



## Dr. David Solomon M.D.

March 10, 1959 - October 20, 2016

Dr. David Solomon, 57, passed away suddenly and tragically in Baltimore on October 20, 2016. He died two weeks after the passing of his beloved mother, Estelle B. Solomon, to whom he was lovingly and daily devoted, especially during her final months of life. He is also predeceased by his father, Dr. Macy B. Solomon, a Phoenixville physician for 40 years.

David earned a combined MD/PhD in 1990 through the exclusive Medical Scientist Training Program at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and City University of New York, having previously earned his BS in Chemistry from Haverford College in 1982. A member of the faculty and staff of Johns Hopkins University, he was a gifted and compassionate physician who will be deeply missed by his patients, his colleagues and the academic community to which he contributed. David was also a flame to his friends and family, one that burned sweetly and brightly during his lifetime, just as it will after his passing. In his unique and innocent way, he connected meaningfully and lovingly with people from all walks and he cherished the deep attachment he had with everyone in his life. His thoughtful and analytical mind, creativity and insatiable interest in people and things led him down many paths - from Zappa to neuroscience to Torah - learning, teaching and engaging the world with enthusiasm and passion. He loved music, especially his flute; he loved hiking and nature; and he loved sharing all of his interests with the people he cared about and, if possible, a dog... or three. Above all, David was limitlessly

devoted to his three children, Sophie, Daniel and Jesse, around whom he built his life in every possible way and gave his love with a full heart and without measure.

David is survived by his wife, Claudia Summer of Providence RI, with whom he shared so many cherished moments and memories over the past 8 years. He also leaves behind an enduring friendship with the mother of his children, Debra Brodlie. He will leave an indescribable void in the hearts of all those whom he loved and who loved him.

Funeral services will take place Sunday, October 23rd, Congregation B'nai Jacob, Phoenixville, PA, at 12:30pm. The family will be receiving visitors at The Barn following services, although shiva will not begin until the conclusion of the Sukkot holiday. Contributions in David's memory may be made to American Jewish World Service ([www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org)) or WFMU-FM Radio ([www.wfmu.org](http://www.wfmu.org)). May his memory forever be as a blessing. Condolences may be offered online by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA.

# Cemetery Details

## Congregation B'nai Jacob Cemetery

200 Lovers Lane  
Mont Clare, PA 19453

# Previous Events

## Funeral Ceremony

OCT **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Congregation B'nai Jacob Synagogue  
Starr and Manavon Streets  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I have been remember David from our years at Mt. Sinai. For some reason his named clicked tonight and I am so sorry to learn he passed away 10 years ago. We had some great discussions and fun at Mt. Sinai. We both became Neurologists. I wish we had done a better job staying in touch. With fond memories. David Stein, M.D. MSSM '86, MSH '87

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David Stein - April 04 at 12:22 AM

JH

“ I just said to myself, I got to look up David Solomon and see how he is doing. It is December 2021 and I just learned he died in 2016. Shit. Dude was one of a kind. I built several devices for his lab at Penn, including of all things, a see-saw to shronk wrap a person and measure their moment of inertia for a grant he had in the early 2000's to detect people walking funny in airports from a potential bomb mass hidden in their close. Silly, I know. Where we saw eye-to-eye, was in someday building the ultimate study room. We both imagined a 3 dimensional space where we could move about at will and also move our tools, computers, and other resources into view as needed. I wponder if he ever made any progress on this dream as that is why I just looked him up. I am not there yet but hopefully soon.

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john hewitt - December 16, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ I was thinking about Dr. Solomon the past few days. I was a patient of his at Hopkins, then at Penn, and back to Hopkins. He was so brilliant and compassionate. He referred to himself as Dr. Dizzy when he was treating patients with vertigo and vestibular disorders, etc. He was rare, and I doubt anyone can actually replace him. When I first met him, it was with Dr. Zee and he had a long ponytail and sandals on and I remember thinking he probably would have loved Woodstock! Rest in Peace Doc, you are greatly missed.

*Lorraine Graydon  
Barnegat, NJ*

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**Lorraine Graydon** - May 24, 2019 at 09:00 AM

FS

“ Just learned of Dr. Solomon's passing from a JH newsletter. Want you to know my husband, Kurt Stern, now 90, is still enjoying life, travel, music, outdoors, and chemistry because of Dr. Solomon's contribution to his life. In 2007, it was Dr. Solomon who evaluated Kurt as a candidate for a spinal tap and ultimately for placement of a shunt by Dr. Rigamonte to deal with hydrocephalus. The team at the time included David Solomon, Abhay Moghekar, and Dr. Rigamonte. When I fearfully first looked for help and a diagnosis, in my research I found Dr. David Solomon. The name alone gave me some confidence to go forward. Then when I saw he had majored in chemistry (my husband is a retired research chemist) and moreover that he played flute (which I did) and that he loved the outdoors, as we do, I felt we were in the right place. When we met him, wearing sandals and long hair, I knew it for sure. He was indeed compassionate, and also witty and funny and touching--he let my daughter and I stay in the room while he and Dr. Moghekar got the diagnostic spinal tap started, as long as we wore scrubs and didn't talk...He presented me with the body-marking pencil that had been used on Kurt. Maybe quirky, but perfect for me. Just his presence was comforting, though we also knew he was extremely competent. We appreciated that he along with the other doctors shared so much information with us. All three doctors told us there were no guarantees of improvement, but we got lucky and Kurt is doing very well. Yes, we are totally thankful for Dr. Solomon's part in our life and shocked to learn of his death. I never thought about his age at the time, but I see now that he was only a few years older than our oldest child. We send love and comfort to his family and thank you for sharing him and his tremendous talent and personality with us.

