotten.*

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**D Geene** - December 28, 2018 at 07:20 PM

TS

*Thank you so much for your kind words, Terri*

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**Teresa Sahli** - December 28, 2018 at 10:11 PM

CC

“ *I'd like to share my sincerest sorrow for your loss. I was a patient of Dr. Cover a year ago while in the hospital and had one follow-up visit with him last spring. Whoever penned his obituary said it perfectly...he was the kindest and most humble doctor I've ever encountered. A completely lovely man, who will be sorely missed by all who came in contact with him.*

*Cliff Christenson*

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**Cliff Christenson** - December 28, 2018 at 11:12 AM

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*Thank you so much for your kind words, Terri*

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**Teresa Sahli** - December 28, 2018 at 10:11 PM

RR

“ *Dr. Cover saved my life last July. I am forever grateful for having known him and for the care he gave me.  
Before that we were colleagues and friends for many years.  
I miss him and our medical community is so much poorer for having lost him.  
Sincerest condolences to his family.  
Robert Rosenbluth, M.D.*

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**Robert Rosenbluth** - December 28, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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*Thank you so much for your kind words, Terri*

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**Teresa Sahli** - December 28, 2018 at 10:12 PM

ML

*I had the please take care of Dr.Cover while he was a patient on our unit.I took him off our unit to at Salarium so he could get a breath of fresh air and he was so thankful that I took the time to do that. he was thoughtful kind and full of happiness in his heart.To his family you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time, Matthew Lydecker Patient care technician cy7.*

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**matthew lydecker** - December 31, 2018 at 03:07 PM

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*So sorry for your loss. I'm saddened for the community's loss of an excellent physician. I was always pleased to speak with him about his patients at SMH ICU and Ridgelake. He usually hummed mission impossible theme at ridgelake.*

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**Christine Cain** - January 01, 2019 at 05:20 PM