



Andrew D. Bunta M.D.

August 2, 1942 - February 24, 2022

Andrew David Bunta, MD, age 79, a 45-year resident of Lake Forest, IL, died in Lake Forest on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Dr. Bunta was the beloved husband of Susanna Guenther Bunta; they were married more than 56 years. He was the loving father of Elizabeth Bunta Haussman Bartels (Gilpin Bartels) of Bryn Mawr, PA, and of Maria R. Bunta of Chicago, IL. He was the devoted grandfather of Charles B. Haussman and James R. Haussman, both of Bryn Mawr, PA.

Dr. Bunta was born in Chicago on August 2, 1942, to the late Muriel Schepler Bunta and the late Andrew William Bunta. His younger brother, Theodore Alan Bunta, preceded him in death.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1964, Dr. Bunta graduated from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in 1967. He served as a General Medical Officer with the United States Air Force in Minot, ND, from 1968 to 1970. Dr. Bunta then completed his residency training in orthopaedic surgery at Northwestern in 1974 and joined the Feinberg faculty as an instructor in orthopaedic surgery the same year.

Dr. Bunta practiced orthopaedic surgery at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL, until 1999, where he simultaneously served as the director of the

Division of Orthopaedic Surgery and director of Feinberg's orthopaedic residency rotation at Lutheran General.

In 1999, Dr. Bunta joined the medical staff at Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) as an attending physician in orthopaedic surgery. From 1999 to 2015, he served as vice chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and as associate program director of the orthopaedic surgery residency program.

Most recently, he served as medical director of the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Orthopaedic Unit in Feinberg Pavilion, and then as medical director of Clinical Documentation at NMH and Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bunta earned wide recognition for his leadership within the field of orthopaedic surgery, and for his commitment to patients, colleagues, and students alike. He held various leadership positions for the Northwestern University Medical Alumni Association over the years – including serving as president from 2001 to 2003 – as well as at the American Orthopaedic Association (AOA).

From 2007-2013, Dr. Bunta served as the inaugural chairman of the AOA Own the Bone Steering Committee, which guides Own the Bone, a nationally recognized quality improvement and secondary fracture prevention program.

In 2012, Dr. Bunta was honored to receive Feinberg's Alumni Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Bunta was named a "Pillar of the Orthopaedic Profession" by the AOA in 2021— the first Feinberg faculty member to receive this honor. Founded in 1887, the AOA is a community of orthopaedic surgeons committed to developing leaders, strategies, and resources to guide the future of

musculoskeletal care.

Funeral services for Dr. Bunta will be held this spring in Lake Forest. Arrangements by Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, www.RTfunerals.com or 847.234.9649.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Dr. Bunta by making a gift online at: <https://giving.northwestern.edu/DrBunta> or sending a check payable to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, with "Dr. Bunta" noted on the memo line. Please mail checks to the following address:

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Attn: June Ulrey, 420 E. Superior Street, NU-Rubloff 9, Chicago, IL 60611

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *rosa m Lutynski lit a candle in memory of Andrew Bunta*



rosa m Lutynski - October 23, 2025 at 04:35 PM

ST

“ *I had the pleasure of caring for Dr. Bunta's mother, Muriel many years ago at LFP, and Dr. Bunta always put me at ease as a brand new nurse, I did not have to be nervous or anxious around him. He visited frequently, was so kind to him mom, and always thanked us graciously.*

Sara Tipton - February 15, 2023 at 07:51 PM

DM

“ *In a sense, I worked with Dr Bunta typing his orthopedic reports. He was the friendliest, down to earth, amazing doctor I have ever had the privilege of knowing. My deepest sympathy to his family, friends and work colleagues. Be blessed Dr Bunta!*

Donna Metcalf

Donna Metcalf - October 19, 2022 at 08:34 PM

CW

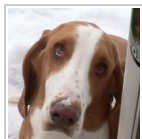
“ I was lucky enough to grow up next door to that Bunta’s and was inseparable throughout my childhood from Maria, my chosen sister. I basically grew up in the Bunta home and have many wonderful memories of Dr. Bunta and family. I feel so happy to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Bunta family through my lifelong friendship with Maria. Thinking about and sending all my love to Mrs. Bunta, Elizabeth and Maria. He is greatly missed by so many! Love you all!

Colleen Warnock - April 01, 2022 at 12:38 AM

CW

“ I was privileged to live next door to Dr. Bunta and his family since the age of 4, when I met his daughter Maria, and we quickly became inseparable throughout different points in our childhood. I kind of grew up in the Bunta’s house and considered myself so grateful for my second family next door. Sending all my love to Mrs. Bunta, Elizabeth and my chosen sister, Maria. He was a wonderful father, husband, and doctor. He is greatly missed!

Colleen Warnock - April 01, 2022 at 12:14 AM



“ Dr Bunta was an amazing man and wonderful doctor. I was blessed to know him as a nurse at LGH, a patient and the family member of one of his patients. He had a great personality and was always warm and friendly. His knowledge of orthopedics was stellar and my family feels that he saved my brother from leg amputation after a serious ATV accident. We will always remember Dr Bunta and his encouraging hugs and words. My thoughts as s prayers are with his family. May God bless you, Dr Bunta. Rest In Peace. You will be missed. Fondly, Mary King Dinnen

Mary Dinnen - March 28, 2022 at 11:13 PM

KV

“ Dr Bunta was a resident at Lutheran General Hospital when I was in xray training. The 1st floor of the dorm was where the resident quarters were. Many a night was sharing pizza in the living room watching old movies. Dr. Bunta got a call that Susanna had gone into labor and he had to scramble to get coverage for his call. The next time we saw him he had a daughter named Elizabeth. I continued to work with Dr. Bunta in surgery and in the Emergency Department. He was always kind and patient with patients and families as well as staff. Heartfelt sympathy to Dr. Bunta's family. Fondly, Karen Noelle Verdonck

Karen Noelle Verdonck - March 28, 2022 at 02:28 PM

JA

“ I was privileged to know Andy and Susanna at NU where we were classmates. I lived on the same hall as Andy freshman year and we were good friends . Both are wonderful upbeat caring people and we always thought a perfect couple. We also recently lost Steve Sugarman and Sam Stewart from our class of 1964 . Very sad . John Aldock

John Aldock - March 21, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SC

I am so saddened to learn after the fact , of Dr Bunta's passing. I had the pleasure of working with him at Northwestern medical faculty foundation department of orthopedic surgery. Dr Bunta was the kindest individual. He always had a positive word and loved a good joke or any kind of humor. His patients were very devoted to him as he gave each and every one of them his complete attention and time. I feel honored to have had that time working with him and his assistant/RN Irene. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and all his friends who were touched by his warmth and character.

Scott B Cleator - August 01, 2023 at 10:23 PM