

My name is Ellen Banks and I am writing on behalf of my entire family to express our deepest sympathies to Dr. Colvin's family and the entire team at NYU. Dr. Colvin was my mother's surgeon last year and I am happy to report she is still thriving at the age of 86.

When we learned of her serious heart condition, I contacted a dear friend who also had his valve replaced by Dr. Colvin. He said there wasn't anyone else he would recommend. I thank god for the referral because we know that Dr. Colvin saved my mother's life. Not only was he unbelievably gifted as a surgeon/healer, he had a special way of dealing with his patients and family. We were very nervous about my Mom's diagnosis given her age but when we met with Dr. Colvin, he treated her as though she were 29. He gave us the confidence that everything would be fine. He was so down-to-earth and kind even though our first meeting with him was 11:00 in the evening after he had performed surgeries all day long. It was clear that he loved his job. His passing is an unbelievable loss to the medical community and those patients who will need a Dr. Colvin in the future. I am sure he will be in the operating room in spirit guiding the team who will continue his work. He will certainly forever live in our hearts.