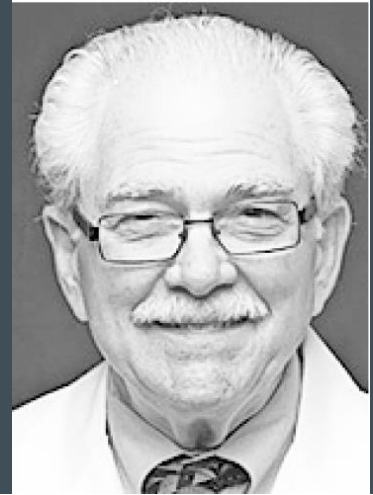


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Scientific trail blazer and educator, cornerstone of his family

Westfield, New Jersey resident Nicholas Ponzio, age 76, gently passed March 6, 2021. Born 11/12/44 in Summit, N.J. to Michael & Ann Ponzio. Nicholas graduated from Summit Highschool, earned his B.A & M.S at Seton Hall Univ, achieved his Ph.D. from SUNY Downstate Med Center & performed postdoctoral studies at Albert Einstein College of Medicine & NYU Medical Center. After being a Northwestern Univ Med School faculty member, Dr. Ponzio joined the faculty at NJ Med School in 1981 as a model educator & scientist.

In addition to his numerous contributions to the educational programs of these universities, Dr. Ponzio is described as a, 'scientific trail-blazer,' for dedicating a major part of his research to B-cell lymphomas & for using his strong cellular immunology background to show the possible origin of autism in the fetus. Dr. Ponzio was the model of academic collaboration in teaching, research & service. He was adamant that scientists must communicate their research findings with the public. He devoted his latest years championing scientific communication among trainees through the first scientific communication

course at Rutgers. His stellar method in teaching is underscored by induction as a Master Educator. Recently, Dr. Ponzio acted on diversifying clinician scientists through a grant award from the National Institute of Health. In addition, he led a team to submit a training grant to support future scientists. Outside of his professional brilliance, Dr. Ponzio cared deeply for his family & friends by always devoting his time to their interests. His love of travel took he & his wife, Patricia, around the globe with several stops in Italy. At home he was a rock. Dependable, strong & the cornerstone of a loving family who cherish time spent with him & recognize his impact on anyone who was fortunate to have met him.

Nicholas Ponzio is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Patricia Duffy Ponzio, daughter Sarah (John), son Josh (Kerri) & grandchildren, Brooks, Amelia, Tatum & Maeve & sister Diane Ponzio.

Memorial Service is March 15 at 10:45 a.m. at St. Terresa of Avila Parish, Summit, N.J. Full information: www.higgingandbonner.com

In lieu of flowers, the family of Dr. Nicholas Ponzio asks that donations be made here. All monies collected will be donated in his name to Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and be put towards furthering the research and education to which he dedicated his life.

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