

## Chris D. Tzarnas, MD

Aug 30,1949 – Dec 12,2015

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Most grateful to Ellie Kelepouris, Chris's wife for her time spent with me, and to help from Aron Wahrman, and David Low for their input all for filling in some of the details beyond what I knew about Chris in our 35 year relationship.

- Born, Washington, D.C. **P2**
  - Family, Greek. Father from Ikaria
  - High School. Marais Academy in D C
  - Northwestern Univ B A 1970, magna cum laude **P3**
    - Sociology major
  - University of Athens M D 1975, magna cum laude
    - Grad top of class and not native speaker of Greek
- Married (39 yrs) Ellie Kelepouris, MD, 1976, in Greece (Mom – “Grab him”)
  - She, at Penn, now head of Nephrology at Drexel **P4**
  - 2 children:Stephanie (1<sup>st</sup> yr med stud Drexel), Alexa (pre law at G W)
- Training:
  - Intern & Genl Surg resident, Presbyterian 1975 – 1981 **P5**
  - Plastic Surg resident, Penn 1981 – 1983
- Hospital affiliations & academic appointments
  - V A attending
  - Mercy Catholic Health System
    - Chief of Pl Surg **P6**
    - And Director of Surgery
  - Chestnut Hill Hospital Chief of Pl Surg

- Temple Univ: Clinical Prof & Chief of Pl Surg **P7**  
Clinical Assoc Prof Surgery. Drexel.
- Office in Bryn Mawr
- Multiple publications
  - Recent ones on Education
- Honors
  - Who's Who Medicine & Health Care & in the East
  - Phila Mag "Top Pl Surgeons"
  - Consumer's Research Council, America's Top Surgeons
  - President Phila Academy of Surgery **2015** **P8,9,10**
- The Person : Interests, life long FORGIVE ME FOR ANY ERRORS
  - Social issues, justice. Volunteer Ikaria Island (where father was from)
  - Education & development young people. Last, **P11**  
teaching anatomy to 1<sup>st</sup> yr students Drexel Med.
    - Heritage, tradition, ethics, integrity
  - Hobbies/Other interests:
    - Art, esp modern, Jasper Johns. Took art course at Corcoran 1976. Mobiles, Alexander Calder. **P12**  
"Tolerated" Ellies traditional/classic tastes
    - Wine. Inherited land island; grapes & olive groves **P**
  - Humble, kind, soft spoken, always mild mannered. **13,14**  
considerate, always pleasant, liked by everyone, quietly efficient, totally reliable, and extremely talented surgeon.
    - Aron Wahrman at Funeral Service on Dec 15: God gets a B – on this one -----Chris dying at such a young age.