

Matthew A. Florczyk

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Matthew Alexander Florczyk, MD, PhD, of Nanuet, N.Y., formerly of Wallingford, died peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, after a long illness. Matt was the beloved husband of Julia Li Florczyk,



Dr. Florczyk

PhD.

He was born in Syracuse, N.Y. on Nov. 12, 1972.

Besides his wife Julia, he is survived by his parents, Alexander and Virginia Florczyk of Wallingford.; his brother, Michael Florczyk (Jennifer Florczyk) of North Attleboro, Mass.; his brother, William Florczyk (Sarah Florczyk) of Concord, N.C.; his sister, Suzanne Florczyk of West Hartford.

Matt was a 1990 graduate of Mark T. Sheehan High School in Wallingford. He went on to graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., in 1993, with a Bachelor of Science degree, in Biology. In 2000, he earned a PhD degree in infectious diseases from the Department of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health, State University of New York, at Albany. He then went on to complete a two-year post-doctoral program at the Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health. Matt earned his medical degree from Albany Medical College, in May 2007. He was a first year resident at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, N.Y., when he was taken ill.

In his short time as an internal medicine intern at Montefiore Medical Center, Matt

quickly developed a reputation for being sharp, hard working, and a team player dedicated to excellence for his patients. He applied these same attributes to all aspects of his life. His life is a great example of what it meant to be a good physician and person, through determination, humility and compassion.

Although Matt was committed to furthering his education and medical training, he enjoyed many extracurricular activities. Matt coached youth hockey in the Albany area, during his graduate school days. In addition, he enjoyed outdoor activities including scuba diving, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, photography, travel and tennis. His ultimate enjoyment was hiking in the woods with his wife, and their two Maltese dogs, TienTien and GiGi. His larger than life personality and sense of humor impacted all those that knew him.

His family will receive relatives and friends in The Wallingford Funeral Home, 809 N. Main St Ext., Wallingford on Sunday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Memorial services will take place in the funeral home at 3:15 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established to provide an award to a graduating student who exemplifies Matt's courage and dedication, both in his life and educational endeavors. Contributions can be made payable to Health Research, Inc. and sent to the Matthew Florczyk Memorial Fund, c/o Health Research Inc., Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 560, Menands, N.Y. 12204-2719. www.wallingfordfh.com.

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