



## Dr. Steven R. Galper

August 28, 1953 - March 26, 2020

Steven R. Galper, MD, JD, died suddenly at his home in Prescott, AZ with his wife Carol by his side, on March 26, 2020. He was 66.5 years old. Steve practiced medicine in Tucson, Hilo and Kona Hawai'i, and Prescott. Dr. Galper was triple board certified in neurology, psychiatry and pain medicine. He cared deeply for his patients, and always tried to be of service to his medical colleagues. Steve loved being a doctor and felt honored to be able to help people in their deepest times of need. Dr. Galper practiced law in Tucson for 14 years, including while attending medical school at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He had a great sense of humor and a brilliant wit. Steve was loyal to his friends and loved fast motorcycles. He was a US Army Veteran and served as a Jewish Chaplain's Assistant. Steve loved to learn from and to teach medical students, residents, and his medical colleagues. Steve was generous, passionate, a loyal friend and caring family member. He could not bear to see people or animals abused and was an advocate for social justice. Dr. Galper is survived by his wife Dr. Carol Galper, his children Cameron Price, MD, MPH; Colin Price, MD and Colin's wife Paola Casillas, MD; and hundreds of friends. Dr. Steven R. Galper was buried at Shaarei Shalom Cemetery in All Faiths Memorial Park in Tucson, Arizona. If you wish to honor Steve, please donate to any animal rescue group or Humane Society, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.

# Cemetery

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## All Faiths Cemetery

2151 S Avenida Los Reyes

Tucson, AZ, 85748

# Events

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**Graveside Service**

11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ My heart breaks for your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I just found out today. He was a true Doctor that cared about his patients and put his patients before himself. If it weren't for Dr. Galper I would not be able to function. He improved my quality of life. The last time I saw him, he had just had his accident and had a fractured vertebrae. He was in a lot of pain and I told him he shouldn't even have been at work and he said I was his therapy. He wanted to make sure his patients were taken care of. He truly cared and took the time to listen and always said we would get whatever the problem was solved. He made me smile with his jokes even on my worst days. HE WAS A TRUE DOCTOR THAT CARED FOR HIS PATIENTS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. I will never be able to find another doctor like him. He will be greatly missed. It was an honor knowing him. God bless your family and comfort you as he did his patients. My Sincere Condolences, Lavonne Shaw

**Lavonne Shaw** - April 23, 2020 at 01:52 AM

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“ Dr. Galper was a wonderful doctor, teacher, colleague and friend. We worked together at the Pima County jail for about 4 1/2 years and remained friends since then. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**VALERIE LINDENBERGER, RN, CCHP** - April 22, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ I am devastated to hear this, and I share Valerie's sentiments. What an amazing teacher, colleague, and friend. The world is a lesser place without him.

**Kristin J. Hinson, BSN, RN** - April 24, 2020 at 10:38 PM

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“ I worked with Dr. Galper at Oro Valley Hospital, UMC and Sierra Tucson. He always had a smile and brightened every unit he was on; every patient's room. He had a heart that was just as bright a light. I know as a nurse, working in the hospital was just not the same when he moved on to Hawaii. He was amazingly accomplished yet amazingly humble. An incredible loss to all of us who had the pleasure of working with him or of being taken care of by him and mostly to his family. Rest in peace Dr. Galper.....I speak of you to this day and I will never forget your kindness and your light.

**Beth Miller, RN** - April 22, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ My thoughts are with you Carol and family. You know, it is so common to say that someone is "one of a kind" but everyone who ever met Steve knows that a truer description could not be said. He lit up every room he entered and I'm sure this positive spirit healed many patients. He was impossibly funny but was never mean spirited. When he complained about how "ER docs" never do a full neuro exam, or even a full physical exam, before consulting the neurologist (him), he was right. It was still funny. And as much as he might have complained when he came to consult in "the ER" I think he actually loved it there. He threatened to apply to our Emergency Medicine residency so many times that I'm sure he was actually really considering it (right Carol??). And we loved having him hang out with us. I'm going to start working on my neuro exam skills. This is very, very sad news.

Sam Keim

Sam Keim - April 22, 2020 at 03:44 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Galper. Steve was a vibrant and funny renaissance man. He was like the human Swiss Army knife. There was literally nothing he couldn't accomplish. He approached life with vigor, humility, compassion, and above all else, a sharp wit. He was always up for a conversation, even late at night and on call in the ED. Like me, I know there are many others that have vivid memories of Steve (mine would be Steve during residency in his orange, prison jumpsuit), and those memories will remain with us for the rest of our own lives.

