

## *Joseph Allen Kuhn M.D.*

Joseph Allen Kuhn M.D., 55, of Dallas passed away on a Sunday, July 20, 2014 to be with his Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, surgeon and friend.

Dr. Joseph Allen Kuhn was born in Ames, Iowa on October 3, 1958. He was proud of so many decisions in life which were always taken by trusting in God. He began his walk as an altar boy with his brothers Michael and Dan. He developed his early walk as a moral and hard-working Boy Scout, becoming an Eagle Scout thanks to the encouragement of his parents. He thanks his sisters Amy Kuhn, Tina Cain, and Patty Kelley with his gradual spiritual and theatrical growth. Through God's grace, he managed to land at Texas A&M, where he met his soul mate and spouse, Mollie. Together, they managed medical school at UTMB in Galveston, then surgery residency at Baylor University Medical Center, a Surgical Oncology fellowship at the City of Hope in California, and the arrival of their blessed children, Kristin, Courtney, and Kevin. He treasured their times in Indian Guides, dancing, acting, sports, scouts, and wilderness camping with each one, especially Northern Tier and Philmont with Kevin. Dr. Kuhn celebrated 36 years in so many ways and places with his God-joined mate and partner, Mollie. He was also graced with friends like the Shanahan family who brought him closer to a daily walk with Christ, and Dr. John Nemunaitis, who worked so hard to cure him through God's gift of gene and vaccine therapy. Sadly, there wasn't enough time for Dr. Kuhn, but through these efforts there is increased hope for others.

In the course of over 15,000 surgical operations Dr. Kuhn performed, he was often heard to say "the surgeon does the destructive work; The Lord does the healing."

Through his many years of scientific research, he was most proud of his work completed with his two daughters which revealed the challenges to Darwinism hoping ultimately that some would begin to see a Creator of all things wonderful.

Dr. Joseph Allen Kuhn was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Edward Kuhn last May, and is survived by his wife Mollie Bloodworth Kuhn and their children Kristin, Courtney and Kevin Kuhn, all of Dallas, TX; his mother Charlotte Kuhn; two brothers and three sisters as well as brothers and sisters in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. Dr. Kuhn leaves behind a cavern of emptiness for not only his loved ones, but also to those he skillfully healed.

*The family wishes to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.*

*In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made in Dr. Kuhn's honor to the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Centers, 1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1100 Dallas, Texas 75201 "In Honor of Joseph Allen Kuhn M.D." or online at [www.marycrowley.org](http://www.marycrowley.org)*

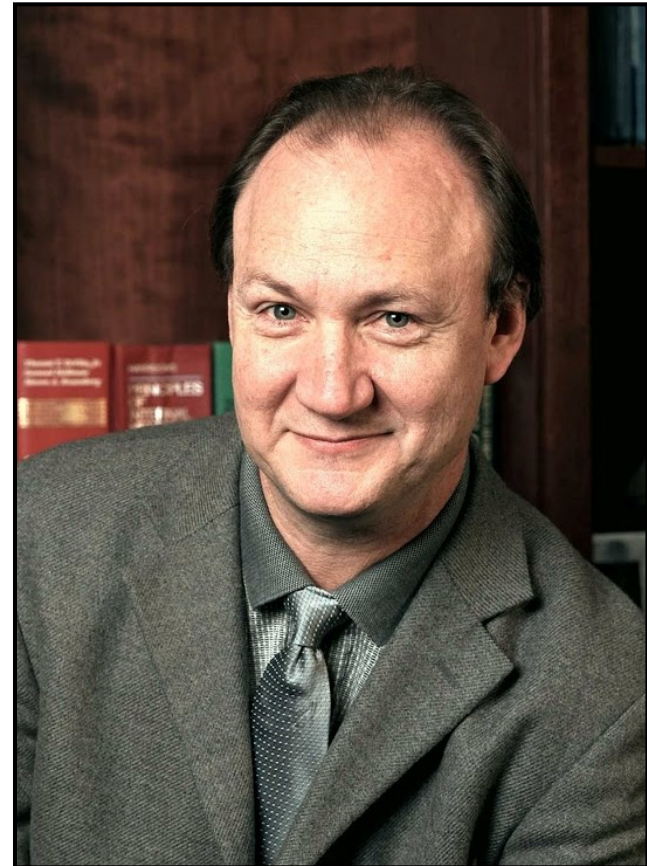
*Online condolences can be made at [www.Sparkman-Hillcrest.com](http://www.Sparkman-Hillcrest.com)*

### PALLBEARERS:

Michael Kuhn	Dan Kuhn
Wayne Kelley	Paul Hlebowitsh
Clifton Kuhn	Dave Shanahan
Jeffrey Henke	

*Programs provided by  
St. Monica Parish community.*

## *Funeral Mass for Joseph Allen Kuhn M.D.*



*October 3, 1958 - July 20, 2014*

*July 28, 2014  
St. Monica Church  
Dallas, Texas*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

In the waters of Baptism, Joseph died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he now share with him eternal glory.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Be Not Afraid*

Song # 680

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set a limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Joseph to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

Patty Kelley

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if in the eyes of men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,  
my comfort and my hope.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Amy Kuhn

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

John 11:17-27

## HOMILY

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dianne Smith

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Rick and Tina Cain

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*On Eagle's Wings*

Song # 690

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

Song # 783

## EULOGY

John Nemunaitis M.D.

## PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our brother. May our farewell express our affection for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Joseph, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Joseph in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We Walk By Faith*

Song # 674