



Oscar Colegio, MD

August 7, 1972 - June 14, 2020

Oscar Colegio, 47, MD, PHD, Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and Professor at the School of Medicine, State University of New York, Buffalo, Center, passed away Sunday, June 14th, 2020 in his family residence in Connecticut. He was born on August 7th, 1972 in McAllen, Texas to Leonardo and Rosalina Colegio. Received his undergraduate degree in Biology and Pharmaceuticals from the University of Texas, Austin, and his MD and PhD training at the Yale University School of Medicine. Following his internship in Internal Medicine and residency in Dermatology at the Yale New Haven Hospital, he joined the full-time faculty of the Yale Department of Dermatology and held a joint appointment in the Yale Department of Pathology. He rose to the level of Associate Professor at Yale University, prior to being recruited to Roswell Park to direct the Dermatology Department. On May 25th, 2019 he married his loving and beloved wife, Brenda Banuelos. Dr. Colegio received worldwide recognition for his seminal contributions to the broad fields of cancer biology and the life-threatening cancers that afflict the immunocompromised recipients of organ transplants. Oscar had a passion for long distance running, kayaking. He was an avid classical music aficionado, collector of sea glass, and yearned for long walks to the end of the beach originating in East Haven. He was recognized for his authenticity, generosity, humility, warmth, great sense of humor. He will always be remembered for brilliance, for being a loving husband, a caring father, a loyal friend, a tenacious leader but especially for

his incomparable infectious joie de vivre. Along with his wife Brenda, leaves behind his two adored sons, Austin and Otto, in whom he took enormous pride, and would do anything to make them happy, as well as his beloved dog, Cooper, his devoted parents, Rosalina and Leonardo Colegio, and his siblings Anna and Leonardo. Calling hours are on Saturday, June 20th, 2020 at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT. from 3 - 8 p.m. Masks will be required by all in attendance. Upon completion of visiting with the family we ask that you please exit the funeral home so that we can allow others entry. Funeral service will be taking place in McAllen, Texas on Thursday, June 25th at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 9 a.m. visitation, 9:30 a.m. will be the Rosary, 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial and 11 a.m. at Valley Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to [Roswell Park.org/giving](https://www.RoswellPark.org/giving). To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

JUN **20**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I was a patient of Dr Colegio while at Yale. A wonderful man and great doctor. I was sad when he left for Buffalo, but I am devastated about his passing. My sympathy to his family and friends at this terrible loss.

Debra Smith - July 21, 2020 at 11:56 AM

IS

“ Dear Austin,
I am very sorry to hear of your father's passing. I have so many memories of him at your birthday parties: grilling burgers, launching kayaks, and so many more fun things. His love for you will always endure. Please know that your friends are thinking of you and are here for you in this difficult time.
- Isabel Sharma

Isabel Sharma - July 01, 2020 at 09:05 AM

NS

“ The entire Sharma Family is deeply saddened by Oscar's loss. Always gracious, interesting, funny and kind, he brightened the lives of all who knew him. He was deeply devoted to his children, Austin and Otto, whom we knew from Saint Rita School. A world-class physician and scientist, a loving father and a kind friend, his passing is a great loss to all of us, both professionally and personally.
Nimmi, Ren, Isabel, and Juliet Sharma

Nimmi Sharma - July 01, 2020 at 08:42 AM

MD

“ Great memories of times spent together, Oscar. So sad you are gone. My condolences to all your family and many friends.
Mark Davis

Mark Davis - June 24, 2020 at 09:58 AM

FT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Colegio was a tremendously sweet man. During my treatments at Roswell, he always put me at ease and showed great concern for my care. We talked about many things and he even went back to his office one time to write down a podcast episode that he thought I would like. I will miss him. Again, my condolences to your family and friends.
Francis Thomas

Francis Thomas - June 22, 2020 at 04:00 PM

KW

“ My condolences to Oscar's family, friends and colleagues on his untimely loss. A bright light has been too soon extinguished; we will miss him... Kal Watsky

Kalman Watsky - June 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM

AM

“ His brilliance was matched only by his charisma, his generosity only by his wit. A towering giant his shadow will forever remain.