*Faith and Kurt Stern  
Takoma Park, Maryland*

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**Faith Stern** - March 16, 2017 at 06:23 PM



*I just heard the news as well, through a colleague at UT Southwestern in Dallas where I used to be on the faculty until 5 years ago. Amy and I will always remember David as kind and giving. I was privileged to work with him not only as a neurology resident but as a musician, too. And the whole Solomon family were great neighbors in Center City, Philadelphia. He is and will be missed.*

*Gil Wolfe  
Buffalo, NY*

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**Gil Wolfe** - March 23, 2017 at 10:47 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**claudia** - November 03, 2016 at 12:14 PM

EM

“ *David was electric and full of life. We met professionally at a scientific meeting devoted to hydrocephalus and bonded almost instantly. He knew how to bring out a smile in virtually everyone. He was an adventurous and brilliant individual with a depth of knowledge in a diverse multitude of topics- a true "Renaissance mensch".*



*He will always be remembered.*

*Edward Stopa, M.D.  
Brown University  
Providence, RI*

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**Edward Stopa, M.D.** - November 02, 2016 at 05:50 PM

RW

“ *David was an excellent mentor and an always pleasant colleague. I am heartbroken I will not get to see him again. - Robin Wilson, MD [trained at Hopkins 2003-6]*

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**Robin K Wilson** - October 31, 2016 at 04:54 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Hurley lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Solomon M.D.*



**nancy hurley** - October 30, 2016 at 02:51 PM

CS

“ Healing- Danna Faulds

*There is healing in the laying on of hands; in the letting go of fear, in asking for help, in silence, celebration, prayer. There is healing in speaking the truth and in keeping still, in seeking sunlight and not shunning struggle. Laughter and the affirmation of wholeness hold their own healing. When the soul dances, when the day begins in delight, when love grows and cannot be contained, when life flows from moment to moment, healing happens in the space between thoughts, and the breath before the first sung note. Healing is a birthright and a grace. When we dare to be open to the unknown, when we extend ourselves in caring, when we welcome in the vast expanse of life, healing comes from the heart, and blossoms from the inside out.*

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**claudia summer** - October 29, 2016 at 08:08 AM

CS

“ I have set up a FB page called "David Solomon sharing Solomon" so that we can share pictures and reflections about David - feel free to join.

*Claudia Summer (David's wife)*

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**claudia summer** - October 28, 2016 at 08:46 PM

CA

“ *Cari lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Solomon M.D.*



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**Cari** - October 28, 2016 at 03:50 PM

CA

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear of Dr. Solomon's death. I met Dr. Solomon the day he performed a lumbar puncture on me before skull surgery at Johns Hopkins in 2011. I remember lying on my stomach during the procedure, looking at the floor and noticing Dr. Solomon wearing his famous crocks. It brought levity to my impending surgery. I was impressed with his skillfulness, intelligence, and easy-going personality. My husband and I really connected with him (husband and Dr. Solomon both played musical instruments). Through the years, I've had to have other lumbar punctures and I always requested Dr. Solomon. He always obliged and I am forever grateful for that. He is the one I trusted. His demeanor was always admirable.*

*I feel blessed to have been under his stellar care. What a loss. My heartfelt condolences to his loved ones. He will always be in our hearts.*

*Cari Swiderski*

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**Cari** - October 28, 2016 at 03:48 PM

JD

“ I was very fortunate to get to know Dave during his time as a trainee and junior faculty member at Penn, and saw in the millennium entertained by his band of musical neurologists. Dave had a remarkable range of esoteric skills and interests, and great sense of humor. Everything from a brief word to a long evening of chatting and listening to music with Dave was illuminating and uplifting. I wish we had had more time to hang out during this millennium ...

