



## Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt

January 1, 1942 - October 22, 2024

Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt, of Clinton Township, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at the age of 82. He was born in Bangkok, Thailand on January 1, 1942, to Witi and Kongsak Utarnachitt. He graduated secondary school from De La Salle in Hong Kong and later attended University of the East in the Philippines for pre-med. He eventually went to medical school at the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in Manila where he became fond of a bright, young nursing student, named Violeta Bucani. Because he was too shy to approach her directly, he asked a fellow nursing student, Sonia Casiano, to introduce them. Afterwards, Richard courted her through their time in school and eventually charmed her into getting married.

After their wedding in the Philippines, the young couple immigrated to Detroit, Michigan where they established roots and started a family. Richard was the dearest husband of Violeta Utarnachitt, and beloved father of Raymund (Dani Hill) Utarnachitt, Dr. Richard B. Utarnachitt, and Dr. Ryan (Mary Le) Utarnachitt. He was the loving grandfather of Anastasia "Any", Gabrielle "Gaby", and Lucy Justine "LJ" and dear brother of Sumalee "Mary" (Vathana "Joseph") Kanchanaranya and the late Termsak (Nongluck) Kulawataki. He was the cherished uncle of Annie Kulawataki and Patrick Kulawataki. Richard is survived by many more loving friends, colleagues, grateful patients, and

family members.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 29th from 2-8 p.m. with a funeral service from 6-6:30 pm at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Inurnment will be at St. Hugo of the Hills Columbarium in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren  
11470 Thirteen Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48093  
(586) 751-3131  
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NJ

“ My mom was a nurse who worked with Dr.U at St Joe's. He was my gastro doc. I loved him! SO funny and would visit me everyday after surgeries I had Rest in peace Dr. Uttar

Nancy job - October 31, 2025 at 04:24 PM

RI

“ Prayers for the soul of Richard that he may rest in peace. Sincere condolences to his wife and family (I was a former college classmate of his wife Violy) that they may go through this difficult time.

Rudy Ibay

Rodolfo O Ibay - November 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

HS

“ I was just searching for Dr. u as we have not talked in a while. We worked a couple of nursing facilities together. Always wearing a ball cap and pushing me to be self employed. He was a funny and caring man. RIP

Harry Slater - November 26, 2024 at 12:49 PM

SP

“ Sandra Piccirilli lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt



Sandra Piccirilli - November 01, 2024 at 12:23 AM

RM

“ So kind & friendly to work with; loved hearing him sing when the Endo Drs took us endo nurses out for dinner to celebrate Christmas.

Roxann Mccoy - November 01, 2024 at 12:09 AM

JN

“ Loved working side by side with this wonderful physician. So caring. So knowledgable. On the lighter side, remember him coming over and sitting on a chart I was writing on! Then you had to stop and listen to him! I remember when his children were in school. He loved you so dearly and was so proud of all of of you. What a wonderful blessing he was.

Just another old nurse - October 30, 2024 at 06:34 PM

KR

“ He was a kind doctor and very qualified Dr. always had a smile when he came in the units

Karen Rouleau - October 30, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ 117 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - October 29, 2024 at 03:33 PM

JE

“ Sp sorry for your loss. Dr. U was a favorite of mine while I worked at St. Joes. He always made us smile and loved wearing his cowboy boots and Hawaiian Shirts. He took good care of my family. He will be missed.

Joyce A Ellies - October 29, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LL

“ Loida L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.

Loida L. - October 29, 2024 at 02:51 PM

CF

“ Chicago Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



Chicago Family - October 29, 2024 at 10:56 AM

SA

“ Shane, Jenn, Chris, Logan and Alyssa purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



Shane, Jenn, Chris, Logan and Alyssa - October 29, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.

October 28, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



October 28, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.

October 28, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



October 28, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.

October 28, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 28, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ *Ajay Rao, Jamal Robertson, & Chris Bell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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**Ajay Rao, Jamal Robertson, & Chris Bell** - October 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 28, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*

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October 28, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 28, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.

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October 28, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 28, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard V. Utarnachitt.

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October 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MS

“ *Marisa Méndez and Jared Shipman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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**Marisa Méndez and Jared Shipman** - October 27, 2024 at 06:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 27, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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October 27, 2024 at 02:23 PM

AS

“ *Alberto and Clotilde Sitchon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.*



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**Alberto and Clotilde Sitchon** - October 27, 2024 at 05:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard V. Utarnachitt.

October 26, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



October 26, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ Drs. Renato and Susan Raymundo family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Richard V. Utarnachitt.



**Drs. Renato and Susan Raymundo family** - October 26, 2024  
at 06:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard V. Utarnachitt.

October 26, 2024 at 01:49 PM

EO

“ Dr. U (Richard)—thank you for warm heart, your gentle and uplifting smiles, your endearing fellowship. You will be missed. God, please welcome your ever-faithful servant, Richard, into your wonderful next realm. Richard, please watch over us and continue to glorify God with the zeal and good-natured soul he gifted you with.

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**E. Alan Ongtengco** - October 26, 2024 at 01:00 PM

AO

“ Alan O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard V. Utarnachitt.

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**Alan O.** - October 26, 2024 at 12:47 PM