Amir Masoud - June 22, 2020 at 11:54 AM

RY

“ Ronald Yoder and wife Jana Powell send condolences to Oscar's family.

Ronald Yoder - June 21, 2020 at 04:56 PM

AG

“ My deepest condolences to Oscar's family. Oscar was an amazing person, a great doctor and scientist. Austin and Otto, your dad was so proud of you both, and he will be watching over you. May the memories of him give you comfort through this difficult time and for the rest of your lives.



With heartfelt sympathy, Anjela Galan

Anjela Galan - June 21, 2020 at 10:16 AM

RM

My most sincere condolences to the Colegio family. I met Oscar when he was a student at UT Austin, he was one of our intern working in the House Of Representatives for Robert Gutierrez. Oscar was Super Smart, loving, and sweet young man. Super smart. I will forever cherish his friendship. R.I.P. Oscar.

Rosalba Martinez - June 23, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.



June 20, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.



June 20, 2020 at 10:28 AM

EV

“ Oscar was my very dear and valued friend in middle school, high school, college, and beyond!

Oscar, you will be dearly missed by many, many, many people!

*Now cracks a noble heart.—Good night, sweet prince,
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!— (from Hamlet)*

Evert Villarreal

Evert Villarreal - June 19, 2020 at 10:30 PM

DA

“ First introduced to Oscar his first week in Buffalo by fear friends in the DERM dept at RPCI. Following that, a few chance meetings where he shared his love for his children and Brenda, and their dogs, and his profession in dermatology, his enthusiasm about relocating to Buffalo. My heart is heavy hearing of his sudden passing. Our community will miss him and no doubt the legacy he would have built here.

Darlene - June 19, 2020 at 10:03 PM

LC

“ Oscar,
*You are cherished by all who knew you - for your kindness, intellect, amazing contributions, and your love of life. You will forever be in our hearts, and your work lives on and will continue to stimulate our minds. We will miss you more than we could ever express.
You will be sorely missed, my dear friend.*
Lynn Cornelius

Lynn A Cornelius - June 19, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Dr. Colegio will truly be missed, he was a pleasure to work with. He was so charismatic and kind. I will also miss attending the dermatology presentations he presented in clinic.*



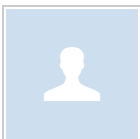
Raequel Graham - June 19, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Dear Oscar, we miss you. Thankyou for being such an amazing friend and colleague to me over the years... I know you are smiling down at us now with words of encouragement... with much love.... Fiona Zwald and family.*

Fiona Zwald - June 19, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Condolences. An exceptional, kind, caring and skilled person. Willie Dow*

Willie Dow - June 19, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *Oscar was the kindest and most passionate person I have ever come across in life. He always had a way of making you feel welcome in any room. He was my mentor and became a close friend and will be my lifelong inspiration. We will miss him so much at Roswell Park; he is one of a kind and irreplaceable. Every single memory of him puts a smile on my face and for that I am so thankful. Rest In Peace, Oscar.*

Julia Montemage - June 19, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *To a wonderful neighbor next door, Oscar. You will be missed. R.I.P Mike Romei*

Michael Romei - June 19, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 19, 2020 at 09:26 AM

SC

“ Oscar, an inspiring physician scientist and wonderful friend. So sorry to hear of your passing. I will miss you dearly.
-Sean and Elin Christensen

Sean Christensen - June 19, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.



June 19, 2020 at 08:06 AM

YO

“ Yasutaka Okabe purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.



Yasutaka Okabe - June 18, 2020 at 11:52 PM

JC

“ Oscar, a Brilliant physician scientist, a kind colleague, And An amazing storyteller. We miss you. Rest In Peace, dear friend. Jen and Jae Choi

Jaehyuk Choi - June 18, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 18, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Roswell Park Department of Dermatology purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



Roswell Park Department of Dermatology - June 18, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *A wonderful next door neighbor. We so enjoyed watching you kayak with your sons. R.I.P. dear Oscar.*

Sally and Jim Cammarano - June 18, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Oscar Colegio, MD.*



June 18, 2020 at 07:04 PM