



Martin F Faber

April 23, 1950 - June 4, 2025

Princeton - Doctor Martin Frederick Faber, 75 of Princeton, IL passed away June 4, 2025 at OSF St. Clare Medical Center. Martin was born April 23, 1950 in Mendota, IL to Glade Reuben Faber and Halcyon "Sue" (DeVore) Faber. Martin grew up on the family farm in rural La Moille, IL and took great pride in raising and showing Holstein cows. He graduated from La Moille High School in 1968 (valedictorian), North Central College in 1972 with a bachelor's in Biology & Chemistry (cum laude), received his medical degree from Rush University Medical School in 1975 (Alpha Distinguished Honor Society), and completed his residency at the University of Illinois Rockford.

He married Linda Merrie Novak on August 21, 1971 in Chicago. In 1978 he moved to Princeton and began his medical career at Princeton Family Physicians and went on to practice family medicine, obstetrics and emergency medicine at OSF Saint Clare Medical Center, (fmr Perry Memorial Hospital), for 36 years. During his medical career he delivered over 1500 babies and served as an assistant clinical professor with the University of Illinois rural medicine education (RMED) program and Bradley University. He also volunteered his services at the Bureau County Health and Wellness Clinic. He enjoyed working with providers and deeply appreciated the nurses and staff who served alongside him in the greater Bureau County area. Expressions of his faith could be witnessed through his many acts of kindness, especially when it came to his patient care. He was known for his integrity, generosity and unwavering dedication to the community.

He enjoyed assisting with the local Boy Scouts, served as a medical standby at Princeton High School football games and provided volunteer gardening services for Princeton First United Methodist Church. His other hobbies and passions included tennis, scuba diving, chess, farming, football, horticulture and reading history. He loved visiting with his grandchildren and extended family and was a captivating storyteller with whom he spent time.

He is preceded in death by his father Glade Faber and mother Halcyon Faber (DeVore), mother-in law (Gloria Novak), father-in-law (John Novak), and brothers James and Stuart Faber.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Novak) Faber of Princeton, IL, his sisters Beverly Faber of Decatur, IN, and Ellen (William) Stouffer of La Moille, IL; Brother Dr. Arnold (Anne) Faber of Princeton, IL; two daughters Jenny (Russ) Gewin and Rebekah (Michael) Pickett, both of Naperville, IL; Six sons Greg Faber of Madison, WI, Adam (Jessica) Faber of Aurora, IL, Nathan (Angela) Faber of Anchorage, AK, Aaron (Parnit) Faber of Darien, IL, Kevin Faber of Tiskilwa, IL and Douglas Faber of Princeton, IL; and 15 grandchildren, Danielle, Ryan, and Chase Gewin; Henry, Penelope, and Charlie Faber; Adrienne and Lillian Faber; Brynn, Alana, and Lucas Faber; Isabella, Madeleine, William, and Thomas.

A public visitation will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc & Monuments, at 701 E. Thompson Street, Princeton, IL 61356 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday June 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Princeton First United Methodist Church with Reverend Michael Ray Hickock.

Private burial will immediately follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Princeton First United Methodist Church: <https://princetonfirstumc.org/>.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
316 S Church Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Dr. Faber became my doctor when we first moved to Princeton in 1989. He was a wonderful doctor for our family over the years. We were sad when he retired, and are sad to hear of his passing.*

Susan Olson - June 15, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DJ

“ *Doctor Faber is the perfect example of a great small town doctor ...a very skilled doctor, he made liking him..as easy as breathing n very humble !*

I was lucky to know the man ! Dennis Johnson Orange City, Florida

Dennis Johnson - June 13, 2025 at 11:26 PM

HT

“ *Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature." "Friend" doesn't do justice to the relationship I had with Marty for almost 58 years. We were paired as roommates our freshman year at North Central College...probably because we shared the same middle name. We either shared a room or were no more than a room away for the next three years. We were each other's best man when we married our respective Linda's in 1971. And our families remained intertwined throughout the ensuing decades. We are all endowed with an array of gifts to develop and share. I believe Marty understood this and lived his life committed to sharing what made him special with those around him...his love for Linda and his entire family; his care and concern for thousands of patients; his respect for the community he served. Marty's life is a testament to a life well lived and so while you will be greatly missed, your memory and your legacy will remain strong. I miss you and will continue to miss you. God bless you my brother.*

Hal Toberman - June 11, 2025 at 02:37 PM

PT

“ Providence Pharmacy Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Martin F Faber.



