

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Member In-Memoriam Policy and Procedure

In Memoriam provides the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine members with timely information regarding the deaths of colleagues and friends.

POLICY

Death notices (name, city, state, and date of death) are posted as they are made available and confirmed by SMFM membership staff and will remain on the site for 6 months. When available, links to full obituaries and news articles are also provided. Please note that over time some external links may be deactivated.

PROCEDURE

Individuals who wish to submit obituary information may do so by contacting SMFM Member Services smfm@smfm.org. Please include as much of the following information as possible in your e-mail:

- the deceased's name;
- age at time of death;
- hometown;
- date of death;
- cause of death;
- MFM Fellowship information;
- key accomplishments in MFM or medicine in general; and
- an e-mail or mail address for use by individuals who wish to send condolences or memorial contributions.

In addition, if the submitter is a funeral home or crematory, only the submitter's contact information is needed to complete the form. If the submitter is not a funeral home or crematory, additional contact information for the closest legal next of kin and funeral home/crematory should be submitted.

The SMFM Member Services Manager will post submitted obituaries after verifying (via the SMFM member record and other sources) the deceased's name, date of death, medical school/residency information, and SMFM accomplishments/offices held. If the member record and the submitted information differ in these areas, the information from the member record will be used.

For current SMFM and Foundation leaders and other members whose deaths would directly affect the Society and its members, SMFM staff will obtain the relevant information and prepare the obituary to be posted on the In Memoriam topic area. This practice will be limited to past and current SMFM and Foundation officers and directors, candidates for those positions, current and former Honorary members, and committee chairs.

This procedure also will apply in the event of the death of an SMFM staff member. In addition, it will apply in the case of other non-SMFM members, if SMFM Executive Committee determines that the individual had a substantial impact on maternal-fetal medicine.