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**john detre** - October 27, 2016 at 04:51 PM

HM

“ I was so lucky to get to know David these last eight years. His wife, Claudia Summer, brought David into our life and his warmth, his wonderful sense of humor, his humanity and his love were felt by all of us. His incredible barefoot flute playing was such a treat at every music night he attended and we will all miss him. Hilary Markoe

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**Hilary Markoe** - October 27, 2016 at 02:36 PM

TB

“ David and I were together for 8 years at Mount Sinai when we were studying science and medicine and we were on our way to rule the world. David, you were one of the most intelligent people I've ever met, absurdly chill and full of love. We've been out of touch since Sophie was still a toddler, and as happens so many times in our fragmented world, I'm left to wonder in a vacuum about your path since then and now. I wish I could give you a hug Dave. I'll send a virtual one to Deb and Sophie (and Jessie and Claudia whom I never met). -Tony Bonilla

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**Tony Bonilla** - October 27, 2016 at 07:42 AM

JS

“ Dear Jacob and Mindy,  
The passing of your brother just shortly after your Mom is almost too much to bear. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family at this time. We read the comments about David, and he seemed like an extraordinary person who enjoyed life to the fullest. What a loss! Love, Joan and Harry (Coconut Grove, FL)

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**Joan and Harry Smith** - October 26, 2016 at 03:13 PM

AH

“ For my concert buddy and shul buddy. He was quite a presence. I'll miss him.

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**Ayala hecht** - October 26, 2016 at 10:17 AM

EP

“ Deb, JP and I send you our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to you and your children on this unimaginable loss. We have so many wonderful memories of the newlywed days with the four of us, long before children. Shabbat dinners, canoe trips, and never ending laughs, along with 1 more unusual meet and greet involving a sauna and birch branches. We are thinking of you...sending love and hugs xoxox

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**ellen polkes** - October 26, 2016 at 05:08 AM



“ So sorry to hear of this. I had the pleasure of sharing a house with David when he spent a semester at Cornell. My band played at his wedding. He was a wonderful man and will be missed. Be at peace.  
Gary Dunn

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**Gary Dunn** - October 25, 2016 at 11:37 AM

BL

“ David was one of the brightest and most enjoyable neurologists I've ever met or worked with. He was also one of the most human and compassionate. We spent many an hour discussing, researching, sharing ideas, diagnoses and helping one another with patient care and science. His care for those who were ill, friends, family and overall humanism were something to behold. We missed him terribly after he left Penn, and frankly his position has never been filled.... I always had dreams of getting him to come back to us.

*If anyone is destined to be remembered, cherished and advance to whatever good things may be next...its certainly him.*

*Love and deepest sympathies to his wonderful family and friends. He leaves a huge void with his passing.*

*Brian Litt*

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**Brian Litt** - October 24, 2016 at 08:45 PM

CN

“ David was full of life and fun and I cannot believe he is gone. My condolences to his family. I met him in college, when he was already a natural doctor. I had only known him a short time, but when I was quarantined to my dorm room for a flu that knocked out most of the campus, he snuck in and brought to me a bag of oranges. Carol Nelson, BMC '81

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**Carol Nelson** - October 23, 2016 at 07:34 PM

DA

“ David was--it hurts so to write in the past tense-- a constant in my life since third grade. Elementary school, junior high, high school, college, lost-college New York, back to Philly, and again more recently as a comforting, reassuring, but always honest presence during my husband's neurological illness. PFF, camping, freezing drives in Henry to W Virginia caving, marriages, births, deaths. Fiercely loyal; grabbing life with a big bear hug, a ready laugh, a funny story acted out in a spot-on accent. So many vivid memories, intact but cut short. I hope you know how much we all love you, Beast.

Dana - October 23, 2016 at 06:21 PM

AM

“ Though we met only few times in life it was always a very warm meeting. I was proud to say I am your (third) cousin to people who knew you and I enjoyed the stay at your's and Debra's home.

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Amit Mor - October 23, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MH

“ For practically my whole life, David was part of my family. So thankful I got to see him only a few weeks ago. Frank Z will be featured prominently in the playlist in his memory.

Michelle Detwiler Halle - October 23, 2016 at 10:48 AM

PF

“ *Phyllis Feulner lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Solomon M.D.*



Phyllis Feulner - October 23, 2016 at 10:17 AM

DB

“ *His favorite color was green, he made a mean chili and he loved to barbecue. He loved our dogs: Sheba, Lyla and Jojo. He loved to skate, no snow was too big for him. He loved going out in his canoe and loved seeing live music. He didn't like to give fresh flowers, he preferred silly or practical gifts or gifts of music. He was a dreamer and inventor. He always wanted to travel to space. He loved all things Star Trek and marvel. His presence lit a room.*

debra brodlie - October 23, 2016 at 07:57 AM



*I am overwhelmed with sadness. You guys were an inspiration for me during trying times in New York and Phila. It must be 30 years since hanging out but David makes an indelible impression on one so it seems like yesterday. I have never met a smarter man or one who liked to laugh as much as he did. David J. Weber, Memphis, TN.*

David Weber - October 26, 2016 at 10:52 PM



“ *Sara Brom lit a candle in memory of Dr. David Solomon M.D.*



Sara Brom - October 23, 2016 at 12:20 AM



*love you Sara*

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**claudia summer** - October 29, 2016 at 10:07 AM