

In Memoriam

Vincent Pontorno Mazzola, M.D.

Born: 1898

Died: 1982

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Vincent P. Mazzola, a member of this Society, died in the Long Island College Hospital on June 7, 1982, at the age of 84. It was fitting that his life ended in that institution, for there he received his education and training and practiced for 50 years.

He was born in Italy in 1898, came with his parents to this country at the age of 7 and became a naturalized citizen of the United States at the age of 14. He received his B.S. degree from Fordham University in 1919 and his M.D. degree from the Long Island College Hospital four years later. He also earned an M.S. degree from Fordham and received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Alfred University. His postgraduate training in Obstetrics & Gynecology took place at Long Island College Hospital and the New York Lying-In Hospital. In addition to practicing at Long Island College Hospital, he was active at St. Peters Hospital where he was Director of Obstetrics & Gynecology until its closure.

He was active in many civic, church and financial activities. Being always active, he continued to spend his time after retirement from practice as a partner in a Wall Street investment firm and as an active worker in many organizations. His interest in philanthropy and his never-ending desire to be active lead him to take on new obligations after most of his peers had passed on. At the age of 82 he volunteered as a consultant to fund-raising activities for gynecologic cancer research at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Evidence of appreciation for his energy and dedication is shown by the fact that his fatal stroke occurred while he was on the stage during the commencement ceremonies of St. Francis University, at which time he was receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

He is survived by a sister, nieces and nephews.

I would request that a copy of this be placed in the minutes of the Society and that a copy be sent to his family.