



## Martin Torch

November 27, 1934 - April 11, 2019

Martin Torch MD, 84, of Bexley, Ohio passed away on April 11, 2019. He was born on November 27, 1934 in Cleveland Ohio. Beloved and devoted husband of 60 years to Sheila; loving father to Mike (and the late Mary), Marla (Dan) O'Keefe, Howard (Stacey) and proud Zayde to Alexandra, Meredith, (Andrew Owens), Emily, Jack, Jordan and Samantha and loving big brother to Elaine Ullman. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Jean Torch. A long- time resident of Columbus, Ohio, Martin was passionate about his work of over 40 years as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. He was an avid gardener, scuba diver and photographer, but nothing gave him as much joy as spending time with his family. A memorial service will be held Monday, April 15 at 11 am at Temple Beth Shalom, 5089 Johnstown Rd., New Albany. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Paul R. Miller Resident Education Fund c/o Nationwide Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, T2E-A2700, Columbus, Ohio 43205 or the organization of your choice.

# Comments

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“ I had the very fortunate honor of working with Dr Torch, doing the spinal cord monitoring, for him. I have never met a more loving, compassionate, and loving man. Hw was so amazing in his work, and his love for all the children. He always talked so lovingly of his family. He will truly be missed.

**De Anne Nelson** - April 20, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“ I saw the obituary for Dr. Torch in the Columbus Dispatch. I remember the Torch family as good neighbors when I was growing up on Elm Avenue in Bexley. We, the Salt family, lived kitty-corner across the street from you at the corner of Elm Avenue and Gould Road. I want to send you my condolences on the passing of Dr. Torch. I remember Dr. and Mrs. Torch as very nice people. I think my brother, Jeff Salt, played with the Torch children when we were all growing up. Jeff also sends his condolences. He lives in upstate New York and recently became a grandfather. I live in Westerville and am a retired librarian who worked for 31 years at Otterbein University. Our parents Chuck and Alice Salt are deceased. Jeff and I want to send our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Torch and Howard, Marla, and Michael and their families. Your husband and father was a very kind man who remains in my memories from my youth in Bexley. -- Betsy Salt

**Betsy Salt** - April 18, 2019 at 09:53 PM

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“ Only knew Martin for a short time but immediately could see his great love for his family and their great love for him. He was a kind and giving gentleman with a wonderful, loving family.

**Karen Owens** - April 17, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ Very few people achieve the success that Marty did. He was respected as a gifted surgeon, teacher, and community member. Much more important than that, he was one of the kindest and most down to earth people I ever have had the privilege to know. Too many great times and adventures to even try to name one. His wisdom, his wit, and his smile will be greatly missed– not to mention his jokes. My deepest condolences to Sheila and the rest of the family.

**Jim Sides** - April 17, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ I had the pleasure to be a dive buddy of Marty for quite a few memorable trips. He treated myself and Jim Sides like pals and overgrown kids. My condolences to Sheila and the rest of the family as well as his cousins and close pals that he grew up with the accompanied him on many of his travels. Staying surrounded for so many years by so many was a testament to this great man.  
The Rossow Family..Steve, Susan and Ryan

**Steve Rossow** - April 16, 2019 at 12:59 PM

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“ I remember Marty at Silver Sands, Grand Cayman. A lovely man with a lovely smile.

**ms kristina shreffler goettler** - April 16, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ I was a patient of Dr. Torch. He did all he could to correct my hip. He was very personable and empathetic after sports injuries and further required surgery. Thank you for all you have done! Stacy Conway

**Stacy Rethlake** - April 16, 2019 at 08:27 AM

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“ Marty was such a joy to be around. We had many fun dive trips and fun times watching the sunset in Cayman. Marty you will be greatly missed! Sending lots of love to Sheila and the family.  
-Michelle Adkins

**Michelle Adkins** - April 15, 2019 at 10:35 PM

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“ Jocelyn Dane lit a candle in memory of Martin Torch



Jocelyn Dane - April 14, 2019 at 06:11 PM

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“ My family and I first met Dr. Torch when I was 7 and rushed to Children’s Hospital. I ended up being under his care for 12 years. He was an amazing physician and man. We couldn’t have asked for a better physician to be in charge of my care. He will be greatly missed!  
-Jocelyn

Jocelyn Dane - April 14, 2019 at 06:10 PM

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“ Sadly we offer our sympathy. He was a very special person. We shared many photographic memories with him. He was a top notch doctor and a superior human being He will certainly be missed by many. Fondly Stuart & Tari Modes

Stuart & Tari Modes - April 14, 2019 at 12:09 AM

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“ Dr. Torch was the first orthopedic surgeon I met as a surgical technician at Mt. Carmel East Hospital and a student nurse. He taught me to suture and then so much more as we worked together at what became Cardinal Orthopedics. It was such a privilege, and great fun. I wish blessings and peace for his family.

Diana Cummings - April 13, 2019 at 09:56 PM