Mark Rogers, MD

Mark Rogers - April 22, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Such a loss..rip sir prayers to the family I so remember you..you were awesome

Sue - April 22, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ I worked with Dr.Galper at NWH & the Heart Hospital. He was brilliant, witty, & super funny. Condolences to his family...huge loss to the medical community & this Earth...

Linda H - April 22, 2020 at 10:09 PM

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“ Praying for comfort for his family in their loss. I worked with Steve during his residency at UMC. Steve was a wonderful physician and coworker. I appreciated that he always treated the patients he saw with respect and dignity and the nursing staff as colleagues. The world has lost a great healer.

Diane Thomas - April 22, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ Condolences to the Galper family. I knew and worked with Steve for many years in the UMC ED. Great sense of humor, wonderful human being who cared for his patients and always a pleasure to work with.  
May his memory be a blessing

Harvey Meislin, MD

Harvey Meislin - April 22, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ When I first came to Tucson I met this amazing man who not only was brilliant but also was always willing to educate without being condescending. I worked a lot over the years with psychiatric patients and he was the only doctor that ever rounded on those patients in the ED. No matter what their circumstance he treated them with respect and dignity. He was always willing to advocate for these patients with the ED doctors. I've thought about him often. A profound loss to family, friends and the medical community.

Maribeth Hunter - April 22, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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“ It was a great privilege working with Dr. Galper. I am caught off guard to learn of his passing. Best wishes to his family, friends and peers. I celebrate this great man.

John Jarred  
Retired Provider and Educator in Prehospital Emergency Medicine

John Jarred - April 22, 2020 at 09:26 AM

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“ I used to work in MSICU at Northwest Medical Center. We would consult Dr. Galpar and he would come in and talk with us all. He was such a cool guy; he was like a bright spot of sunlight when he "came to visit" us. Simply hard to realize he is gone now. Definitely he was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

Tammy Johnson Mosher - April 22, 2020 at 03:12 AM

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“ Dr Galper was the best medical Professional I have ever worked with! He will be missed.



**Patrick Gee** - April 22, 2020 at 01:26 AM

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“ One night he told us about his trip to Cali on his motorcycle. He had lost his wallet & cash. He became very dehydrated & crashed his new motorcycle. He was trying to convince EMS that he was a doctor. A very good person did find his wallet and it was returned to him. To hear him tell this story in detail was hysterical! He always had us cracking up at night. He will be truly missed! My condolences to his family!

**Kim Rivera** - April 22, 2020 at 01:03 AM

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“ Dr. Galper was one of the most caring and kind person I ever met! He loved his patients and showed great compassion for them! He had an awesome sense of humor! I worked the night shift at Northwest Medical Center in Tucson Az. in MSICU . He would come in and always made us laugh even though with the long hours he worked,he must of been exhausted but never showed it to anyone! I remember when he had his bad motorcycle accident, we all prayed for him! He will be truly missed by everyone that was fortunate enough to know him! I am very saddened by his loss in my heart and I will never forget him! My condolences to his family! Sincerely, Marcia A. Campion

**Marcia Campion** - April 21, 2020 at 08:26 PM

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“ I just found out about Dr. Galper's passing. I'm sitting here in tears. Even though I hadn't been to see him in a while, it was a comfort to know that if I ever needed him, he was only a phone call away. When I first moved to Prescott, he was a kind, friendly and knowledgeable physician in a strange, unfamiliar place. I felt extremely fortunate to have found such a kind soul, as I was dealing with a significant spinal cord injury/paralysis plus the psychological issues that resulted from that trauma. Honestly, I often hear his voice in my head, giving me words of encouragement. What a wonderful human being he was! My sympathy to his family and circle of friends.

C.H.

C.H. - April 18, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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“ When my son was trying to decide what he should do after graduating from UofA- go for an MBA or gobti law school. We had Steve over for dinner and Steve, since he had both an MBA and law degree, said my son would have more opportunities with a law degree. We really appreciated his kindness and honesty. Steve was a real mensch.

Ronna Secker - April 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ I knew Steve when he was practicing law in Tucson. He was brilliant, and a kind mentor to this lawyer who was just getting started in the defense of white collar crimes. I'd followed Steve's illustrious career and was shocked and terribly saddened by his death. My condolences to his family and friends. he was a wonderful soul.