Providence Pharmacy Team - June 11, 2025 at 11:38 AM

RE

“ I am saddened to hear of Dr. Faber's passing. I worked with him at Perry Memorial and he was always kind and had a wonderful sense of humor. This is a loss for the community and he will be missed!

Renee

Renee - June 11, 2025 at 09:57 AM

KN

Dr Faber delivered my second child he was a great doctor u will be missed and loved by so many thank you

Kristeen nelson - June 11, 2025 at 01:00 PM

DE

“ I am saddened to hear about Dr Fabers passing. He was my Dr ever since he came to town to practice and stayed with him until he retired. He delivered my son back in 1991 and every time I would run into him he would always ask, "How is Dylan doing?" Never failed to ask me about family, or how I was and how work was going. Such a pleasant man to talk to. He had such an impact on our community and he will be missed by all who knew him. I am so sorry for your loss.

Denise - June 10, 2025 at 08:54 PM

UT

“ *UIH Anesthesia Clinic and SSO team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martin F Faber.*



UIH Anesthesia Clinic and SSO team - June 10, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Martin F Faber.*



June 10, 2025 at 02:58 PM

CK

“ *Dr Faber was one of the best physicians I've ever worked with. He was knowledgable as well as compassionate. He was respected and showed respect for his nursing colleagues. He was a friend and mentor to many in healthcare! God bless him and his family at this very sad time. Colleen*

Colleen Kuziela - June 09, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin F Faber.*



June 09, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin F Faber.

June 09, 2025 at 09:14 PM



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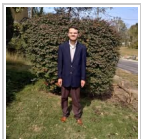


June 09, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ I'm so sorry to read this. Dr Faber was the best Dr in the world!! He delivered 2 of my children in the 80's, and the last one in the the 90's. What patience compassion, and understanding he had for all of us. As a new mother him and nurse Judy would always be there. How I miss how it was back then!! Getting old now and I need Dr Faber!! Sorry Mrs Faber for when he was pulled away from you and your family to deliver my babies, but please know it meant the world to me. When we had illness, he was so calming and would always take the time to listen. He was an amazing Dr and a wonderful man. I'm so sorry for your loss. Diane Prokup

Diane - June 09, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Sorry for your loss

JohnLuke Glee - June 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SF

“ *Sall, Wick, Innis & Blessing Families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Martin F Faber.*



Sall, Wick, Innis & Blessing Families - June 08, 2025 at 10:39 PM

VH

“ *Linda,
I am thinking of you and your family during this time. Dr. Faber gave so much to our community.*

Vanessa Hoffeditz

Vanessa Hoffeditz - June 08, 2025 at 09:18 PM

NE

“ *I got to know Marty when I went to work at Perry Memorial Hospital. His sense of humor was refreshing and his stories were entertaining and funny. I'm going to miss him.*

Nell - June 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

CI

“ *I will always treasure the years I was blessed to work with Marty. I never once heard him lose his temper with a nurse, and I will always be grateful for the knowledge he passed along. I loved his sense of humor...how he would make us laugh in the ED. We won't see his like again. Godspeed Marty, Godspeed*

Cindy - June 08, 2025 at 08:37 PM

JT

“ *What a sad day for this community. Marty was a good man whom I remember from high school. He went on to care for and save the lives of many. You will be missed my friend. However, you'll be remembered as the loving soul you are!*

John & Lauri Thompson - June 08, 2025 at 05:30 PM