Ivan Abrams - April 09, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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“ We have only been seeing Dr. Galper for several months. The first time my husband and I met Dr. Galper he made us feel so at ease from the beginning. He was so easy to talk to and so fun. You knew Dr. Galper love his work ,an was great at it, but you could always feel his love of life for yours and his. We love the story's he would tell. We are so sorry for your loss to all of his family. God Bless Phyllis and Jerry Larsen



**Phyllis and Jerry Larsen** - April 09, 2020 at 06:02 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Galper was a great man and doctor. Prayers to all his family and friends.

**Cindy Woosley** - April 07, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ my condolences to Dr. Galper's family. Dr. Galper would share with me his many motorcycle accidents, and how he also suffered with back pain. Always said I was his therapy. That made me feel I was not alone in this struggle with back pain. G.H.

**G.H** - April 03, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Through his practice of craft, Dr. Galper, Steven, gave me back my life. His healing touched mind, body and soul in those that were ready to receive him. Hawai'i Nei lost an important son when he moved away. Aloha Piha dear friend.

**Pomaikaipu'uwaihamama Cook** - April 03, 2020 at 10:34 AM

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“ My name is Martha, and I've been taking my 84 year old mom Nancy to see Dr. Galper for about 2 years since my dad passed away and couldn't take her anymore. He truly is the best doctor on the planet! I know this because he told me several times. Actually, I heartily agreed with him when he said it because it was usually over the phone after hours whenever my mom was in some sort of excruciating pain. You see, he gave us his cell phone number and urged us to call him if we needed him. What doctor does that? If he found out we had had some trouble over the weekend, he would scold us. "You gotta give me a call!" One time during an office visit while urging us to call him when we needed, we asked him, "what does your wife think about you giving your number out to your patients?" He replied with a grin, "I don't know. Why don't you call her and find out?" Then he proceed to write her number down on a card for us.

Mom was recently in the hospital. I texted him from the emergency room late at night. Before I knew it, he was calling to let me know he had spoken with the hospitalist. He helped us through many rough spots that way and was always available to help. I have never experienced anything like it, nor will I ever expect to again. The way he cared was just above and beyond the call of duty, but I will always be so grateful for the way he cared for my mom. One Christmas, mom gave him some ties she thought would go with his snazzy sense of style. Do you know that the next few times we visited, he made sure he had one of those ties on!

I will miss those visits with him, where he not only took care of business, but shared his excitement over his son getting married or his new car or motorcycle ride. I will miss him greatly. I'm certain that as a family, you have had to make sacrifices for all that extra time he gave to his patients, but I want you to know how grateful we were to be the recipients of that extra care and compassion. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that our prayers are with you at this time. We ask that God will give you much comfort and peace as you walk through your time of grief.

**Martha Borman** - April 02, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ What a lovely condolence message. So heartfelt!!!!!!

**Linda Fitzpatrick** - April 06, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ I was a patient. I told him I loved him. We joked all the time. I would get all dressed up to see him. He was such a snappy dresser. He was so kind, compassionate and my heart is broken.

He gave me his cell number. Never wanted you to be without what you needed. He was a workaholic like I was when I worked for the VA as a Nurse Practitioner I will miss him. He was one of a kind. Memory Eternal

**Carlena Hart** - April 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ Condolences from Dr. Rory Madden and wife Marney in Prescott. I had the honor of working with Steve on some difficult cases. Please know "our" patients appreciated him, respected him, and were helped by his expert care.

**Rory Madden** - April 01, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ Although I didn't know Steve well and only met on a few occasions in Hawaii, I fell instantly attached to his wit, perspectives on life and insane intelligence. I loved him from afar, and send heartfelt condolences to Carol and his family. Much love and admiration, Randy Hopp

**Randy Hopp** - April 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ He was one of my favorite humans on the planet and was another example to me that there are Jewish men in the world who can be trusted. He always told me how it is, didn't sugarcoat, and presented options. The world seems a little less safe with Steve not in it. My heart is with his loving, adoring family, always , Shari

**Shari** - April 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Dear Carol,  
I am so sorry for your loss. One of the hardest tasks for me is to talk to someone who has lost a loved one, but rest assured Steve is in my prayers.  
I will always remember the holiday dinners you and Steve shared with my family.  
May he rest in peace.

With Love,  
Elaine Kurland

**Elaine Kurland** - April 06, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Love to all of you in this difficult time, sending you love and wonderful memories..

**marda lazar** - April 06, 2020 at 07:43 PM